

MIDDLE EAST ART NOW

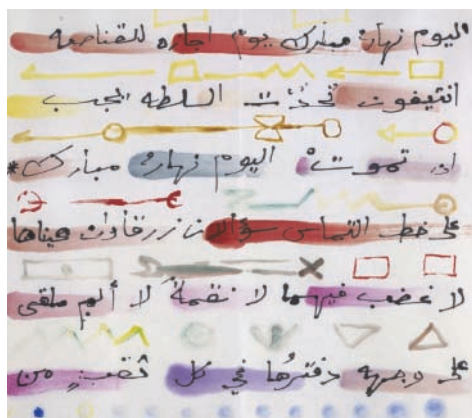
Chaired by Camilla Cañellas and Rose Issa

Saturday 20 May, 10.00-17.30

£18, concessions £12

BP Lecture Theatre, Clore Education Centre

This conference explores different aspects of, and new perspectives on the contemporary art of the Middle East. The day introduces some of the artists featured in the exhibition *Word into Art: Artists of the Modern Middle East*. They will discuss their work and, with an international line up of art historians, writers and artists, discuss the roots and global impact of Middle Eastern art.



Etel Adnan, *Blessed Day*, Japanese fold out book. Lebanon/US, 1990

- 10.00 Venetia Porter (*British Museum*)
Curating Word into Art: Artists of the Modern Middle East
- 10.30 Sheila Blair (*Boston College*)
The Art of the Word
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 Nada Shabout (*University of North Texas*)
Visualising the Word
- 12.00 Dineke Huizenga (*University of Leiden*)
Travelling the Tigris: Contemporary Iraqi art in context
- 12.30 Rana Salam (*London*)
The power of popular street culture in Beirut and its future
- 13.00 Lunch – please make your own arrangements
- 14.00 Tina Sherwell (*Birzeit University*)
Palestinian Artists: Representation and Identity
- 14.30 Jananne al-Ani (*London*)
Telling Tales
- 15.00 Tea
- 15.30 Shiva Balaghi (*Hagop Kevorkian Centre, New York University*)
The Exilic Moment as Art Form: Iranian Exile Artists and the Islamic Republic of Iran
- 16.00 Panel of artists: Bahman Jalali, Farhad Moshiri, Khalil Rabah, Rachid Koraichi
- 17.30 Concluding remarks

Followed by a reception jointly hosted with Edinburgh University Press to launch Sheila Blair's new book *Islamic Calligraphy*

MIDDLE EAST SEASON EVENT TICKETS

Where tickets are required we advise you to book* early to avoid disappointment. You can book in person at the Box Office or Telephone +44 (0)20 7323 8181

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