Invitation

The Herb Feith Foundation Seminar Series 2014

Seminar 1: Film screening *Lempad of Bali*

In this, the first in the Herb Feith Foundation series of seminars on Indonesia for 2014, we will be screening John Darling’s film *Lempad of Bali*.

In April 1978, Bali's greatest living artist died at the extraordinary age of 116. Lempad left an equally remarkable body of art and architecture created during the most traumatic century in the island’s history.

*Lempad of Bali* tells his story in the context of this turbulent century. We see him just before his death and then the elaborate preparations for his cremation and the consequent release by fire of his spirit into the next world. The film includes a wide selection of his drawings, paintings, sculpture and architecture which have enriched the cultural life of Bali. The historical context is given through the use of archive film and photographs. John Darling co-directed the film (with Lorne Blair) and produced it.

John Darling (1946-2011) lived, researched and made films in Bali for 17 years from the 1970s to the 1990s. *Lempad of Bali* was his first documentary film. In 2012 and 2013 the Herb Feith Foundation screened two of his later films: *Below the Wind* and *The Healing of Bali*.

The film will be introduced by John’s wife Sara Darling, who worked with him on several of his films. Since his death she has become the custodian of his many works as well as a wide range of incomplete projects.

The Herb Feith Foundation is sponsoring the publication of an eBook in English and Indonesian (now in press with Equinox Publishing) which will contain unpublished work by John and the DVD of *Lempad of Bali*. It also funded the inaugural John Darling Fellowships for emerging Indonesian documentary filmmakers in 2013. It seeks to support the continuation of this project and a counterpart project for emerging Australian filmmakers.

**Date**

Wednesday, 9 April 2014

**Time**

6pm for 6.30pm

**Venue**

Theatre HB36,
Monash University Caulfield campus
Light refreshments will be served.

**RSVP**

By Monday, 7 April 2014

Click here to RSVP online or by phone to 03 8523 9492.

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