

A SYMPOSIUM & EXHIBITION IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR EBBA KOCH'S SCHOLARLY WORK



On the occasion of Professor Ebba Koch's 80th birthday, a symposium will take place at the Academy of Sciences in Vienna. Based on the scientific achievements of the internationally renowned art historian on the Mughal Empire and its exchange with other Empires of its time, new interdisciplinary research approaches will be discussed.

The focus is on studies of Indo-Islamic culture, architecture and garden art, of the relationships between Mughal India and Europe as well as of the Millionenzimmer of Schönbrunn Palace, which take up and critically examine recent developments, particularly in relation to transcultural and global research. For this purpose, international experts from different disciplines are invited: art history, architectural history, global history, Iranian studies, linguistics, and cultural anthropology.

The symposium will be accompanied by an exhibition of Ebba Koch's archive material (architectural drawings and photographs), some of which have not yet been published. The aim of the symposium is - apart from honoring Ebba Koch's merits - to revitalize Vienna as a scientific center for research on the Mughal Empire and to strengthen the interdisciplinary collaboration between leading experts of the field.

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Baluster columns, Shah Burj, Red Fort Delhi, 1640s, © Ebba Koch 2006.

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PROGRAMME

09.30–10.00 Registration

10.00–10.15 **Christine Nölle-Karimi** | ÖAW, Institute of Iranian Studies
Welcome

Panel 1: The Range of Influence of Mughal Art

Chair: **Markus Ritter** | University of Vienna

10.15–10.45 **Partha Mitter** | Sussex University, Art history
Early Indian Photography and the complex legacy of the Mughal Empire

10.45–11.15 **Sara Mondini** | Ghent University, Art history
Architectural forms and identities: the case of Malabar mosques

11.15–11.45 **Florian Schwarz** | ÖAW, Institute of Iranian Studies
Palaces and gardens in Bukhara

11.45–12.00 COFFEE BREAK

Panel 2: On the Spot

Chair: Barbara Karl | Ballenberg, Swiss Open-Air Museum

12.00–12.30 **Ratish Nanda** | Aga Khan Trust, New Delhi, Architectural history
Conserving Mughal monuments of Nizamuddin

12.30–13.00 **Ebba Koch** | University of Vienna, Art history
Richard Barraud | New Delhi, Architecture
Introduction to the exhibition

13.00–15.00 LUNCH BREAK

15.00–15.30 **Stephan Popp** | University of Vienna, Iranian Studies
The development of epistolary style under Jahangir

15.30–16.00 **Jorge Flores** | University of Lisbon, Global history
From Capital to Capital: Shahjahan on the Move through the European Lens (1638, 1648)

16.00–16.15 COFFEE BREAK

Panel 3: Display of Power

Chair: Corinna Forberg | University of Göttingen

16.15–16.45 **Jos Gommans** | Leiden University, Global history
Neoplatonic sun-worship in India and Europe

16.45–17.15 **Corinne Lefèvre** | French National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris, South Asian Studies
The king at the window: origins and circulations of a visual topos of Mughal majestas

17.15–17.45 **Elfriede Iby** | Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna, Art history
A new interior in memoriam – the so-called Million Room

17.45–18.00 **Ebba Koch** | University of Vienna, Art history
Final remarks

The symposium is accompanied by:

EXHIBITION

EBBA KOCH – PIONEERING SURVEY DRAWINGS AND STUDIES OF MUGHAL ARCHITECTURE

The exhibition gives insight into Ebba Koch's extraordinary practice and research methodology with regard to the documentation and analysis of Mughal architecture and culture in India and in Pakistan. The processing of this unique archive – together with the Architect Richard A. Barraud – resulted in the first detailed production of plans of major Mughal monuments.

Friday, 15 March 2024, 10.00–18.00

Venue: Austrian Academy of Sciences,
PSK, Georg-Coch-Platz 2, 1010 Wien
Seminar room 3A2, 3rd floor