

# MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE

School of Fine Arts

36<sup>th</sup> Salon de Mai

**Art Exhibition – *Difference and Repetition***

**31<sup>st</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Concept Note for Salon de Mai 2017**

31<sup>st</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the School of Fine Arts, MGI, Moka

The Salon de Mai is in its 36<sup>th</sup> year. Within the last few decades Mauritius has known tremendous change, yet an enduring paradox is that some things change while others remain the same, anchored in our insular reflexes. What changes, what repeats is an interesting question that can have answers from a range of perspectives. From the cynical «*plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*» (an epigram of Alphonse Karr) to more optimistic ways of describing apparent repetitions as subtle shifts and changes (namely philosopher Gilles Deleuze's *différence and répétition*), there are various ways to respond to the suggested theme.

Furthermore, difference and repetition suggest a form of reflexivity, both for long-standing artists, and also for organisers of exhibitions such as this one, where there is a necessity both to performatively repeat and yet to demonstrate change.

Please note that selected artworks have to be submitted by Friday 26 May 2017 at the SFA.