

Intercultural Studies (English) MA Thesis Supervisors' Topic Areas (Spring/Autumn 2025)

Note: This list includes all the English Dept. staff who expect to be able to supervise MA ICS theses in Spring and/or Autumn 2025. If a particular staff member is unavailable for either semester, or does not appear on the list at all, that may be for a number of reasons, e.g. a sabbatical, parental leave, etc. Even if a staff member is available, there is no guarantee that they will be able to take all of the students who list them as first priority. Each member of staff can only take on a certain number of students. You should therefore think carefully about different options, and try to find at least three potential supervisors.

Eaton, Mark Ølholm

Globalization Studies; British Studies; Canadian Studies; Brexit; nationalisms and national identities; transnationalism; transnational identities; cosmopolitanism; peace and conflict studies; political communication; populism and populist communication styles; digital humanities; multiculturalism; cultural integration; glocalization.

Hejná, Michaela

Language Variation and Change; sociolinguistics; English accents and dialects; history of English; phonetics and phonology. In particular: production of consonants, voice quality, production of vowels; theory of sound change; phonetic and phonological typology; Welsh English; UK accents; gender, sex, and attraction; age and ageing; hormonal factors in language variation; sociopragmatic aspects of non-L1 acquisition; linguistic stereotyping and discrimination.

Jacobsen, Ushma Chauhan

Inter/Transcultural communication; English as a global/international language; Post/Decoloniality; Greenland; professional and organizational communication; transcultural media flows; intercultural theatre practices; cultural and creative industries; cultural intermediaries; cultural translation.

Joyce, Stephen

All media topics, such as film, television, digital media, and transmedia storytelling; Asian American history and culture; colonial and postcolonial theories and cultures (in relation to either East Asia or Ireland); apocalypticism and apocalyptic rhetoric; conspiracy theories; tragedy and tragic theory.

Khair, Tabish

South Asian History and Literature, Postcolonial Literature(s), Postcolonial Theory, 20th-century British Literature (poetry and fiction only), Travel Writing, Gothic Fiction, Racism, Xenophobia, some aspects of Transcultural Studies.

Maier, Carmen Daniela

Corporate diversity communication, human sustainability communication, NGO multimodal communication, global crisis communication, social change communication, communication about diversity, inclusion, and equity in the workplace, and multimodal global news communication.

McQuaid, Sara Dybris (only takes MA theses in the autumn of 2025)

20th- and 21st-century British and Irish politics and society and Four Nations history. Particularly contemporary Northern Ireland, Brexit, Abortion and historical and contemporary debates about nationalism, ethnicity, multiculturalism and intercultural dialogue. Peace building and Conflict studies in general – and particularly Northern Ireland and creative processes of reconciliation. Transnationalism in general, and particularly in political culture, social movements, memory and migration. Memory Studies in general, and particularly in commemorating war; building peace and migration of memories.

Rainsford, Dominic

Interculturality expressed in literature of all periods and genres – especially literature in English, but also Danish, French, Italian and potentially other languages. Colonial, postcolonial and neocolonial interactions, especially the British in Africa, China and India. Intercultural themes and issues in the visual arts, including film. World cinema, especially in relation to ethics and identity. Britain in and out of Europe. The politics and culture of English as a inter/trans-cultural/national language. Critical theory.

Stephan, Matthias

Transcultural Studies and Intercultural Theory, Adaptation and Adaptation Theory, Transmedia Storytelling, Cultural Industries, Film, Literary and TV Tourism, Media and Television Studies, Fandom Studies, Race and Representation in Literature and Media, Postmodernism, Postmodern Theory and Criticism, Ecocriticism (especially climate change fiction), Romanticism, Modernism (including Late Modernism and the Harlem Renaissance), Women Writers (especially 19th–21st century), Gothic, Genre Fiction (Science Fiction, Fantasy, Crime Fiction (in particular Detective Fiction), American Literature (especially 20th and 21st century).

Zølner, Mette

Intercultural interactions in companies, NGO's, public organizations and transnational settings in general; cross-cultural management and diversity; organizational identification; boundary constructions and deconstructions; collective identities (e.g. professional, generational; regional, ethnic); nationalism and national identities; mobility and migration; qualitative social research.