Open University Postcolonial Literatures Seminar Series  
Resources in Anti-Colonial Thought (Part 2)  
Spring 2013

Organisers: The Postcolonial Literatures Research Group of The Open University and The Institute of English Studies

About the series: This is the second of a two-part series of seminars on anti-colonial thinkers whose work has to date been relatively neglected in Postcolonial Literary Studies.


Time & Venue: 5.30-7.00 pm, Room 234, 2nd Floor, Senate House, The University of London

Priyamvada Gopal is Senior Lecture in English at the University of Cambridge. Her publications include Literary Radicalism in India: Gender, Nation and the Transition to Independence (2005), The Indian English Novel: Nation, History and Narration (2009), and the co-edited special issue of New Formations ‘After Iraq: Reframing Postcolonial Studies’ (2006). Her current Leverhulme-funded project is ‘Half the Story: Anti-Colonialism in the Making of Britain’.

Thursday 18 April 2013: Deaglán Ó Donghaile, ‘Oscar Wilde, the Fenian Movement, and Irish Anti-imperialism’.

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Deaglán Ó Donghaile is Senior Lecturer in English Literature and Cultural History at Liverpool John Moores University. He is the author of the monograph Blasted Literature: Victorian Political Fiction and the Shock of Modernism (2011), and is currently working on a second book, which focuses on Oscar Wilde’s engagement with anarchism, socialism and Irish Fenianism.

Thursday 16 May 2013: Cathy Bergin, “‘TOWARDS SOVIET AMERICA’: The Communist Party of the United States and questions of race and colonialism’.

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Cathy Bergin is a Senior Lecturer in the Humanities Programme at the University of Brighton. She is currently completing a book on the relationship between African
American writers and Communism, ‘Bitter with the Past, But Sweet with the Dream’: 
Communism in the African American Imaginary, due out in 2013.

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