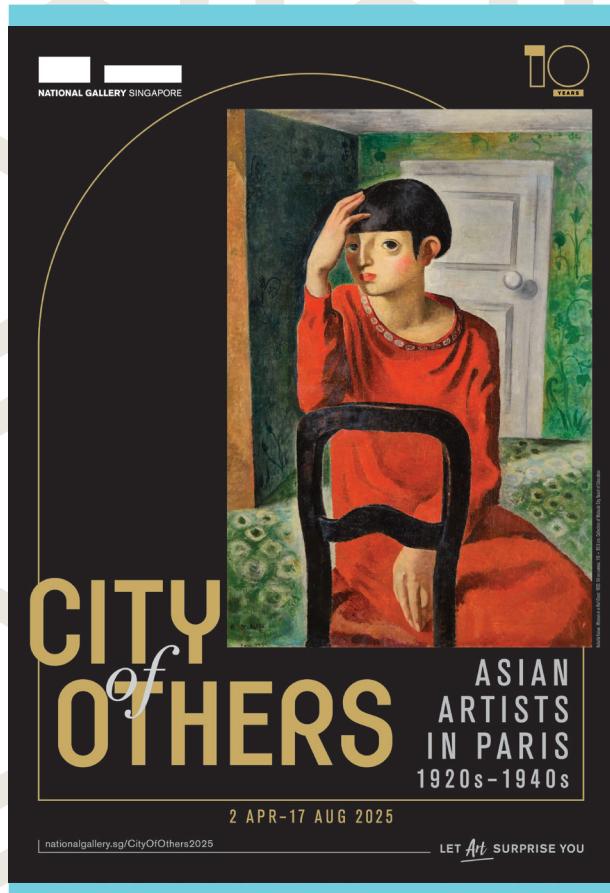


# KYOTO LECTURES 2026

## Asian Artists in 1920s-1940s Paris Japanese Engagement under the French Colonial Empire

Tuesday, February 24th, 18:00

Inaga Shigemi  
SPEAKER



This lecture is related to the groundbreaking exhibition, *City of Others: Asian Artists in Paris, 1920s–1940s*, which was held at the National Gallery Singapore in 2025. The talk will focus on Japanese artists in relation to other Asians active in the French capital during the Art Déco period (1925) and the Exposition coloniale (1931). It will address questions such as: What challenges did they face to cope with the Parisian art market at the margins of the École de Paris? What was their destiny? How and why was Léonard Foujita, for example, singled out among his compatriots?

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