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Prof. Betty Joseph is Professor of English Literature at Rice University, Texas, United States of America. Apart from being an Educator in English, Prof. Joseph, has affiliations in Women and Gender Studies, Asian Studies, and the interdisciplinary graduate Centre for Critical and Cultural Theory. She is a literary scholar who draws from British social history, traditions of the novel, political economy, postcolonial discourse, and globalisation theory to illuminate contemporary predicaments.

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She is the author of Reading the East India Company, 1720–1840: Colonial Currencies of Gender (2004), a book that analyses the role of archives and archiving in British colonialism and the ways in which the archives can be read for the presence of women in that history. Her recently-completed work, From Empire to Anthropocene: The Novel in Post historical Times (forthcoming from Johns Hopkins UP, 2023), celebrates how contemporary fiction contributes to a novel framing of world literature by playing with our understanding of time. Bringing together an unusual constellation of writers—including Jamaica Kincaid, Teju Cole, Hari Kunzru, and Barbara Kingsolver—Prof.Joseph traces how the novelistic interplay of concrete and abstract temporalities offers a new theory of critical globality.

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