

# OPIUM

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Ritual symbol, medicine, popular drug, source of poetic inspiration, foreign filth, cause of war, brown fairy, sacred smoke, satanic devilry, poison – there is hardly an epithet that has not been given to opium.

The exhibition "Opium" follows the trail of this sticky brown mass through its changing perceptions and valuations and sheds light on opium's repulsive, frightening, mythical, fictional, poetic and inspirational dimensions across times and cultures.

Opium has not changed, but our perceptions and valuations of it most certainly have.

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