



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Research Seminar

Professor Jason S. Polley, Associate Professor at Hong Kong Baptist University, will give a talk on **Rereading India from (a Without that's) Within: The View from "West(ern) South-East Asia"** on 25 October 2024. Click [here](#) for more information about the seminar.

Date: Friday, 25 October 2024
Time: 12:00 noon
Venue: E-Zone, Room 332, Fung King Hey Building

All are welcome!

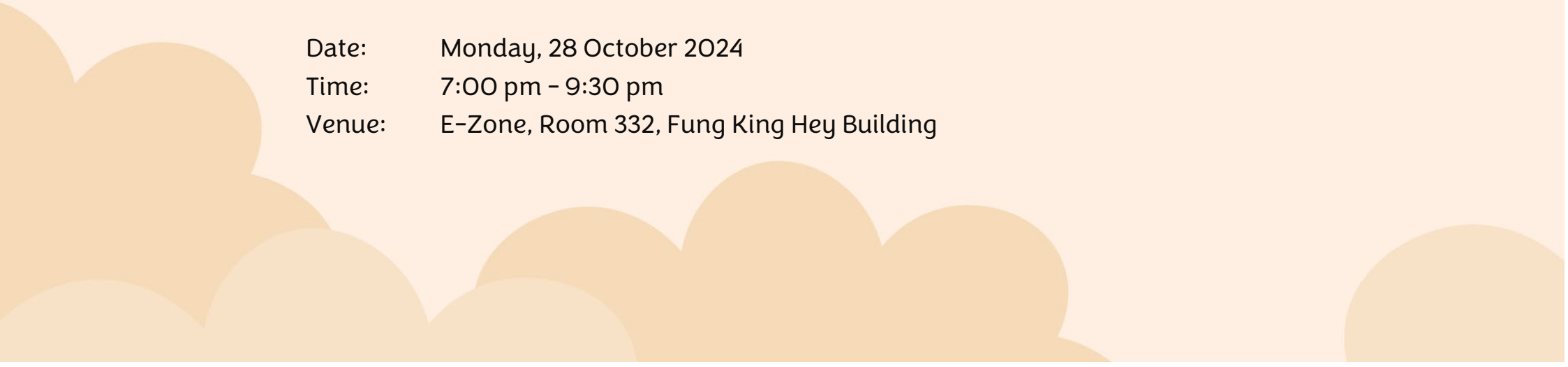
Invitation to Lord Byron's *Sardanapalus* Watch Party

Interested in Europe's first celebrity-poet, 18th and 19th century literature, historical drama, or just a good story? You are invited to a watch party of Lord Byron's *Sardanapalus* on campus at the end of October!

2024 marks the bicentennial of the death of the Romantic poet Lord Byron (1788-1824), who "awoke one morning and found [himself] famous" in London and, very soon, Europe, with *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*. His Satanic wit, volcanic passion, and persistent commitment to the cause of freedom in subsequent works as well as a drama-filled life, continue to appeal to some of the sensitive souls in our century. As a part of the commemorative events going on around the world, the department is hosting a watch party of the poet's best-written play *Sardanapalus*, performed by the Red Bull Theater in New York, with thanks to the kind sponsorship of The Byron Society of America and the Keats-Shelley Association of America.

The watch party will include the screening of the recorded performance on 24 October 2024 and an in-house discussion. Light refreshment will be provided. Please sign up [here](#) at your earliest convenience.

Date: Monday, 28 October 2024
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Venue: E-Zone, Room 332, Fung King Hey Building



Call for Applications - ENGE2960 The World in English: An Oxford Summer Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Oxford summer course (ENGE2960 – The World in English: An Oxford Summer Programme) will be offered in August 2025. All English majors who are **second-year and third-year students** are welcome to apply. Please note that if you intend to join the Oxford summer programme this time, you must be physically present in Hong Kong throughout September 2025 to fulfill the three-hour community service requirement of the Programme.

The course is generously subsidized by the Department. You will spend 2.5 weeks at one of Oxford's beautiful residential colleges, and interact with and learn from Oxford residents, academics, and tutors while exploring cultural sites in the city and its surroundings. Your classes during weekdays will be on English literature related to Oxford (so that you can visit the Oxford sites related to particular writers and works), linguistics (with a focus on British variations of English), and current affairs (where you will discuss major social and political issues with your tutors). Your tutors for these classes will be Oxford graduate students who are experts in these fields. Outside class hours, you will have the opportunity to explore Oxford and its surroundings.

If the above sounds of interest to you, seize this meaningful opportunity to study in Oxford and apply! Please fill out the [application form](#) and submit it to the General Office via email at english-dept@cuhk.edu.hk or in person by Friday, 1 November 2024 (before 5:00pm).

Date/Time:	August 2025 (detailed dates to be announced)
Place:	Oxford and London, U.K.
Application deadline:	Friday, 1 November 2024 (before 5:00 pm)

An information session will be held on Friday, **18 October (TODAY)** at **6:30pm** at LSK301. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have specific questions about the programme, please contact Dr. Tongle Sun (tonglesun@cuhk.edu.hk).

