

THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON, DC

Is proud to present an extraordinary guided tour of

“Encompassing the Globe: Portugal and the World in the 16th and 17th
Centuries”
with
Jay Levenson

Curator of the “Encompassing the Globe”
Director of the International Program at the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)

Followed by lunch at the Award-Winning Malaysia Kopitiam Restaurant at 1:00 pm

Jay Levenson, one of the foremost experts on Portuguese art during the time of exploration, lends his insight and experience to guests of the World Affairs Council as they tour “Encompassing the Globe: Portugal and the World in the 16th and 17th Centuries” at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. The exhibition is a dramatic examination of how new ideas and materials came to Portugal through explorers such as Vasco de Gama and their influence on Portuguese culture and art. The exhibition unites some 250 objects spanning the globe from Japan to Brazil- all of which were once part of the Portuguese empire. Navigational maps and illustrations connect diverse exhibits and demonstrate the enormous influence of this era on the world. The World Affairs Council is truly honored to be part of this exploration of one of the earliest eras of globalization. This is one of the final chances to see this rich exhibit before it closes on 16 September.

In addition to holding the position of Guest Curator for “Encompassing the Globe”, Jay Levenson is also the Director of the International Program at New York’s Museum of Modern Art (MOMA). He gained widespread respect in the art community through his projects organized by the National Gallery of Art, “Circa 1492: Art in the Age of Exploration” (1992) and “The Age of the Baroque in Portugal” (1993). He is the author of several authoritative books on art and exploration, notably *The Age of the Baroque in Portugal*, *Circa 1492: Art in the Age of Exploration* and *Encompassing the Globe: Portugal and the World in the 16th and 17th Centuries*.

Mr. Levenson’s guided tour of “Encompassing the Globe” will be held from 11:00 am. - 12:30 p.m. at the Sackler Gallery.

Guests will then be treated to a luncheon at Malaysia Kopitiam at 1 p.m. During the luncheon, Malaysia Kopitiam’s head chef will demonstrate and discuss the role of spices in Malay cooking. Guests will gain insight to Malay cuisine by learning about the diverse spices used in the country’s traditional Chinese, Indian, and Malay specialties.

Saturday, September 15th 2007

**Tour at 11:00- 12:30 PM
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
1050 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC**

**Lunch at 1:00 PM
Malaysia Kopitiam Restaurant
1827 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036**

Members: \$35 Non-Members: \$45