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First screening of Amar Kanwar's films in Helsinki May 4

IHME Helsinki is screening Indian artist, filmmaker **Amar Kanwar's** films in the Bio Rex cinema at the Lasipalatsi at 18:00–20:45 on Wednesday, May 4. The award-winning artist's films are now being shown for the first time in Finland. Open to all and free of charge, this film screening concludes the IHME Helsinki 2022 Commission, the *Learning from Doubt* online course. The artist will be present. Advance registration is not required to attend the screening.

IHME Helsinki 2022 – Learning from Doubt course

Learning from Doubt, ending in May, is a ten-week online course based on Kanwar's long-running and ever-changing work of art, *The Sovereign Forest*. *The Sovereign Forest* is a creative response to our perceptions of crime, politics, human rights, and ecology. The validity of poetry as evidence in a trial and the debate about seeing, compassion, justice, and the right to define oneself are intertwined into a single complex entity.

During the past weeks, participants in the *Learning from Doubt* course have become familiar with Kanwar's production and working process through extensive reading matter, films, and a variety of archival and other materials. They have had an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the materials and films in interactive meetings with the artist. The course can be followed in the weekly reports written by IHME trainee **Eero Karjalainen**.

Amar Kanwar film screening

18:00–20:45, Wed, May 4, Bio Rex cinema, Lasipalatsi (Mannerheimintie 22–24, 00100 Helsinki)

18:00–18:10 Welcoming words Curator Paula Toppila and Artist Amar Kanwar

18:10–18:40 *A Season Outside*, 1997, 30 min

18:40–18:45 *The Face*, 2004, 5 min

18:45–19:00 PAUSE

19:00–20:25 *Such a Morning*, 2017, 85 min

20:25–20:45 Q&A with the artist

The language of the films is English. The screening is open to everyone. No registration required. Changes are possible.

More information about Amar Kanwar's IHME Helsinki 2022 Commission www.ihmehelsinki.fi

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