Meet the Author: An Evening of Prose and Poetry with Shanta Acharya

Shanta Acharya DPhil (Oxon) is the author of ten books, including five volumes of poetry and a critical assessment of the Indian influence on the work of Ralph Waldo Emerson. She will be reading from her latest publication, *A World Elsewhere*, her first novel, as well as a selection of her poetry at the Albion Beatnik Bookstore on Friday, 30 October 2015, at 7.30 pm.

An internationally published poet, critic, reviewer and scholar, her poems figure in major anthologies such as *Language for a New Century: Contemporary Poetry from the Middle East, Asia & Beyond* (W.W. Norton), *The Bloodaxe Book of Contemporary Indian Poets*, and *The HarperCollins Book of English Poetry*. Her *New & Selected Poems* is due for publication in 2016. In addition to her other voluntary work, Shanta has twice served on the board of trustees of the Poetry Society in the UK.

Born and educated in Cuttack, India, Shanta won a scholarship to Oxford where she was among the first batch of women admitted to Worcester College. After completing her doctoral degree, she was appointed a Visiting Scholar in the Department of English and American Literature and Languages at Harvard University. Since 1985, she has lived and worked in London. For more information, visit: www.shantaacharya.com

Chair: Janet Wilson
Janet Wilson is Professor of English and Postcolonial Studies at the University of Northampton, and Director of Research in the School of the Arts. Her research focuses on the white settler cultures of New Zealand and Australia, on writers such as Katherine Mansfield and Janet Frame, transnational writing, and postcolonial and diaspora literature and cinema more generally. She is co-editor of the *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* and Vice-Chair of the Katherine Mansfield Society.

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