

Newsletter Semester 2 2023-24

SML Activities on Decoloniality

Diversity and Fairness in Cultural Policies: Series - 31st January 2024

This series hosted a variety of panels in which we heard about how governments and non-academic institutions have implemented policies and practices promoting diversity of cultural expressions, facilitating communication and generating inclusion based on principles of justice and equity. The series also explored existing tensions in recognizing and promoting language and cultural rights.

This series has been organized in collaboration with SML Lecturers and NU Centres and Research Institutes that work with cultural policy makers to facilitate invitations, promotion and co-sponsorship of the events. The last of the three panels took place in January, focusing on the UK and placing emphasis on translation, decoloniality and activism.

This panel invited Professor Preti Taneja: Professor of Creative Writing and World Literature at Newcastle University and Director of the Newcastle Centre of Literary Arts, and Dr Kavita Bhanot: Teaching Fellow at the University of Birmingham.

SML Decolonizing the Curriculum Essay Prize

Stage 4 SML students were invited to submit essays to be awarded £50 and have their work published on the Decolonising Modern Languages and Cultures webpage. The winner is to be announced at the Summer Congregation.

Submissions address topics related to decoloniality and inclusivity. This includes themes such as decolonizing methodologies, anti-racism, indigenous knowledge systems, post-colonial studies or the intersection of colonialism with race, gender, class and other forms of oppression.

SML Decolonising Champion 2021-2022 to 2023-2024 Semester 1: Giuliana Borea

SML Decolonising Champion 2023-2024 Semester 2 onwards: Fernando Beleza
SML Student Decolonising Lead: Bibi Shanks-Davison

If you have any ideas or projects on decoloniality, please email us.