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Creative Writing Workshop with Prof. Maria Tumarkin

Maria Tumarkin, Associate Professor from the School of Culture and Communication, The University of Melbourne, offers a hands-on workshop for Ph.D. and postdoctoral students whose work lies at the intersection of language and power.

► **Time and place:** May, 27: 13.00–16.00,
Gula Villan, Svante Arrhenius Väg 33



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Abstract

In this workshop, we'll focus on how we write and speak of our research in the world, i.e. in non-academic contexts. Participants will be asked to send through their burning research writing / dissemination questions in advance of the workshop to ensure that we can address them in some depth in the time we will have together. We will speak of voice. Voice is a reflection of who we are – our self, our life, our mind, our psyche – and it is as singular as our fingerprints. We should not confuse it with style, compromise or dilute it in our writing. We will discuss defensive / paranoid writing – how not to succumb to it (it's more difficult than many of us imagine). We'll talk about research integration, clichés of structure, relationship with the reader, deadening vs enlivening modes of writing. This workshop will be strictly informal and geared towards your questions, dilemmas and experiences.

MARIA TUMARKIN is Associate Professor and an award-winning writer, essayist and author at the School of Culture and Communication, The University of Melbourne. She is the author of several distinguished books including “Traumascapes”, “Courage”, “Otherland”, and “Axiomatic”. Her academic and non-fiction writing received high recognition both in Australia and internationally. Maria’s non-fiction work has been distinguished with Melbourne Prize for Literature’s Best Writing Award (2018). In 2020, Maria received a prestigious Windham–Campbell Literature Prize with the judges acknowledging Maria’s writing as manifesting “a relentless empathy and curiosity about the complexities of our world and its uncertainties” (*The Guardian*).

*Register by sending an email to Natalia Volvach (natalia.volvach@biling.su.se) before **May, 7th**. Please indicate food preferences and/or allergies if you have any. The number of places is limited.*

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