Love & Other Injustices: On Humans, Animals, and an Ethics of Indifference

In this talk I examine the relationship between animals and love in India, and between ethics and love more generally. I submit that love is an injustice, and argue instead for an impassioned interspecies ethics without love: an indifference to difference, also understood as a "being in difference."

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This talk takes place over zoom. Registration is required.



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