

Third Biannual Northern Postcolonial Network Symposium: Asylum, Refuge, Migration

A Joint Event of the University of Manchester and University of Salford 29 January 2016 (Attendance FREE)

Call for Papers

The Third Biannual NPN Symposium on 'Asylum, Refuge, Migration', 29 January 2016, at MediaCityUK (Salford), will bring together academic and non-academic audiences to debate the current and very pressing issues of asylum, refuge and migration. The focus of the day is therefore on conversation rather than on the delivery of formal academic papers.

We warmly invite postgraduates and early career researchers to submit a 200-word abstract for a short piece of work to be discussed as part of a roundtable at the start of the symposium. Priority will be given to proposals that speak to the symposium topic(s) and that keep a public audience in mind.

To reap the full benefits of discussion on the day, full versions of papers (up to 1500 words) will be circulated to attendees **three weeks** prior to the symposium. For the roundtable itself, each presenter will prepare a brief (5-minute) introduction based on the pre-circulated piece.

The symposium will include a multi-media arts exhibition on the theme of migration produced collaboratively with asylum, refuge and migration communities in the Greater Manchester area. This will be followed by conversation with representatives from the various contributing cohorts.

In addition to roundtables with postgraduates and community partners, we will hold an afternoon roundtable with the research collective behind a forthcoming volume on Refugee Writing, including Sam Durrant (Leeds), David Farrier (Edinburgh), Lyndsey Stonebridge (East Anglia), Benjamin Thomas White (Glasgow) and Agnes Woolley (Royal Holloway).

A reading and book release will be held in the evening with the writer/academic Nitasha Kaul, whose 2014 novel, *Residue*, was previously nominated for the Man Asian Literary Prize.

Please submit a paper proposal of 200 words to the symposium organisers Jade Munslow Ong and Rena Jackson at <u>northernpoconetwork@gmail.com</u> by **Friday**, **27 November 2015**.

Notices of acceptance: Friday, 4 December 2015 Deadline for full papers: Wednesday, 6 January 2016 (up to 1500 words) Full papers pre-circulated: Friday, 8 January 2016

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