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KEYNOTE LECTURE 2012

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“Poetics of Crossing: The Zigzag Lines of Late Nineteenth-Century Indian Migration to Britain”

Monday, 29th October 2012, 17.00 hours

In an examination of three late 19th-century Indian-British friendship pairings, this lecture will consider how the medium of lyric poetry allowed Indian visitors to Britain, and their hosts, to express intercultural interests in ways that ran against the dichotomous tendencies of the colonial encounter. Looking at the examples of Yeats and Chatterjee, Ghose and Binyon, and Gosse and Toru Dutt, we will ask whether these writers, critics and spiritual seekers articulate what might be termed a cosmopolitan or cross-border poetics (following the definition of Kwame Appiah).

Professor Boehmer is an internationally renowned expert on postcolonial theory and writing. Her research focuses on colonial and postcolonial literature, imperial history and histories of Empire, especially in India, Africa and Australasia. Elleke Boehmer is Professor of World Literature in English and Deputy Director of the Oxford Centre for Life-Writing at Wolfson College.

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The lecture will take place in the
**Auditorium, Jakob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum,
Geschwister Scholl Str. 1-3, 10117 Berlin**

REGISTRATION NECESSARY!

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