Exhibition preview: Raqs Media Collective, Birmingham

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When The Scales Fall From Your Eyes is an installation of glass cast busts mounted with heads of weighing scales. Each assesses the worthiness and weight of objects ranging from downright junk through hints of fetishist import and mock preciousness. The Delhibased Raqs Media Collective - Jeebesh Bagchi, Monica Narula and Shuddhabrata Sengupta - go in for intriguing reflections on the spiritual vacuity and material wastage of consumer culture. An aura of ritualistic observance is ironically contradicted by the incongruity of the trash that is apparently held up for veneration.

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