

Notes on Contributors

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Isabel Alonso-Breto is a lecturer in Postcolonial Studies at the University of Barcelona. Her research has explored the work of authors of Caribbean, South Asian, African and Canadian origin, in recent years focusing on the work of Sri Lankan writers. She is an occasional translator and writer: She has just concluded the translation into Spanish of an anthology by Tamil Sri Lankan poet Cheran, soon to be published by Editorial Navona, and has published short stories in a number of journals. A poetry lover, she recently edited issue number 5 of the journal *Blue Gum*, devoted to poetry in several languages. In 2017 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. At present she is a survivor, and she hopes to go on being one for a long, long time.

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