

# Invitation:

## Research Seminar

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## The Department of English invites you to a book launch by Elleke Boehmer, University of Oxford, UK

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**Date:** Thursday, 30 October 2025

**Time:** 11:30 – 13:00

**Venue:** Graduate Centre 1-68, Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria

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Since 2008, Elleke Boehmer has been Professor of World Literature in English at the University of Oxford. She is a founding figure in the field of colonial and postcolonial literary studies, and internationally known for her research in the anglophone literatures of empire and anti-empire. She writes fiction, history, criticism and biography. She is the author of five novels and several books and edited volumes. Her work has been translated into many languages, including German, Dutch, Portuguese, Italian, Arabic, Thai and Mandarin. Boehmer's two new 'globe-flipping' books explore what it is to feel planetary from the blue margins and cold promontories of the southern hemisphere. *Ice Shock: a love story*, and *Southern Imagining, a cultural history*, both take writing and reading as world-transforming processes. Please join the author for the Pretoria launch of these two innovative new books. Elleke will be in conversation with Isaac Ndlovu.

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