

This Sacred Earth:

Indigenous Survival and the Conservation of Nature

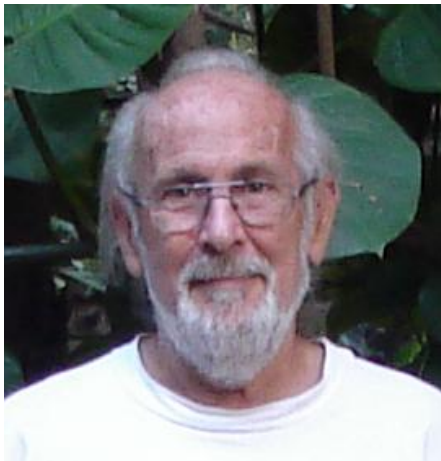
Presentation by John Seed

Deep ecology is a philosophy of nature aligned with Indigenous visions which see Earth as a living and sacred being. Using music, poetry and film as well as spoken word, John Seed explores the resonances between deep ecology and Indigenous spiritual understanding and contrasts these with the religion of economics which dismembers the ancient harmony between humanity and the living Earth. He illustrates this with a current issue at Niyamgiri, a mountain in Orissa, India, where a billions of dollar bauxite mine is battling the Dongria Kondh, an Indigenous community who regard this mountain as their God and their allies in the conservation community worldwide.

1:00pm – 2:00pm, Wednesday 15 September 2010

Theatre 1, 715 Swanston St (near the cnr Swanston + Grattan)

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Australian Deep Ecologist and environmental activist John Seed is Founder and Director of the Rainforest Information Centre in Australia. He has created numerous projects protecting rainforests in South America, Asia and the Pacific through providing benign and sustainable development projects for their indigenous inhabitants tied to the protection of their forests. These projects have been funded by the Australian Government aid agency AusAID, The Australian Council of Churches and various foundations. In 1995 John was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) by the Australian Government for services to conservation and the environment.