

“Art, Architecture and Style in Old Shanghai”

Date: Thursday 10 June 2021, 7.00 pm

Lecturer: Anne Haworth

Location: We cannot meet to show lectures in the normal way at present, so this is a live online lecture on Zoom. Registration is necessary.

No special equipment or download is needed – just your computer or iPad.



LECTURE SUMMARY

The lecture follows Shanghai's history through its art and architecture, a potent hybrid of East and West. Once known as The Paris of the East, Shanghai developed as a Treaty Port after the 19th Century Opium Wars, when imposing buildings were put up by Western trading companies. These contrasted with the humble dwellings for local Chinese. Shanghai's heyday came in the 1930s, when the city was populated by White Russian emigrés, Jewish refugees, gangsters and sing-song girls and when stylish apartment blocks and hotels were built in a glamorous Art Deco style. Today the city is a major financial centre, dominated by glittering skyscrapers and with a vibrant contemporary art market.

BIOGRAPHY OF LECTURER

Anne is a lecturer at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum and the Queen's Gallery. For ten years she guided private evening tours of the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace. She lectures extensively for private groups, guides museum tours in London and has lectured for the British Council and British Higher School of Art and Design in Moscow.

After studying Modern History at Durham University, she trained and became a senior specialist in ceramics at the head offices in London of Bonhams (1981-1986) and Christie's (1987-1995). From 1995 to 2002, she was resident in Shanghai, China and gave lectures on the history of the China trade and European Chinoiserie to the international community of diplomats and expatriates in Shanghai and Beijing.

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