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DOMESTIC POLICY: SAWCC's 12th Annual Visual Arts Exhibition
Curated by Rocío Aranda-Alvarado

Artists: Jaishri Abichandani, Shalalae Jamil, Asma Kazmi, Swati Khurana, Vandana Jain, Divya Mehra, Sa'dia Rehman, Gazelle Samizay, Apnavi Thacker

Exhibition Dates: November 12–December 12, 2009
Opening Reception: November 12, 2009, 6:30–8:30 pm
Curator/Artists' Talk: November 18, 2009, 7:00–9:00 pm

Venue: The Guild, NY
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NEW YORK—The Guild Art Gallery and the South Asian Women's Creative Collective (SAWCC) are pleased to present SAWCC's Annual Visual Arts show, titled **Domestic Policy**, curated by Rocío Aranda-Alvarado. The opening reception will be held Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. A panel discussion with the curator, artists, and guest panelists Dr. Radhika Subramaniam and Dr. Gayatri Gopinath, followed by Q&A, will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 7:00–9:00 pm. The exhibition will be on view through December 12, 2009.

This exhibition addresses the issues conjured the various meanings of the words "domestic" and "policy," both separately and as they relate to one another, offering layered possibilities of meaning and interpretation. Curator Rocío Aranda-Alvarado explains:

Domestic policies also influence an individual's experience of reality. Rules governing behavior, gender, sexuality, free will, income, marital status, education and much more are developed and enforced by the state and are also known as public policies. Specifically, these signify the laws, programs, and decisions made by governments in relation to their citizens: the policies that in turn construct and influence national ideologies and behaviors. Frequently, these policies are a source of friction among people of various backgrounds and philosophical positions. Thus, the ability to be attentive to simultaneous realities and other experiences as informed by such policies can become a powerful tool for the artist.

Throughout the work in this exhibition, the nine artists featured explore and redefine the meanings of "domestic policy," and their influence on contemporary life.

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