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Literature in a Globalized World: Creative and Critical Perspectives

In October 2015, the “Indo-German Partnerships in Higher Education” programme was signed in New Delhi during bilateral government consultations. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has granted around EUR 375,000 for as many as three new projects that see the University of Würzburg cooperate with partners in Delhi. A comparable amount of funding is dedicated to the Indian project partners by the University Grants Commission Delhi. The projects are anchored in the disciplines of (1) Political Science, European Studies and International Relations, (2) English Literature and Cultural Studies, as well as (3) Adult Education and Lifelong Learning.

Under the heading „Literature in a Globalized World: Creative and Critical Perspectives“ the chair of English Literature and Cultural Studies led by Prof. Dr. Isabel Karremann collaborates with the Centre for English Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University Delhi, India. The Indian part of the project is led by Prof. Saugata Bhaduri.

This programme will allow students who are enrolled in the MA ‘English Speaking Cultures’ at Würzburg University to build a profile in literary globalization studies, a new and expanding field that engages with the ways literary texts provide creative and critical perspectives on processes of globalization. Students will also acquire knowledge of key theoretical texts that provide a methodology for studying literature in transnational contexts.

The measures in this programme include seminars, workshops, lectures as well as a Winter School and a Summer School taught jointly by lecturers of Würzburg University, JNU Delhi and other international guest professors. The teaching activities will be acknowledged as part of the regular MA ‘English Speaking Cultures’, allowing participating students to collect credit points toward their degrees. Advanced BA- and Lehramt-students may sign up for seminars and other measures depending on availability of places. The programme starts with a two-year MA-training phase beginning in the winter semester 2016/17.

Students who complete the MA-phase with excellent results will be invited to apply for a two-year PhD-initial training phase starting in the winter semester 2018, during which they will be coached to develop a dissertation project and will be able to spend a full semester at our partner-institution JNU Delhi.

Thematic modules will focus on...

- Literature and Globalization: Critical Perspectives
- Literature and Globalization: Historical Perspectives
- Globalization and Gender
- The Genres of Globalization
- Globalization and Ecocriticism
- Global Theatre and Performance Studies

The chair of English Literature and Cultural Studies particularly cooperates with Prof. Saugata Bhaduri from the Centre of English Studies at the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies. The chair has been welcoming visiting professors from the most renowned Indian university for a long time. Furthermore, academics as well as students from Würzburg visit JNU on a regular basis for research and teaching purposes.

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