

PHILLIPS de PURY & COMPANY IS PLEASED TO CO-SPONSOR INTELLIGENCE SQUARED ASIA DEBATE IN HONG KONG

CONTEMPORARY ART EXCLUDES THE 99 PERCENT A DEBATE ON THE CULTURAL HEGEMONY OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Hong Kong – Phillips de Pury & Company is pleased to co-sponsor Intelligence Squared Asia's next debate in Hong Kong, "Contemporary Art Excludes the 99 Percent." The event will be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, on Friday, 18 May 2012.

IQ2 Asia, the region's premier forum for live debate, will present four leading art world figures to argue the motion: "Contemporary Art Excludes the 99 Percent". This debate will address key issues such as: What is the role of contemporary art museums today? Are biennales and art fairs platforms for experiment and exchange, or little more than social attractions for the elite? Have collectors become the new curators? Are private and corporate interests in culture at odds with the public good? And ultimately, who is art for?

Speakers for the motion:

Ben Lewis – award-winning UK documentary film-maker, author and art critic

Paul Chan - Hong Kong-born American publisher and acclaimed artist

Speakers against the motion:

Joseph Kosuth – pioneer of conceptual and installation art

Elizabeth Ann Macgregor – director of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

Moderator:

Hung Huang – prominent commentator on culture, media mogul, founder of Brand New China

Drinks reception in the foyer of the debate hall Rm N101 from 5:30pm.

Doors will open at 6.00pm and the debate will start at 6.30pm.

Tickets are HK\$300 per person, and are available from HK Ticketing at +852 3128 8288/ www.hkticketing.com.

IQ2 Asia debate tickets are also valid for entry to ART HK 12 on Friday 18 May.

For the latest information, please check www.intelligencesquared.asia

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There will be no specific seating area for media at the debate. If you are interested in attending, please contact IQ2 before 1 May to request for an invitation.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The main sponsors of the event are Phillips de Pury & Company and Deutsche Bank.

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IQ2 Asia was founded in 2009 as a unique forum for political, economic and cultural debate. The Hong-Kong based non-profit organisation has at its core a strong educational remit and is committed to encouraging creative thought and challenging dialogue in the region.

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