

The wonder that was India: Ancient Hampi 1336-1565

A special lecture at the Immigration Museum in partnership with Monash Asia Institute.

Thursday 13 November, 6pm (exhibition viewing from 5pm)

Cost: Adults \$6, Students and Concessions FREE

The city of Vijayanagara, in Ancient Hampi, is the largest and best preserved example in modern India of a Hindu kingdom. Today this World Heritage site has reclaimed some of its former recognition, following centuries of neglect. A key factor in our new appreciation of Hampi is the work of an international team of researchers led by Drs George Michell and John Fritz and through vivid documentation of the site by photographer John Gollings.

In celebration of Australian and Indian cultural exchange, this gathering brings international scholars together to explore the site of Vijayanagara at Hampi. The lecture provides a rare opportunity to hear recent interpretation by world renowned authors and researchers Drs George Michell and John Fritz in conjunction with the special exhibition *Ancient Hampi: The Hindu Kingdom Brought to Life*.

Hampi has also inspired the seminal new media installation PLACE-HAMPI by Sarah Kenderdine and Jeffrey Shaw, which can be experienced during its Australian premiere at the Immigration Museum.

Ancient Hampi: The Hindu Kingdom Brought to Life is on show at the Immigration Museum from 13 November. The exhibition will be open before the lecture from 5pm with floor talks being conducted after the lecture until 7.45pm.

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