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## **Mughal & Art Deco Influences in Contemporary Indian Jewelry** Presented by **Claire Morgan**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**7:00 – 9:00 P.M.**

India has a long tradition of jewelry history that is often thought to have reached its pinnacle during the Mughal period. Indeed, many associate Indian jewelry with the heavy gold settings and irregularly shaped gems of such jewelry. The jewelry of the Maharajahs in the early twentieth century, and their fondness for resetting their gems in new European styles has also been discussed extensively. Tradition is always important in Indian jewelry. But while contemporary designers draw on older motifs and styles, including those from the Mughal and Deco periods, they surpass them with design and superior craftsmanship. This lecture will consider Mughal and Deco influences in the designs of contemporary Indian designers Viren Bhagat & Hanut Singh and the artistry produced by them.

Claire Morgan is a graduate student in the Smithsonian-GW Corcoran MA program in Decorative Arts and Design History, where she is specializing in jewelry history and material culture. Her thesis compares Ottoman & Mughal jewelry from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. She has previously given talks at the Smithsonian, the American Society of Jewelry and Related Arts and at the Fashion Institute of Technology for the American Society of Jewelry Historians in New York. She has her AJP from GIA and hopes to complete her GG eventually.

We meet at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 Ft. Meyer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, at the Virginia end of Key Bridge, 703-807-2000. Admission is free for members who have paid their 2018 meeting fees and \$15.00 (Cash or Check) at the door for all other visitors. Please visit the Chapter's website at [www.dcgia.org](http://www.dcgia.org).

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