



**THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA LECTURE ON**  
**THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**“ETHNOGRAPHY AND PORTRAITURE IN PHOTOGRAPHY 1840-1920 –  
by Archt. Ismeth Raheem**

The 112<sup>th</sup> Session of the Monthly Lecture Series of the **National Trust - Sri Lanka** will be held at the HNB Auditorium, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, HNB Towers, 479 T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 at 6.30p.m. on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

*Ethnography and Portraiture in Photography 1840-1920* is the title for an essay and on-going study for a publication on the History of Nineteenth century Photography of Sri Lanka. Since the beginning photography has been a valuable tool for social scientists in the recording of ethnographical data. Portraiture in nineteenth century photography on the other hand also is an added source for such a study. The lecture examines the significance and relevance of still photography [1840-1920] in these two motifs, which were one of the most lucrative themes for a nineteenth century photographer operating in this country. It also examines how photography provides interesting and valuable evidence of the past and how this data can be used successfully in a contemporary way.



Archt. Ismeth Raheem, an Architect from the Royal Academy, Copenhagen, worked with Geoffrey Bawa prior to setting up his own architectural partnership. His publications include: *Archaeology and Photography: the early years 1868 to 1870*; *Images of British Ceylon: Nineteenth Century Photography of Sri Lanka*. Catalogues for exhibitions designed by him include *Germans in Dutch and British Ceylon* (Goethe Institute); *Engravings and Paintings of the Dutch and British Colonial Periods* (British Council); and entries for *The Dictionary of Art* (London: Macmillan).

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