

## Kalpesh Lathigra

Born in London, England in 1971 and studied photography at the London College of Printing. After leaving the course in 1994, he was awarded The Independent Newspaper Photographer Traineeship. Kalpesh worked for The Independent as a staff photographer for one year before freelancing for the national newspapers in the UK for 6 years covering news and features. In 2000, he gave up working for newspapers and made the decision to work on long term projects and magazine and commercial assignments. In the same year he was awarded a 1st Arts prize in the World Press Photo. In 2003, he embarked on a project documenting the lives of Widows in India, receiving The W.Eugene Smith Fellowship and Churchill Fellowship. His first book “Lost in the Wilderness”, a body of photographs on the Oglala Sioux and Pine Ridge Reservation was published in 2015. Noted by Sean O Hagan - The Guardian critic as one of the photo books of the year.

Kalpesh continues to work for the leading international magazines on documentary and portraiture assignments alongside personal projects. Kalpesh is a visiting Lecturer at Syracuse University ( USA) and South bank University, London.

### Education

Postgraduate Diploma in Photojournalism – London College of Communication

### Awards

- 2014 : Brighton Photo Biennial Commission “A Return to Elsewhere”
- 2014 : Lightwork Residency, Syracuse 2014
- 2010 : Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize
- 2009 : PhotoEspana Descrumbientos
- 2007 : PhotoEspana Descrumbientos
- 2005 : Winston Churchill Fellowship - Brides of Krishna
- 2004 : W.Eugene Smith Fellowship - Brides of Krishna
- 2000 : 1st Prize Arts and Entertainment, World Press Photo

### Selected Exhibitions

- 2019 Nationwide UK (Various location ) – Sixteen Project
- 2016 Webber Gallery – Lost in the Wilderness
- 2016 BituFest - Lecce, Italy - Lost in the Wilderness
- 2014 Brighton Photo Biennial / Main Commission - A Return to Elsewhere
- 2014 Johannesburg Photo Umbrella – A Return to Elsewhere
- 2013 Renaissance Prize
- 2012 Terra Cognita / Noorderlicht
- 2010 Taylor Wessing Portrait/ NPG London
- 2010 Warzone/ Noorderlicht
- 2010 Sifest/ Italy

2009 Descumbientos PhotoEspana  
2006 Another Asia - Noorderlicht Photofestival

## Publications

Lost in the Wilderness - 2015  
Vidva – 2007

## Residencies

Lightwork Syracuse 2014

## Artist Lectures

Syracuse University  
London College of Communication  
Southbank University  
Canterbury Christ Church University  
Portsmouth University  
University West of England  
Brighton Photo Biennale  
Photo Market Workshop Johannesburg