

ISAS Public Lecture Series



URDU CINEMA DURING THE 1950s

a talk by

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Dr. Dadi's presentation will address key methodological issues in the analysis of Urdu cinema during this formative decade. These include changes that ensued with the introduction of the talkies, the relationship of "Urdu" cinema to "Hindi" cinema, the imbrication of cinema with the literary world, the relays between Lahore and Bombay studios and personnel, and transformations in wake of the 1947 Partition and Independence of India and Pakistan.

Iftikhar Dadi is an artist and art historian broadly interested in the relation between art practice in the contexts of globalization, urbanization, and mediatization. He has authored numerous scholarly works, including the recent book *Modernism and the Art of Muslim South Asia*. Curatorial activities include *Lines of Control* at Duke University's Nasher Museum of Art and Cornell's Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, and *Unpacking Europe* at the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam.

As an artist, Dadi works collaboratively with Elizabeth Dadi. Their work investigates the salience of popular urban and media cultures in the construction of memory, borders, and identity in contemporary globalization. Their work is frequently realized in large-scale installations and has been exhibited and published internationally, including the 24th Bienal de São Paulo, Brazil, Third Asia-Pacific Triennial, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia, and *Let's Entertain: Life's Guilty Pleasures* at Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany, and Miami Art Museum.

Dadi is an associate professor in Cornell's Department of History of Art. He received his Ph.D. in history of art from Cornell.

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10 Stephens Hall (ISAS Conf. Room)**

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