A ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM

A SEARCH FOR THE TIME-LESS IN SACRED ART & ARCHITECTURE:
The Case of an Architectural Practice in Lahore & an Arts and Crafts Institute in London

Saturday May 18th 2013
at
The Royal Asiatic Society
14 Stephenson Way
London NW1 2HD
(nearest underground Euston / Euston Square)

THE MATHESON TRUST
For the Study of Comparative Religion
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The principal aim of this symposium is to discuss in depth the place of traditional art and architecture in the contemporary world, together with its underlying language of geometry. It will also examine the different related challenges faced by the East (Pakistan) and the West (United Kingdom).

PROGRAMME

9.15 am: Doors open

9.45 am: Introduction by Emma Clark

10 -11.15 am: Lecture, followed by discussion: ‘Continuing Tradition: four decades of architectural practice in Lahore, Pakistan’ by Kamil Khan Mumtaz

11.15 am: Break

11.45 am-1pm: Lecture, followed by discussion: ‘Geometric Proportioning in Mughal Architecture’ by Taimoor Khan Mumtaz

1-2.30 pm: Lunch – at participants’ own expense. Good local cafes/restaurants

2.30-4.30 pm: Lecture, followed by discussion: ‘Polishing the Mirror – The Eternal Archetype reflected in Natural and Cosmic Order: The Discipline of Geometry and the Continuous Renewal of the Traditional Arts and Crafts’ by Paul Marchant

4.30pm: Tea/coffee

Cost of day to include the three lectures, coffee/tea in the morning and afternoon: £15.00. Students and other Concessions: £10.00. Places are limited so please book early. For payment details see website: http://themathesontrust.org/may-2013-symposium or telephone 01223 352387.

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PAUL MARCHANT is the Director of Education at The Prince’s School of Traditional Arts, www.psta.org.uk. He is renowned as one of the leading practitioners of geometry as the universal and sacred language underlying the architecture, arts and crafts of the world.

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