Avoiding plagiarism: Understanding knowledge cross-culturally

Wednesday, March 27th 2019, 1:00 - 2:15 pm

Place: Social & Behavioral Sciences Building (SBS), Room S147

Plagiarism is usually discussed in the context of consequences, preventions, and/or cultural differences. Graduate students, however, need to take a step further to curb plagiarism from its inception -- how do you “engage” the scholarship in your field by first developing intellectually original and solid positions of your own? This workshop will involve graduate students in practical skills for making your citation not just technically correct (to help avoid plagiarism) but also rhetorically effective (with a purpose and voice of your own) and ethically responsible (in ways that you do justice to the scholars you cite). Students will also discuss common challenges with the presenters.

Dr. Shyam Sharma is associate professor of writing and rhetoric who specializes in graduate-level writing and international students in his research and teaching. He teaches and writes about writing in the disciplines, professional writing, multilingual/translingual writing, and cross-cultural rhetoric.

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Lunch will be provided!