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Animal Intimacies:

Interspecies Relatedness in India's Central Himalayas



A free lecture by Radhika Govindrajan, PhD

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Thursday, January 23, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

David Strong Building, Rm. # C126

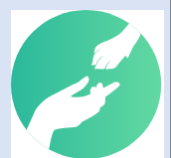
A light vegan lunch will be provided at the door

Animal Intimacies tells stories of how moments of everyday entanglement between the individual human and nonhuman animals whose lives crisscross one another's in the mountain villages of India's Central Himalayan region produce an intense and intimate sense of "relatedness" between them. The book situates discussions of multispecies relatedness in the broader context of biodiversity conservation, agrarian decline, the rise of a violent Hindu extremism that has focused on defining the "correct" Hindu way to live ethically with animals, and a regional political movement that seeks to preserve and promote a *pahari* (mountain) way of life for the human and nonhuman residents of this region.

Radhika Govindrajan is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington. Her book, *Animal Intimacies: Interspecies Relatedness in India's Central Himalayas*, was published by the University of Chicago Press in 2018 and Penguin India in 2019. It was awarded the 2019 Gregory Bateson Award by the American Anthropological Association and the 2017 Edward Cameron Dimock Prize in the Indian Humanities by the American Institute of Indian Studies.



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