

## **Re-wilding the Earth, re-wilding our lives**

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This talk asks, what will life be like in the next millennium, more specifically, will there be room for big herbivores, apex predators, and other dangerous animals? I'll address land sparing versus land sharing, instrumental versus intrinsic values, and wildness, via evolutionary biology, ecology, and anthropology. Using snakes, primates, and cattle as examples, I'll argue biodiversity might best be conserved in the context of Leopold's "land ethic" and Salmón's "eco-kin-centricity."

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