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## **The Territorialisation of Water**

**Public Lecture by  
Prof Susan Visvanathan**

**as part of our Public Seminar Series**

**Date and Time: Thursday, November 22 at 17:30**

**Venue: Monument Building, Popper room**

This paper attempts to understand the way in which the Western ghats is an osmotic zone which combines the livelihoods of farmers and settlers in new transactions. It tries to see why indigenous people and community interests in cash crops and trade, mediated by the buzz words of organic farming weave together in specific ways. The data shows how tourism and water shortages are complicated by climate change, including the way in which natural borders are compounded by the passage of people across them. The Kerala floods brings about tremendous change in the topography and we have to be alert to how people view their rights to forest land as primarily contracted to them by the State.

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