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**Beyond Mainstream Paradigms:  
Exploring Mithila's Unique Human-Nature Dynamics in the Anthropocene**

Talk by

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If we consider that subordinating the world of nature and human beings to the chain of value-addition, work flows and hierarchies belong to ideas and practices of the mainstream India then doing some in-depth field survey of the Mithila region of India might produce some new or contrary results. The talk will share some concrete examples from the region to demonstrate how certain ideas and practices of this region can be easily seen as point of departure for a new interface of nature and human beings in the age of Anthropocene. Mithila's cultural practices, underpinned by its philosophical traditions, present valuable resources for constructing an Uttar Paksha to the hegemonic mainstream ideas, in the sense, that they might contain the continuation of pre-modern non-anthropocentric traditions of the region.

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