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Show Biz As a Cross-Cultural System

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Circuses, Geertz, and Song

What does "the show business" mean — not just in America since P. T. Barnum — but elsewhere and earlier, across cultures and eras, continually transformed and translated? In this lecture, Jim Boon makes seriocomic stabs at interpreting showbiz (a vast arena of human endeavor) a bit differently and ethnographically. Boon is a prolific cultural anthropologist and intellectual historian whose work has been at the forefront of critical anthropology and cultural studies for over twenty-five years; his latest book *Verging on Extravagance* was published in 1999.

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