

# Poets Translating Poets - Poetry Readings and Discussions

Jul 24 2015, 6:30 pm, Max Mueller Bhavan, Mumbai

## About Event

Translating Poems From South Asia and Germany Mumbai

A Project by the Goethe-Institut in Collaboration with Literaturwerkstatt Berlin Local Partner(Mumbai): The Literature Live! Festival

Concluding the first encounter of 'poets Translating Pets' the took place in Mumbai, six poets writing in three languages-Marathi, Gujarati and German - Come together this evening to discuss their experience of translating each other, aspects of translation, the difficulties faced in the process and the insight gained.

### Introducing the Project

Dr Thomas Wohlfahrt(Director, Poesiefestival Berlin, and an expert on international poetry) and Dr Martin Walde(Director, Goethe-Institute Mumbai) will launch the project and speak about bringing together diverse poets in a literary translation encounter.

### Poetry Readings

German: Ulrike Draesner, Thomas Kunst

Gujarati: Harish Meenashru, Neerav Patel

Marathi: Aruna Ramchandra Dhere, Pradnya daya Pawar

'Poets translating Poets' is a project that creates a platform poets from South Asia and Germany to translate each other. Bringing together fifty poets from approximately twenty different languages through literary encounters in several South Asian locations, it promises to stimulate new literary networks and open new avenues for transcultural understanding. Contemporary poetry from Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka will be translated into German by well-known German authors in collaboration with our partner, Literaturwerkstatt Berlin, while German poetry will be likewise translated into the languages of South Asia during the course of the project. A dedicated project website will bring together all the threads of the project, which will include readings, literature festivals, book fairs and events.

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