

Asian Arts and Humanities Series

The Asian Arts and Humanities Series offers Richland College students and faculty an opportunity to learn about Asian and Middle Eastern visual arts, literature, culture, and society. The Series consists of four independent lectures on South Asia, China, Japan, and the Middle East.

1) **Speaker: Shazia Ali**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in room E076

Focus on South Asia

Topic - Hindu and Muslim Identity of Pakistan: This lecture will examine the united "Hindustan", India and Pakistan before the 1947 independence, and delineate the presence of Muslim religion and Hindu culture on the modern identity of Islamic Pakistan.

2) **Speaker: Krystal Read**

Wednesday, March 4, 2009
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in room S115

Focus on China and Japan

Topic - Asian Art meets American Modernism: This lecture will focus on Modern American artists (such as John Cage and Mark Tobey) and how their works were influenced by Asian art and ideas.

3) **Speaker: Neil Sreenan**

Monday, March 30, 2009
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in room C140 (Brazos Art Gallery)

Focus on Japan

Topic - The Wabi Sabi Aesthetic: Wabi Sabi is a Japanese expression referring to a perspective on beauty which values both impermanence and imperfection. This lecture will focus on the relationship between Wabi Sabi and Zen Buddhism, and its manifestation in Japanese society.

4) **Speaker: Serin Hetou**

Tuesday, April 7, 2009
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in room F281

Focus on the Middle East

Topic - Words and Poetry: This lecture will enable participants to understand the significance of poetry to the Arab and the Middle Eastern cultures.

This program is offered by the ASIA program/Ethnic Studies division, SPAR, and the Humanities division.

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