

SEHER SHAH

Born 1975 Karachi, Pakistan

Lives and works in Barcelona

EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Rhode Island School of Design; Providence, RI

1993 Fiorella LaGuardia High School of the Arts and Performing Arts; New York, NY

RESIDENCIES AND AWARDS

2018 Glasgow Print Studio, Glasgow, Scotland

2014 Below Another Sky, Scottish Print Network Residency; Glasgow, Scotland

2012 Borderworks Residency, Duke University, Durham, NC

2010 Headlands Center for the Arts, Project Space Residency, Sausalito, CA

2009 Jameel Prize 2009 Finalist, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK and Art Jameel, Dubai, UAE

SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Of Dust and Woven Air*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2023 *The Weight of Air and Memory*, Glasgow Print Studio, Scotland

A Line of Foreign Verses, Hera Büyüktaşçıyan and Seher Shah, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2022 *Seher Shah and Randhir Singh: Studies in Form*, SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA
Notes from a City Unknown, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

2021 *When Words Disappear into Trees*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2019 *Artist's Rooms: Seher Shah and Randhir Singh*, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE

2018 *Studies in Form: Seher Shah and Randhir Singh*, Dhaka Art Summit, Bangladesh

2017 *Single Utopias, Statements*, Art Basel, Switzerland

2016 *Of Absence and Weight*, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

The Lightness of Mass, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2014 *Ways of Seeing*, Gauri Gill and Seher Shah, Experimenter, Kolkata, India

2013 *30 | 60 | 90*, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai, India

Constructed Landscapes, AMOA - Art House, The Jones Center, Austin, TX

2012 *Radiant Lines*, Nature Morte, Berlin, Germany

Brute Ornament, Kamrooz Aram and Seher Shah, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

2011 *Object Anxiety*, Scaramouche, New York, NY

2009 *Paper to Monument*, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India

2008 *Seher Shah*, Bose Pacia Gallery, New York, NY

2007 *Black Star*, Momenta Art, Brooklyn, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *We saw an endless cycle*, Hayy Jameel, Jeddah, KSA

MANZAR: Art and Architecture from Pakistan 1940s to Today, Art Mill Museum - National Museum of Qatar, Doha, Qatar

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- Drawing Biennial 2024, Drawing Room, London, UK
After Rain, Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale 2024, Riyadh, KSA
- 2023 *Small World*, Taipei Biennial, Taiwan
Pop South Asia: Artistic Explorations in the Popular, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Delhi, India
- 2022 *In our Veins Flow Ink and Fire*, Kochi Muziris Biennale, Kochi, India
Horror in the Modernist Block, Ikon gallery, Birmingham, UK
manifesto of fragility, 16th Lyon Biennale, France
75 Years of Consequence: The Partition of India, The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, New York, NY
Urban Impressions: Experiencing the Global Contemporary Metropolis, Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, TX
Pop South Asia: Artistic Explorations in the Popular, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, UAE
Proposals for a Memorial to Partition, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE
If there is Paradise, Lahore Arts Foundation Trust, Lahore, Pakistan
- 2020 *On Muzharul Islam: Surfacing Intention*, Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2019 *Homelands: Art from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan*, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK
- 2018 *The Projective Drawing: An Exploration of Art and Architecture in Contemporary Culture*, The Austrian Cultural Forum New York, NY
Planetary Planning, Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh
When is space?, Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur, India
- 2017 *Mémoires des Futurs*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Windows, Jhaveri Contemporary, Mumbai, India
- 2015 *Constructs / Constructions*, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India
Scenes for a New Heritage, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Geometries of Difference: New Approaches to Ornament and Abstraction, The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz, NY
Below Another Sky, Glasgow Print Studio, Glasgow, UK
Around Memory and Perception, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India
- 2014 *Proposals on Monumentality*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Below Another Sky, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen, Scotland
Multiplicity, Mixed Greens, New York, NY
The Language of Human Consciousness, Athr Gallery, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 2013 *Lines of Control: Partition as a Productive Space*, Nasher Museum of Art, Durham, NC
Observed Ratios, The James Gallery at CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY
Soft Brutalism: A project for the Utah Biennial, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City, UT
Drawing Biennial, Drawing Room, London, UK
Decenter: An exhibition on the Centenary of the 1913 Armory Show, Abrons Art Center, New York, NY
Exhibition without Objects, Khoj International Artist Association, New Delhi, India
- 2012 *Radical Terrain*, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY
Cardinal Meridians: New Geometries of the Infinite, Lakereen gallery, Mumbai, India
Intersections on paper, Sherin Najjar gallery, Berlin, Germany
Cynical love: Life in the everyday, KNMA, New Delhi, India

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- Lines of Control*, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, New York, NY
- 2011 *Positions*, GBG gallery, Zurich, Switzerland
Drawing 2011: Biennial, Drawing Room, London, UK
Drawn from Life: Green Cardamom Project, Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Cumbria, UK
Manual for Treason, Sharjah Biennial X, Sharjah, UAE
Eccentric Architecture, Queens Museum of Art, New York, NY
- 2010 *Uber Wut / On Rage*, House of World Cultures, Berlin, Germany
Spiral Jetty, Nature Morte, New Delhi, India
Alternative Cartographies, Headlands Center for the Arts Project Space, Sausalito, CA
- 2009 *Herd Thinner*, Charest Weinberg, Miami, Florida
Group exhibition, Nature Morte, Berlin, Germany
How Nations are Made, Green Cardamom project, Cartwright Hall, UK
The Last Sessions, Flemish Cultural Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Jameel Prize, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK; The National Museum, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; The National Museum, Damascus; Beiteddine Palace, Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization, UAE; Sakip Sabancı Museum, Istanbul, Turkey; La Villa des Arts, Casablanca, Morocco
Bad Moon Rising, Galerie Sans Titre, Brussels, Belgium
Lines of Control, The Third Line gallery, Dubai, UAE; VM gallery, Karachi, Pakistan; Green Cardamom, London, UK
Infinite Possibilities, Momenta Art, Brooklyn, NY
- 2008 *The Labyrinth Wall: From Mythology to Reality*, Exit Art, New York, NY
Sub-Architecture continental, Galerie Alain le Gaillard, Paris, France
Empire and Its Discontents, Tufts University at the Aidekman Arts Center, Medford, OR
The Gift: New Acquisitions, Queens Museum of Art, New York, NY
21: Selections of Contemporary Art, The Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY
Drawing Space, Green Cardamom, London, UK
NY/LA, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia
- 2007 *Generation 1.5*, Queens Museum of Art, New York, NY
Zeichnungen, Conceptual and concrete drawings, Gallery Gisele Linder, Basel, Switzerland
The Devotee Exhausts the Forces of Activity, Gallery Barry Keldoulis, Sydney, Australia

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 *Manzar: Art and Architecture from Pakistan 1940s to Today*, published by Silvana Editoriale in conjunction with Qatar Museums, Qatar
- 2024 *After Rain: Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale 2024*, published by Kaph Books, Beirut and Diriyah Biennale, Riyadh
- 2022 *Of Absence and Weight*, published by Rizzoli New York, NY
The Love of Print: 50 Years of Glasgow Print Studio, published by Glasgow Print Studio, Scotland
Horror in the Modernist Block, published by Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK
- 2020 *Unseeing Empire*, published by Duke University Press, Durham, NC
- 2019 *Seher Shah & Randhir Singh*, published by Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, UAE
- 2019 *Homelands*, published by Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK

- 2018 *Unruly Visions*, published by Duke University Press, Durham, NC
- 2017 *Architect d.b.a, AIA*, published by The Center for Architecture, New York, NY
- 2016 *Chandigarh is in India*, published by Shoestring Publishers, Mumbai, India
- 2014 *Below Another Sky*, published by Cornerhouse Publications, Manchester, UK
- 2013 *The Lightness of Mass*, published by Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Vitamin D2: New Perspectives in Drawing, published by Phaidon Press, New York, NY
Constructed Landscapes, published by The Austin Museum of Art, Austin, TX
Exhibition Without Objects, Khoj International Artist's Association, New Delhi, India
- 2012 *Brute Ornament: Kamrooz Aram and Seher Shah*, published by Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Lines of Control: Partition as a Productive Space, published by Green Cardamom and Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca, NY
- 2011 *What is a Print? Selections from the Museum of Modern Art*, published by The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 2010 *On Rage/ Uber Wut*, published by Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 *Seher Shah*, published by Bose Pacia Gallery, New York, NY

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- 2023 Moffat, Scott. "From Gandhara To Glasgow: Seher Shah's Argument From Silence". *The Friday Times*, September 2023
- Cohen, Charlotte. "Ethereal measures - Visual art to stir minds and memories". *The Herald Scotland*, June 2023
- Thomas, Greg. "Critic's Picks: Seher Shah at Glasgow Print Studio". *Artforum*, June 2023
- Bose, Rakhi. "Notes From A City Unknown: Anarchiving Memories". *Outlook India*, March 2023
- Jennings, Will. "Ghosts in the machine for living in: exhibiting horror in architecture". *Recessed Space*, January 2023
- Moore, Rowan. "Horror in the Modernist Block review - to the dark side". *The Guardian*, January 2023
- 2022 "Portfolio by Seher Shah". *Bomb 158*, Winter 2022
- Buxton, Pamela. "Review: Why villainy hangs out with modernist buildings". *The Ribaj Journal*, November 2022
- Lloyd, Joe. "16th Lyon Biennale". *Studio International*, October 2022
- San Miguel, Ruben Natan. "Architecture: "Studies in Form" Seher Shah & Randhir Singh SCAD Museum of Art". *Musee Magazine*, October 2022
- Malik, Saira, "Proposals for a Memorial to Partition': Curator Interview". *Khaleejessque*, September 2022
- Critics Page | "Seher Shah: Bearing Witness". *The Brooklyn Rail*, July/August 2022;
- San Miguel, Ruben Natan. "Studies in Form is a collaborative body of work by Seher Shah and Randhir Singh. Consisting of six portfolios with 121 prints in total". *White Hot Magazine*, May 2022
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- Sharma, Kamayani. "Critic's Picks: New Delhi: Seher Shah". *Artforum*
- 2021 Al-Sweel, Ruba. "When Words Disappear into Trees". *ArtAsia Pacific*, Issue 124
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- 2020 Lowry, Glenn and Shah, Seher. "The Contemporary | Art & the Political Moment".
Marg, December 2020
- Croft, Catherine. "Artist's View: Seher Shah and Randhir Singh". C20 Magazine, Issue 2020/1
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- 2019 Spence, Rachel. "Across great divides: art from Pakistan, Bangladesh and India".
Financial Times, November 2019
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- Kufner, Katrina. "Lines of Sight." Canvas, May 2019
- 2018 Jeffreys, Tom. "Upping the Tempo." Monocle, March 2018
- D'Mello, Rosalyn. "Dhaka Art Summit". Open, March 2018
- Soin, Himali Singh. "Into the Blu". Ocula, March 2018
- Ardia, C.A Xuan Mai. "Dhaka Art Summit 2018". Art Radar Journal
- 2017 Dadi, Iftikhar. "Through the Aperture". Domus, November 2017
- Pandey, Tejal. "Bound by Geography and History". The Hindu, September 2017
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- Anand, Kanika. "Of Absence and Weight". Art Radar Journal, January 2017
- 2016 Vali, Murtaza. "Strategic Abstractions: On Seher Shah's Large Format Drawings."
Marg, September-December 2016
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Modern Painters, April 4, 2015
- 2014 Ratnam, Niru. "Future Greats 2014." ArtReview Asia, Autumn 2014
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LECTURES

- 2021 *Many Languages, Many Architectures*, School of Environment and Architecture, Mumbai, India
- 2020 *Notes on Printmaking and Sculpture*, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Surface and Resonance: Hera Büyüктаşçıyan and Seher Shah, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE
Art & the Political Moment, Glenn Lowry and Seher Shah, Marg Magazine, India
- 2019 *Crossing Boundaries*, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK
- 2015 *The Maximum Out of the Minimum: Reconsidering Nasreen Mohamedi*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Global Dialogues, The Center for Architecture, New York, NY
- 2014 *Below Another Sky: On Drawing*, Glasgow Print Studio, Scotland
- 2013 *Architectural Drawings from Pencil to Pixel*, The Drawing Center, New York, NY
Unpacking Global: Abstraction, Asia Art Archive, Hong Kong, China
Artists on Art, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY
Exhibition Without Objects, Khoj International Artist's Association, New Delhi, India
Observed Ratios, The James Gallery, New York, NY
New Agency in Drawing: The Intersection of Art and Architecture, The Jones Center, Austin, TX
- 2012 *Artist Talk*, Duke University, Durham, NC
Artist Talk: Lines of Control, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca, NY
- 2011 *Artist Talk*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Artist Talk, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Artist Talk, Visiting Artist, City University of New York, NY
Artist Talk: Seminar on Contemporary Art, UMASS, Amherst, MA
Artist Lecture Series, UC Berkeley, Department of Art Practice, Berkeley, CA
- 2009 *Zarina Hashmi and Seher Shah*, Cue Art's Foundation, New York, NY
Artist Talk, Jameel Prize, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
- 2008 *Artist Lecture Series*, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Eugenie Tsai and Seher Shah, Bose Pacia Gallery, New York, NY

NOTABLE COLLECTIONS

- Art Jameel Collection, Dubai, UAE
- British Council, London, UK

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Brooklyn Museum, New York City, NY
Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
Devi Art Foundation, Gurugram, India
Deutsche Bank Art Contemporary
Hamburger Kunsthalle, Germany
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
The Ishara Art Foundation and the Prabhakar Collection, Dubai, UAE
Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India
Queens Museum of Art, New York City, NY
Tate Modern, London, UK
Temple University, Alter Hall Art Collection, Philadelphia
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, NY
The Museum of Modern Art, New York City, NY
The Museum of Contemporary Art /Hallen fur Neue Kunst, Schaffhausen, Switzerland
The Progressive Collection, Mayfield, OH
Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Foundation (T-B A21), Vienna, Austria