

## [Decolonising Methodologies for Recovery and Collections-based Research in the C21](#)

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### **Decolonising Methodologies for Recovery and Collections-based Research in the C21**

*A residential retreat to be held in the [Gladstone's Library](#) (Flintshire, Wales) from 11-15 April 2023*

After a successful first edition of the [recovery research retreat](#) which took place in April 2019, we are now welcoming applications to the second edition of the residential retreat, which focuses on questions of decolonising archives and recovery research. Funded by the CHASE Doctoral Training Partnership, this residency offers an advanced training opportunity for doctoral researchers at all levels and in all humanities discipline areas whose PhD project involves an element of recovery research (research that seeks to bring to light, restore and/or critically recuperate works/individuals/objects that have been lost, obscured, neglected or denied). By bringing together established scholars and doctoral researchers to discuss and develop ongoing conversations about the value, method and impact of recovery research, as well as the need to decolonise its processes and practices, the retreat will foster critical discussions about recuperation research and political commitments to decolonise the humanities.

Additionally, the residency will foster a sense of interdisciplinary exchange and belonging to a community of practice and cohort identity during and beyond the retreat, through follow-up student-led networks and a day workshop.

During the retreat, participants are encouraged to explore the following key questions: *Why? How? For whom?*

To address the urgency and importance of decolonisation in the archives and recovery research and promote inter-institutional and interdisciplinary research, the residency combines a variety of activities ranging from talks and presentations, structured writing retreat-style group sessions, and individual writing time, to critical and theoretical reading group discussion sessions. There will also be free time for networking, processing, walking, and rest built into the programme of the retreat.

All current MPhil and PhD researchers in all humanities discipline areas in [CHASE institutions](#) are invited to apply. Applications are open until 16 February 2023 and all applicants will be notified by

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mid-March.

To apply, please fill out the application form available on this [Eventbrite](#) page by 16 February. If you have any questions, please contact the administrative assistant of the retreat, Meriam Mabrouk [mmabro01@mail.bbk.ac.uk](mailto:mmabro01@mail.bbk.ac.uk).

This residential retreat is funded by the CHASE Doctoral Training Partnership. It is organised by Dr Nonia Williams (University of East Anglia), Professor Alison Donnell (University of East Anglia), Meriam Mabrouk (Birkbeck, University of London), Dr Carole Sweeney (Goldsmiths, University of London), and Dr Katherine Cooper (University of East Anglia).

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