



## Azim Premji University Colloquium Series

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### "Through the Mind's Eye: Encountering Difference in the Cross-Cultural Context"

#### Speaker

Heidi Soneson

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Date: December 02, 2016 (Friday)

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

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#### About the Lecture

The lecture examines the intersection of European and non-European encounters in the early seventeenth century, a time period characterized by rapid European exploration of geographical locations around the globe and a significant expansion of printed texts dedicated to depicting new locations and peoples. Dr. Soneson contends that a careful and nuanced reading of these early writings to West Africa, in particular, reveals a more complex depiction of non-European civilizations than has previously been acknowledged by contemporary scholars focused on emphasizing themes of power and domination.

#### About the Speaker

Dr. Heidi Soneson has been Programme Director in the Learning Abroad Center at the University of Minnesota since 1991. In this capacity, she directs programmes in Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia and works closely with international staff dedicated to educating US students in a cross-cultural setting. Dr. Soneson has a PhD in German and History from the University of Minnesota and has taught German to US undergraduates at several institutions of higher education in the United States. She has worked with colleges in India for over 15 years to realize the Learning Abroad Center's undergraduate study abroad program, MSID – Minnesota Studies in International Development – most recently in Jaipur for ten years and now, for the past three years, in Bangalore.