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The Transnational Imaginary in Katie Kitamura's *Intimacies*

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What is the power of fiction, and why do we as readers keep returning to it? While this question has somewhat fallen out of fashion in the last decades, a revival seems to be under way. For one way to explain the allure of fiction is that it offers the articulation of the imaginary, and these days, in the context of debates about globalization, that concept is gaining currency again as “transnational imaginary.” Yet how are we to understand this reconceptualization? Prof. Rohr’s talk will explore the strategies of staging the “transnational imaginary” in Katie Kitamura’s acclaimed novel *Intimacies* (2021).

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