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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE OPENING OF

THREE VIEWS OF OMAN

PHOTOS BY
WILFRED THESIGER
CHARLES BUTT
EDWARD GRAZDA

SOCIETY AND RELIGION 1945–2006
CURATED BY RAINA SACKS
BLANKENHORN

FRIDAY, September 30, 2011
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Refreshments served
Short Program at 6:30 p.m.

Dining Hall
St. Antony’s College,
University of Oxford
61 Woodstock Road, Oxford
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Please RSVP by Tuesday September 20th, preferably by email
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WILFRED THESIGER (1910–1993), world renowned explorer and traveller, was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (then Abyssinia). He lived in Oman from 1945 thru 1949, taking photographs as a member of the Middle East Anti-Locust Unit. Travelling by camel with Bedouin companions, he crossed the Empty Quarter (twice). Thesiger is well-known for his photographs, and his celebrated book Arabian Sands (1959). The Thesiger Collection is held at The Pitt Rivers Museum: www.prm.ox.ac.uk

CHARLES BUTT (1933–2005), was born in Surrey, England. After over a decade of field service for the Intelligence Corps of the British Armed Forces, Butt was accepted into the Sultan of Oman’s armed forces in 1966. A keen amateur photographer, Butt documented his time in Oman from 1966-1978. The Charles Butt Archive is held by the Middle East Centre Archive, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University: www.sant.ox.ac.uk/mec/meca.shtml

EDWARD GRAZDA (1947 – ), was born in New York City, U.S. Grazda has travelled the world as a documentary photographer. His photographs have appeared in many publications and are part of important private and public collections. In 2005, Grazda was commissioned to produce a portrait of daily life in Oman. This body of work is held at The Center for Global Engagement at the Institute for American Values: www.ijtihadreason.org

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