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A Lecture by

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OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS



Thursday, November 20, 7:30 p.m. in EESAT 125

Outdoor environmental philosophy is an attempt to integrate the best of “indoor” environmental philosophy with emotionally engaged experiences of the wilder, nonhuman world. Rawles’ aim is to create short courses that explore the nature of environmental value and of our ethical relationships with the environment, and with nonhuman animals, in ways that are both intellectually rigorous and emotionally connected; and that will inspire an ongoing, practical commitment to environmental sustainability long after the course has ended. She discusses the key components of her outdoor environmental philosophy as it has developed so far, and considers some of the assumptions it rests on—for example, about the role of emotion and experience in ethical deliberation.

Rawles was a lecturer in environmental philosophy at Lancaster University in the United Kingdom for 10 years, specializing in environmental ethics, ethical issues in sustainable development, and animal welfare. She left Lancaster in January 2000 to pursue these practical aims further and now works entirely free-lance as a lecturer and consultant. Current projects include working with Nirex UK on ethical issues in radioactive waste management and as academic director of Forum for the Future’s innovative “Reconnections” project—a five day course for national and international business people, exploring the values base of sustainable development. She has recently received a major grant from NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) to develop “Outdoor Environmental Philosophy”—courses which aim to explore the way we value the environment by integrating intellectual analysis and debate with experience and emotion, taking people whose working lives affect the environment into relatively wild places.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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