



## **Talk: Human-Nature Interactions: Sustainability in Cities and Forests**

Speaker:  
Harini Nagendra

Date / Time:  
April 26, 2013 - 3:45pm - 5:15pm

Venue:  
10th Floor, Pixel A, APU

### Abstract:

India is undergoing massive transformations in land cover and land use, with alarming implications for sustainability. My research examines how human-nature interactions influence land change and impact conservation. The basic question examined is - under what (social, ecological) conditions do people act as positive or negative agents for change? To answer this, I use studies in two important, interlinked types of locations representing rapid changes taking place across India – forests, and cities. The first part of my presentation will focus on forests, and the role of collective action in forest protection and recovery. The second part of the presentation examines conservation in urban environments, with a focus on research findings in Bangalore.

### A Note on the Speaker:

Dr Harini Nagendra is DST Ramanujan (Adjunct) Fellow at ATREE and she is Asia Research Coordinator at CIPEC, Indiana University.