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

- 2022 The Queen Sonja Print Award, Nomination and Honorary Mention, Oslo, Norway
- 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
- The Weight of Air and Memory, Glasgow Print Studio, Scotland

 A Line of Foreign Verses, Hera Büyüktaşcıyan 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 I 60 I 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

- 2025 New Humans: Memories of the Future, New Museum, New York, NY (forthcoming)

 Uncertain Landscapes, ProjecteSD, Barcelona, Spain
- 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 Drawing Biennial 2024, Drawing Room, London, UK After Rain, Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale 2024, Riyadh, KSA Small World, Taipei Biennial, Taiwan Pop South Asia: Artistic Explorations in the Popular, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Delhi, India 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 On Muzharul Islam: Surfacing Intention, Dhaka Art Summit, Dhaka, Bangladesh Homelands: Art from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, UK 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 Mémoires des Futurs, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France Windows, Ihaveri Contemporary, Mumbai, India 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 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 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

2013 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

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Intersections on paper, Sherin Najjar gallery, Berlin, Germany

Cynical love: Life in the everyday, KNMA, New Delhi, India

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, Sausilito, 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; Sakıp 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". Khaleejesque, 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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- Al-Sweel, Ruba. "When Words Disappear into Trees". ArtAsia Pacific, Issue 124
 Al Busaily, Althoub. "A Riot Towards Landscapes". Global Art Daily, April 2021
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- 2020 Lowry, Glenn and Shah, Seher. "The Contemporary | Art & the Political Moment". Marg, December 2020
 - Croft, Catherine. Ärtist's View: Seher Shah and Randhir Singh". C20 Magazine, Issue 2020/1 Laing, Olivia. "Seher Shah and Randhir Singh: The Barbican Estate". Aperture, Spring 2020
- 2019 Spence, Rachel. "Across great divides: art from Pakistan, Bangladesh and India". Financial Times, November 2019
 - Ratnam, Niru. "Beyond Brutalism". The Guardian, October 2019
 - Kufner, Katrina. "Lines of Sight." Canvas, May 2019
- Jeffreys, Tom. "Upping the Tempo." Monocle, March 2018
 D'Mello, Rosalyn. "Dhaka Art Summit". Open, March 2018
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 Pandey, Tejal. "Bound by Geography and History". The Hindu, September 2017
 Waligore, Athena. "Seher Shah". Interior Design, February 2017
 Anand, Kanika. "Of Absence and Weight". Art Radar Journal, January 2017
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Pattnaik, Bibhu. "Seher Shah's First Solo Show 'The Lightness of Mass' in Dubai." Blouin ArtInfo, April 17 2016

Iones, Kevin, "Critics Picks: The Lightness of Mass", Art Forum, April 2016

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- Ghose, Anindita. "Line Theory." Vogue India, April 2016
- Bailey, Stephanie. "Seher Shah." Art Forum, Summer 2016
- 2015 Farzin, Media. "Geometries of Difference: Ornament Meets Abstraction at Suny New Paltz." Modern Painters, April 4, 2015
- 2014 Ratnam, Niru. "Future Greats 2014." ArtReview Asia, Autumn 2014

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Nagree, Zeenat. "Critics' Picks." Artforum.com, January 2014

Akhtar, Asif. "Object Anxiety: Seher Shah." Naked Punch, January 15, 2014

Desai, Phalguni. "Intangible Blueprints." Time Out Mumbai, January 3, 2014

2013 Sorabjee, Deepika. "Falling in Line." Live Mint. December 21, 2013

Marabotto, Elisabetta. "Seher Shah's Successful Year." Saffronart blog, October 24, 2013

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2012 Cotter, Holland. "South Asia Through Modernist Binoculars." The New York Times. December 27, 2012

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2011 Glasberg, Elena & Puar, Jasbir. "Lines Of Control," Seher Shah's Fearless Symmetries. Art India. December 2011

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Kurczynski, Karen. "Drawing is the New Painting." Art Journal. Spring 2011

2010 Schifano, Sara. "Seher Shah. Esplorazione/ Sovrapposizione/ Creazione" Cura magazine, Milan. October 2010

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Farkas, Alessandra. "Seher Shah." Corriere Della Sera, May 2010

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Keefe, Alexander. "Superior Firepower for now: Seher Shah's Black-light Landscapes." Take On Art. January 2010

2009 Donaghue, Katy. "Thinning the Herd." Whitewall magazine, December 2009

Mikkelson, Jane. "Paper Cult." Time Out Delhi, December

Bhagat, Himanshu. "Live Mint, Mind over Matter". The Wall Street Journal. December 2009

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Money-Coutts, Sophia. "Aligning the Debate." The National. February 2009

Haroon, Leyla. "Form and Colour of Divided destinies." Gulf News. January 2009

2008 Waqar, Maria. "Looking Beyond the Lines of Control." The Khaleej Times. December 2008

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Lentini, Lara Kristin. "Changing Climate." Art Papers. July/August 2007

Werner, Juliet. "Queens Museum meets Generation 1.5." Queens Tribune. June 2007

LECTURES

- 2025 *Uncertain Landscapes*, Conversation with Hiuwai Chu, Head of Exhibitions at MACBA, and artists Patricia Dauder and Seher Shah, ProjecteSD, Barcelona, Spain
- 2023 Of Absence and Weight monograph book launch, Seher Shah and Jyoti Dhar, Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai, U.A.E
 - Of Absence and Weight monograph book launch, Seher Shah and Claire Forsyth with print circle group, Glasgow Print Studio, Scotland, U.K.
- 2021 Many Languages, Many Architectures, School of Environment and Architecture, Mumbai, India
- Notes on Printmaking and Sculpture, Green Art Gallery, Dubai, UAE

 Surface and Resonance: Hera Büyüktaşçıyan 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, Camrbidge, UK
- 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

Zarina Hashmi and Seher Shah, Cue Art's Foundation, New York, NY Artist Talk, Jameel Prize, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
 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
Brooklyn Museum, New York, 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, NY

Tate Modern, London, UK

Temple University, Alter Hall Art Collection, Philadelphia

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

The Museum of Contemporary Art /Hallen fur Neue Kunst, Schauffhausen, Switzerland

The Progressive Collection, Mayfield, OH

Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Foundation (T-B A21), Vienna, Austria