

# Notes on editors and contributors

## Editors

**Krystal Nandini Ghisyawan** was born and raised in Trinidad and is an Indo-Trinidadian queer scholar, activist, educator and artist. Her research and writing have documented Indo-Trinidadian cultural forms, such as Pachraat folk songs; critiqued cultural practices such as ritual purity, specifically the religious purdah of menstruating women; and detailed the identity politics, personal resilience and collective space-making practices of Trinidadian same-sex loving women. Her monograph *Erotic Cartographies: Decolonization and the Queer Caribbean Imagination* (2022) highlights the ways in which same-sex loving women embody their sexual identities to challenge normative (colonial) notions of Caribbean femininity, space, culture and family as defined through colonial discourse and enactments of power. *Erotic Cartographies* refers to the processes of mapping territories of self-knowing and self-expression, both cognitively in the imagination and on paper during a subjective mapping exercise, exploring how meaning is given to space, and how it is transformed. Also, Dr Ghisyawan is Director of Research at the Silver Lining Foundation in Trinidad and Tobago. The group's pioneering nationwide school climate study gathered data on bullying in secondary schools across Trinidad and Tobago. She is the primary author of the Foundation's survey reports, as well as guides and manuals for its teacher training programme, focusing on conflict resolution and managing diverse classrooms. She also runs a successful consultancy as a content editor and personal tutor, based in Lawrenceville, Georgia, USA.

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