

# Literature and More-Than-Human Encounters in India: A 2-day workshop on Human-Wildlife Conflict in Indian Literature

**Day 1: Saturday, August 24, 2024 (All times in IST)**

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## **Session 1: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Conflict Realities**

- **10:00 AM - 10:20 AM:** Susan Haris: Preliminary Comments, Indian Animal Studies Collective
  - **10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**  
Puru Sharma, Panjab University  
*Navigating Animal Hierarchies: A Study of Amitav Ghosh's The Hungry Tide and the Wildlife Protection Act (WLPA), 1972*
  - **11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**  
Mahendra Rawat, National Institute of Advanced Studies  
*Leopard, Dog and Human: The Predatory Face of Development in Kumaon Himalayas*
  - **11:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
Anchitha Krishna, CMR University, Bengaluru  
*Domesticated Pachyderms, Complicated Wildlife: Elephants in Kerala Imagination*
  - **12:00 PM - 12:30 PM**  
Himika Chakraborty, IIT BHU  
*"Alien and Strangely Familiar"—Approaching Human-Wildlife Encounters through Speculative Fiction*
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## **Session 2: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Wild Subjectivities**

- **5:30 PM - 6:00 PM**  
Devika Krishnan, Central University of Kerala  
*Precarious Bodies and Everyday Affective Relationalities in Capitalist Ecology: A Study on the Embodied Practices of Care and the Emerging Subjectivities in Enmakaje*
- **6:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
Gourilekshmi Hari, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE)  
*Themes of Ahimsa, Animism, and the Rights of Nature in the Writings of Vaikkom Muhammad Basheer*
- **6:30 PM - 7:00 PM**  
Tanu Gupta, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu, India  
*Belongingness and Conflict: Exploring Human-Nonhuman Animal Interaction in Folk Narratives of Gujjars and Bakerwals, the Transhumance Pastoral Tribe of Jammu and Kashmir, India*
- **7:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
Dhriyoti Kalita, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
*The Hunter's Triumph: Mysterious Forests and Chicken Frontiers in Two Zoo-Fictions from Northeast India*

## **Day 2: Sunday, August 25, 2024 (All times in IST)**

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcO2prTgqH9X9ua26db8XVV2yCrzGzmX>

### **Session 1: 10 AM - 12:30 PM: Narrative Entanglement**

- **10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**  
Vaibhavi Vishwas Naik and Malaika Mathew Chawla  
*Kolo Mama, Koli Mami and Saligao's Foxes: Representations of Jackals (Canis aureus) in Goan Literature*
  - **11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**  
Akshita Bhardwaj, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad  
*Revisiting Ghost Cats from Ladakh to Sundarbans: Reading Complex Tonalities of Human-Wildlife Encounters*
  - **11:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
Merin John, NIT Tiruchirappalli  
*Re-Story-ation and Non-Human Intelligences: Addressing Human-Wildlife Conflict through Solarpunk*
  - **12:00 PM - 12:30 PM**  
Dhee Sankar, Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata  
*Human-Animal Conflict and Figurations of Nonhuman Death in Satyajit Ray's Short Stories*
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### **Session 2: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM: Indigenous Intimacies**

- **5:30 PM - 6:00 PM**  
Camellia Paul, Independent Researcher  
*Shifting Owlscapes in Bengal: A Flight Through Myth, Mysticism, and Magic*
- **6:00 PM - 6:30 PM**  
Bune Bethseba LD, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, India  
*Non-human Agency in Naga Mythology: The Syncretism of Indigenous Animism and Christian Theology in Easterine Kire's Fiction*
- **6:30 PM - 7:00 PM**  
Maria Viju, University of Kerala  
*Beyond the Hunt, the Hunters and the Hunted: A Critical Examination of Multispecies Encounters in Malabarile Sikkaru (1959)*
- **7:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
Bidyum Medhi, Johns Hopkins University  
*To the Elephant Graveyard: Intersecting Boundaries and Interspecies Conflict in Prabhat Goswami's "Stride of the White Tusker" (2012)*
- **7:30- 7:45 PM:** Concluding Remarks: Anu Pande, Indian Animal Studies Collective