The Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University and the Australian Centre of Asia-Pacific Art, Queensland Art Gallery would like to invite you to the

**Perspectives: Asia Seminar:**

‘National Pudding and Indigenous Salad’.

An experimental short film by Pushpamala N followed by an in-conversation with Ruth McDougall, ACAPA

'Rashtriy Kheer and Desiy Salad' is a playful and ironic look at the modern Indian family as it imagined itself soon after independence. The film uses excerpts from the 1950s and 1960s recipe books of the artist's mother and mother-in-law, to create a montage of text, visuals and music between the military notes of the father, a Lt. Colonel in the army, the recipes and domestic notes of the heavily pregnant mother and the school boy son's homework- all found on the pages of these scrap books.

Pushpamala N and Ruth McDougall will discuss this film within the wider context of Pushpamala N’s creative practice.

Pushpamala N is an artist/ filmmaker based in Bangalore, India. She is particularly known for incorporating popular culture into her work and has adopted various popular personas and ironic roles as a vehicle for examining issues of gender, place and history. The comic aspect of her work carries a particularly sharp edge in her photo-based installations and projections, exposing cultural and gender stereotyping while exploring the complex terrain of contemporary urban life in India.

Pushpamala N has been exhibited internationally in shows including: ‘Seven Young Sculptors' Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi (1985); 2nd International Women's Festival Bangkok (1992); 'Timeless Art’, Times of India (V.T.Station, Mumbai); ‘100 Years of NGMA' National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi (1995); 'Africus-Johannesburg Biennale' South Africa (1995); 'Telling Tales’ Bath Festival Trust, travelling exhibition, England (1997). She has taught and lectured widely on arts.

Pushpamala N’s participation in this event was made possible by a grant from the Australia-India Council. Still is from Pushpamala N Rashtriy Kheer and Desiy Salad, 2004

⇒ Lecture Theatre, Queensland Art Gallery
⇒ Thursday 26 August 2010
⇒ The doors open at 5.30pm

Guests are welcome to join us for refreshments prior to the seminar. Places are limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. Please RSVP, to Kathy Bailey by Friday 20 August on telephone 07 3735 3730 or email kathy.bailey@griffith.edu.au.