

Symposium

In the Heart of Another Country: The Diasporic Imagination Rises 20 September 2023

Gallery 3, Al Mureijah Square
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Schedule

12:00 pm	Registration
12:30 pm	Introduction
12:30 pm–1:00 pm	Conversation: <i>The Journey of an Exhibition</i> Join us for this conversation between Nawar Al Qassimi and Dr Omar Kholeif, curator of <i>In the Heart of Another Country</i> , to discuss the genesis of the exhibition. Together, they will explore the context of its first presentation at Deichtorhallen Hamburg, and its subsequent re-imagining and homecoming in Sharjah. The speakers will also address the significance of public collections and the transcultural dialogue that they enable. Speakers Nawar Al Qassimi (Vice President, Sharjah Art Foundation) Omar Kholeif (Director of Collections and Senior Curator, Sharjah Art Foundation)
1:00 pm–2:00 pm	Panel: <i>What is Representation?</i> How have anti-colonial struggles, divergent nationalist movements and the politics of globalisation led to new ways of looking and examining the aesthetic culture of the ethnic Global Majority? How do we choose to narrate and constellate our memories, stories and feelings through the practice of exhibition-making? The question of longing and belonging—the conceptual starting point for the exhibition <i>In the Heart of Another Country</i> —is explored in this dynamic panel discussion with Anuar Khalifi, Dr Tina Sherwell and Dr Omar Kholeif. Speakers Anuar Khalifi (artist) Tina Sherwell (Director of MFA in Art and Media, NYUAD) Omar Kholeif (Director of Collections and Senior Curator, Sharjah Art Foundation)
2:00 pm–2:30 pm	Coffee Break
2:30 pm–3:30 pm	Conversation—<i>Curating Words: How do we Narrate our own Art History?</i> What are the primary tools that practitioners use to narrate stories of artists who have been historically marginalised in the field of art history? How can language and the concept of radical hospitality engage new audiences with the context of an evolving form of modern and contemporary art? In this conversation, speakers from the UAE's cultural institutions will talk about the significance of creating sustainable and accessible platforms for contemporary art in the Gulf and beyond. Speakers Manal Ataya (Advisor, Sharjah Museums Authority) Nora Razian (Deputy Director, Arts, Art Jameel) Moderator Christianna Bonin (Assistant Professor, Department of Art and Design, American University of Sharjah)
3:30 pm	Closing Remarks