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Rethinking the Future of Museums of Modern Art

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The talk will focus on (re)considering the history, and histories, of an institution that developed in the last century – the museum of modern art – from a non-Euro-American perspective and on a world scale. The 'rule' or model that the museum of modern art was supposed to constitute is more of an exception. Looking carefully at very diverse situations and contexts that developed in very different geo-cultural regions of the world – Santiniketan being a major case study – the predominant model has been the Greek 'muse-ion' – not a monument, not a permanent collection, not a heritage, but the living and free meeting of the Muses’. The diversity of the models and of the cultural dynamics they generated draws us to a more complex reading of the developments and challenges of modern art.

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