

## *Study Day: Painting the Elements: Earth, Water, Air and Fire*

Date: Saturday 16 Feb. 2019, 10.30 am

Lecturer: Alexandra Drysdale

Location: DESY Auditorium

### LECTURE SUMMARY

This study day examines how artists through the ages have represented the Elements.

We shall explore how the different forms of an Element are represented in western art, principally painting:

- Earth: the earth, human body, food, sex, illness, death
- Air: sky, space, flight, intellect, abstraction, angels and aeroplanes
- Fire: sunlight, fire, candle flame, passion and violence
- Water: sea, river, swimming pool, bath and shower.

A wide range of art, including contemporary art, will be shown eg. Richard Long, Andy Goldsworthy, Frieda Kahlo, Ana Mendieta, Bridget Riley, David Hockney, Jenny Saville, Michael Andrews, Alexandra Drysdale.

### BIOGRAPHY OF LECTURER

*Alexandra is an art historian and a professional artist specialising in painting, sculpture and performance. Her lectures combine art historical knowledge with personal expertise in aesthetics and artistic techniques. Art from all periods, including examples of her own work, is examined from an artist's point of view. This entails a perceptive analysis of a painting's structure, its meaning, and its relationship to the history of art. She holds a BA (Hons) Fine Art from Chelsea School of Art and an MFA from Cambridge School of Art.*

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