



Azim Premji University
presents a lecture

“The Natural World at a Time of Crisis and Opportunity”

Speaker

Meera Subramanian

Independent Journalist and Researcher, Cape Cod, USA

Date: February 19, 2016 (Friday)

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

Watch the live broadcast of the talk by clicking <http://lectures.azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/>. It can be accessed from Android and iOS devices too.

About the Lecture

Meera Subramanian's multimedia presentation will explore the human and global health implications of India's ravaged ecological landscape. Her narrative nonfiction book, *Elemental India: The Natural World at a Time of Crisis and Opportunity*, is based on travel across the country, learning about the ordinary people and micro-enterprises determined to guide India into a sustainable future. Meet an organic farmer who is reviving his land after the onslaught of the Green Revolution; villagers in Rajasthan who are resuscitating a river run dry; cook stove designers questing after a smokeless fire; and biologists bringing vultures back from the brink of extinction. And in Bihar, one of India's most impoverished states, meet a bold young woman teaching young adolescents the fundamentals of sexual health. By investigating these five environmental crises, framed around the five elements, Subramanian discovers individual stories that renew hope for a sustainable future.

About the Speaker

Meera Subramanian is an independent journalist based in the US. She writes for national and international publications including *Nature*, *The New York Times*, *Orion*, *Caravan* and others. Her first book is *Elemental India: The Natural World at a Time of Crisis and Opportunity*, published by HarperCollins India in 2015. (And as *A River Runs Again: India's Natural World in Crisis, from the Barren Cliffs of Rajasthan to the Farmlands of Karnataka*, by PublicAffairs in the USA). More details at www.meerasub.org