

The Progressive Genealogy: Art and Culture in Modern India
Thursday, October 25, 2018

Program

11:00–11:15am:

Opening remarks: Asia Society and Columbia University

11:15am–12:45pm

Panel I: *The Progressive Artists' Group: Creating Modern India*

This panel will explore the idea of the “progressive” Indian nation by concentrating on the artists included in Asia Society’s exhibition. Each panelist will debate the ideological implications of the Group’s artistic output at the dawn of the Nehruvian state.

Panelists:

Zehra Jumabhoy, Associate Lecturer, Courtauld Institute of Art, London

Sonal Khullar, Associate Professor, Art History, University of Washington, Seattle

Karin Zitzewitz, Associate Professor, South Asian Art, Michigan State University, East Lansing

Moderated by **Boon Hui Tan**, Vice President of Global Arts & Cultural Programs and Director of Asia Society Museum, New York

12:45–1:45pm Lunch

1:45–3:15pm

Panel II: *Narratives of the Indian Modern*

Looking beyond art history, this panel approaches the question of the modern, modernity, and ideas of “a modern Indian nation” from the perspectives of science, film, and literature.

Panelists:

Debashree Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Modern South Asian Studies, Columbia University, New York

Sonali Perera, Associate Professor, English, Hunter College, New York

Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, Associate Professor, Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University, New York

Moderated by **Gauri Viswanathan**, Class of 1933 Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University, New York

3:15–3:30pm Break

3:30–5:00pm

Panel III: *The Legacy of the Progressives*

This panel will evaluate the legacy of the Progressive Artists’ Group by examining the impact they have had on the social and aesthetic landscape of India today, and how their work stays relevant in the context of contemporary Indian art.

Panelists:

Jitish Kallat, artist, Mumbai

Brinda Kumar, Assistant Curator, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Anupama Rao, Associate Professor of History, Barnard College, New York

Moderated by **Vishakha Desai**, Senior Advisor for Global Affairs; Senior Research Scholar in Global Studies, Columbia University, New York