

Fall 2021 Arts of Asia Lecture Series
Crossing Boundaries: Understanding Contemporary Asian Art
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Luminous Ground (Artist Talk)

Ala Ebtekar, Artist
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Coelestis (after Hafiz)

<https://www.alaebtekar.com/works/coelestis>

Essay by Elizabeth Rauh

The Visionary Topography of Hafiz

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PLp3MaxLLLv9eFMKgo4yo6glYpVzacf7/view>

Essay by Daryush Shayegan

Safina: Journeys of Time and Space

<https://www.alaebtekar.com/exhibitions/safina>

Essay by Sussan Babaie

No Light did I See Brighter than Silence ...

<https://www.alaebtekar.com/exhibitions/safina-z65za>

Essay by Ahoo Najafian

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Nizami

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Al-Ghazali

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Rumi

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Sayeh

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Nightfall by Isaac Asimov

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