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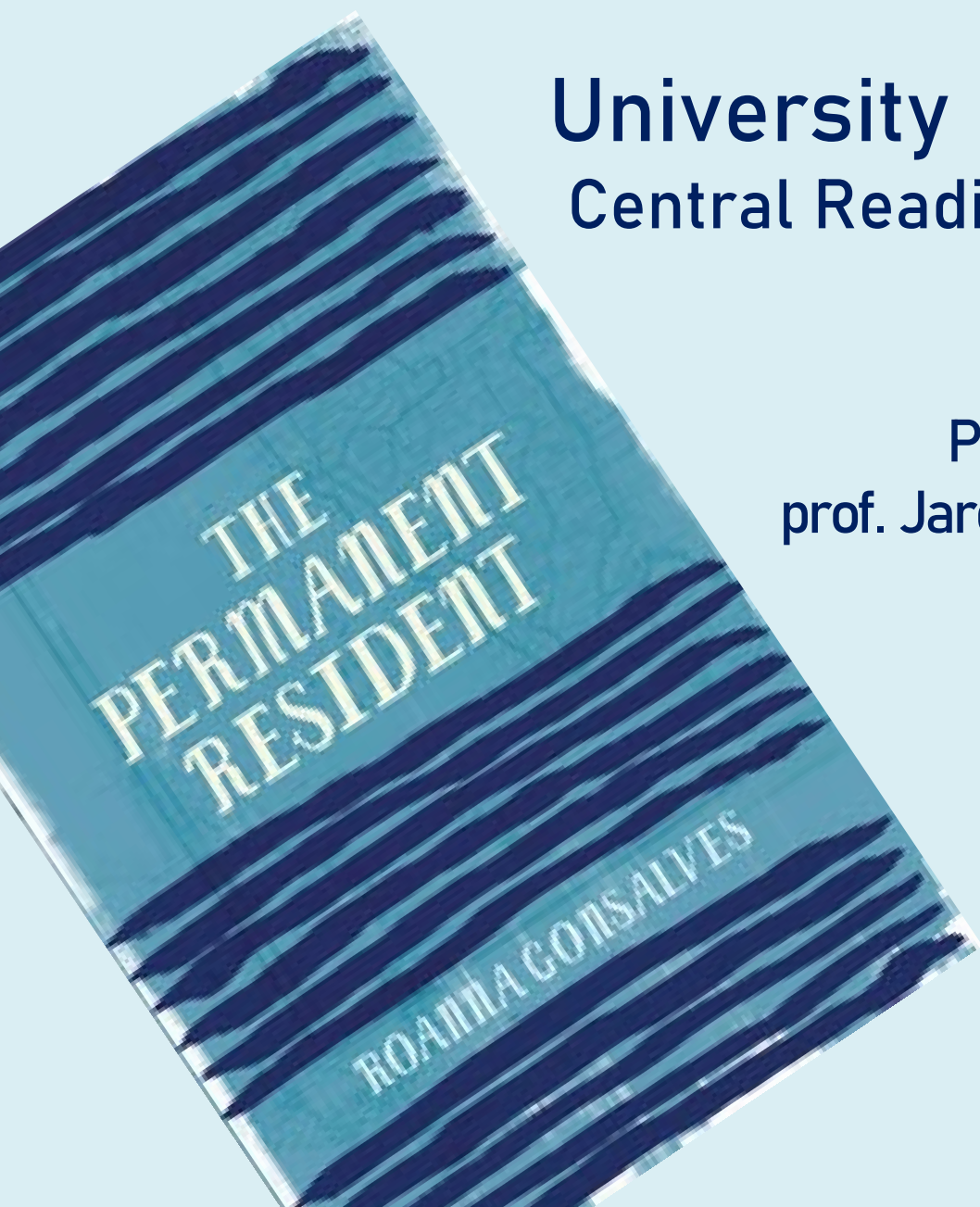
Roanna GONSALVES

An Indian-Australian author and academic from
the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Thursday
April 30th, 2026
at 11:30 am

University Library
Central Reading Room

Presented by:
prof. Jaroslav Kušnír



Roanna Gonsalves is a recipient of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Award, and is co-founder and co-editor of *Southern Crossings*. She has a PhD (UNSW) and she has been teaching, supervising and mentoring emerging prose writers and screenwriters within communities, schools, literary organizations and institutions such as New York University Sydney, UNSW, Western Sydney University, Macquarie University and the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS). Roanna has been called “a bold Australian voice” who “writes like a minx, full of mischief”, “like Jhumpa Lahiri but with a playful approach”. Roanna’s series of radio documentaries, *On the tip of a billion tongues*, commissioned and broadcast by Earshot, ABC RN, is an acerbic socio-political portrayal of contemporary India through its multilingual writers.

Roanna Gonsalves is the author of *The Permanent Resident* (UWAP) published in India and South Asia as *Sunita De Souza Goes To Sydney* (Speaking Tiger Books). The book won the NSW Premier's Literary Award Multicultural Prize 2018. According to the award-winning Australian writer Michelle De Kretser, *The Permanent Resident* is “a brilliant fashioning of newness in the Australian literary landscape”.

The Permanent Resident is on several lists of must-read books, is on the syllabi of courses and units at a number of Australian and international universities.

Sources:
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