

INPUTS Writer-in-Residence

Ellen van Neerven

teaches the creative writing class:

“Writing Contemporary and Anticolonial Poetry”



Ellen van Neerven is an award-winning Indigenous writer whose mother is from the Yugambeh people of eastern Australia, and father is Dutch. Born in Meanjin (so-called Brisbane) Ellen has written a multi-award winning fiction collection titled *Heat and Light* (UQP, 2014) and a poetry collection, *Comfort Food* (UQP, 2016). She currently teaches first-year poetry at RMIT. As a young writer in her late 20s, Ellen writes about the importance of looking after country (land, water, sea, animals) and learning from ancestors, as well as asserting a proud identity.

In this creative writing class, participants will discuss how to read and write contemporary poetry, and look at the past and future to influence and sharpen their own creative practice.

Class Dates:

29 May 2019	10-12 hours	GW2 B1580
5 June	10-12 hours	SFG 2010
7 June	12-16 hours	GW2 B1216
12 June	10-12 hours	GW2 B1580
14 June	12-16 hours	GW2 B1580
19 June	10-12 hours	GW2 B1580
21 June	12-16 hours	GW2 B1216
26 June	10-12 hours	GW2 B1580
28 June	12-16 hours	GW2 B1216

Everybody is welcome. The class will get you Studienleistung (3 CP) in General Studies (B.A. Programs) or in the Supplementary Studies Module (M.A. E-SC). Students in other M.A. programs must check back with their program directors.

Everybody has to enroll via StudIP; the class is listed under Prof. Kerstin Knopf.