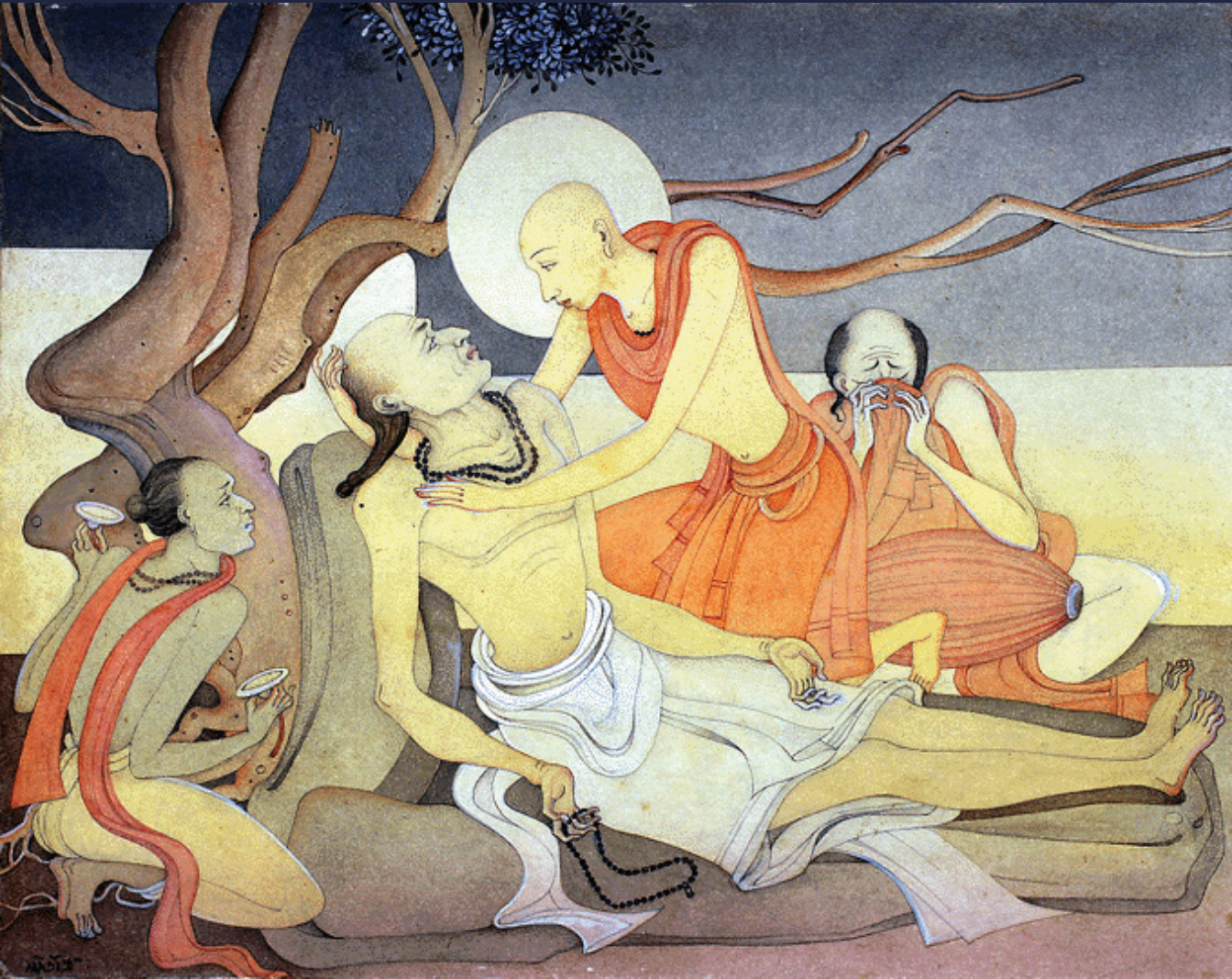


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*Pan-Asianism and East-West Politics
in the Bengal School of Art*

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The Bengal School of Art was founded by Abanindranath Tagore (1871-1951) and his students at the start of the 20th century in Calcutta. Its early expression emerged in the British administered institution of the Govt. Art College, Calcutta (now Kolkata). The Govt. School trained its artists in western style techniques. In contrast, the Bengal School artists drew on a distinct “Indianness”, as they merged with the cultural politics of the Bengal renaissance and the nationalist ‘Swadeshi’ movement.

What is often overlooked is its strong investment in the continental solidarity of a Pan Asianism, seen as a cultural response to colonial expansion. This talk will look at the themes, methods and ideas of some of the principal artists of the Bengal School in examining this inclusive and dialogic dimension of their nationalism.

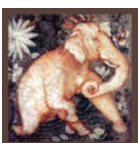
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