

**GUEST LECTURE**

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**– everybody welcome!!!!**

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**Whales, Wilderness and Waste**

In this lecture, I will address three central themes of Postcolonial Environmentalism, paying particular attention to how they might be taught in the classroom, namely animals, spaces and environmental concerns. Whales stands for non-human animals, living others that preoccupy imaginations of postcolonial environments. Through animals, productions and constructions of selves and others - a key concern of postcolonial studies - is taken to a further level. Wilderness acts as a place-holder for postcolonial and environmental spatial concerns both: Not only wilderness, but also pastoral and city environments, provide sites for the examination of interactions of spatial meanings. Waste, finally, draws attention to environmental issues (waste, preservation, conservation, sustainability) - these issues, as I will argue, must be questioned for the perspective of the beholder. The breadth of issues addressed makes this lecture more introductory in character. Reference will be made to a number of literary and audio-visual texts in the hope that listeners might be familiar with some of them."