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## Media Release

**Shilpa Gupta**  
**Nelia Justo**  
**Dong Wang Fan.**

The Asia-Australia Arts Centre is pleased to present three new exhibitions with works by Indian conceptual artist **Shilpa Gupta**, Sydney artist **Nelia Justo** and Chinese-Australian **Dong Wang Fan**.

**Shilpa Gupta** is a young Indian artist based in Mumbai whose work explores the complex issues of femininity within the contemporary cultural and spiritual life of India. Developed specifically for the Asia-Australia Arts Centre, her installation incorporates video and mixed media. In voicing what is not spoken of, Gupta presents a potent view of feminine issues through three generations of women in her family. This exhibition of Gupta's works is her first solo exhibition in Australia. She has exhibited in India including the National Gallery of Modern Art, Lakeeren Art Gallery, and the Nehru Centre Art Gallery in India.

**My Pleasure is in Your Tea**, is a series of works by **Nelia Justo** which explores the relationship between Eastern and Western cultures through an examination of historical trade ties between Europe and Asia in the 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries. By incorporating aspects of refined aesthetic goods with mass produced electronic parts, Justo explores the cultural, sociological and economical repercussions created in trade between the two cultural entities. **Nelia Justo** is a French-born emerging artist based in Sydney. She has shown at numerous galleries throughout Australia, including 13<sup>th</sup> Tamworth Fibre Textile Biennial, Jam Factory, Adelaide, Insitute of Modern Art, Brisbane as well as overseas.

**Descendants**, is an exhibition by **Dong Wang Fan** that examines cultural identity and spatial ambiguity. The five paintings in *Descendants* feature computer-generated objects to represent a kind of futuristic creature with mechanical parts. Dong Wang Fan is a Chinese-born artist currently living in Sydney. He has held many exhibitions since migrating to Australia including Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Wollongong City Gallery, Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery, Campbelltown City Art Gallery and Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney.

Preview: 20 April, 6-8pm  
Exhibition Dates: 21 April - 19 May 2001  
Venue: The Asia-Australia Arts Centre  
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Admission: Free  
Gallery Hours: 11-6pm Tuesday - Saturday or by appointment  
The Asia-Australia Arts Centre will be closed 25 April, Anzac Day

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Image: Dong Wang Fan, *Descendants - Coding System 2000*  
Acrylic on canvas

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