

# ASIAN-AUSTRALIAN ART NOW: POSITIONING THE FIELD[S]

Open workshop to be held at Gallery 4A, 181-187 Hay Street, in Sydney on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 of September 2008, starting at 9.30am on both days. Participation fee to the general public \$20.00  
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This workshop will provide a forum for statement and debates by artists, art theorists, art administrators and curators on what constitutes Asian-Australian art. We will debate whether this kind of hyphenated naming and categorization has value, and if so of what kind? Should cultural identification, in current conditions of national and global art, be deferred as simply a situation of reference of art practice, whether of the artist or the theorizing and exhibiting agencies? There is an increasing body of work by Australian artists whose starting point is their own family links to different Asian cultures, and there are artists without such a background who increasingly work directly in Asian countries or with Asian references. These positions have resulted in a complex web of Asian and Australian encounters.

The workshop will be organized in four sessions with the confirmed speakers listed below.

## **Saturday 27 September**

### **Morning: Art Practice: Asian-Australian Artists**

Theme 1: Where do you locate your practice? Is your practice Asian-Australian or not, and for what reasons or because of what experiences?

Speakers include: Ah Xian, Gennady Liu, Yuji Sone, Suzann Victor, John Young,

### **Afternoon: Art Theory**

Theme 2: What notions and art world structures based on an imagined Australian 'national' facilitate an Asian-Australian art practice, and what impede it?

Speakers include: Charles Green and Lyndell Brown, Cuong Le, Francis Maravillas, Djon Mundine, Nicholas Tsoutas

## **Sunday 28 September**

### **Morning: Art Practice: Australian Asian Artists**

Theme 3: Production methods, research and exhibition opportunities have shifted in your work to encompass a range of Asian networks. Are these Asian networks and references in your practice incidental or are they a deliberate effect to create an artistic space for you to work and for your work to be recognized?

Speakers include: Vernon Ah-Kee, Prapon Kumjim, Rodney Glick, Lindy Lee, Jamil Yamani.

### **Afternoon: Exhibition**

Theme 4: What difficulties impede or facilitate recognition of Asia-Australian art in current curatorial practice?

Speakers include: Alison Carroll, Christine Clark, Rachel Kent, Kim Machan

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