The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Bridging Cultures Distinguished Lecture Series

Puppets, Politics & Culture Wars in Southeast Asia

by Kathy Foley, Professor of Theater Arts, University of California Santa Cruz

10:30 a.m. – lecture
Noon to 1:15 p.m. – light lunch (reservations required)
1:30 to 3 p.m. – curriculum discussion/demonstration (instructional resources available)

This presentation by UC Santa Cruz Theater Arts Professor Kathy Foley will focus on how Southeast Asia’s traditional puppet performance of wayang is used as a tool of courts, presidents and political organizations. Calling on the long history of the puppet master as a juru penerangan (information officer) of the traditional Southeast Asian world, contemporary artists are making new work to respond to current political crises.

For further information and lunch reservations, contact Dona Cady, MCC Dean of International Education, at 978-656-3470, or cadyd@middlesex.mass.edu
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