



## **Azim Premji University Faculty Seminar Series**

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### **"Nature in the City: Bengaluru in the Past, Present and Future"**

Speaker

**Harini Nagendra**

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**Time: 09:30 am to 11:00 am**

**Venue: Seminar Hall, 10th Floor, Pixel A, Azim Premji University**

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#### **About the Topic**

In emerging economies across the world, cities struggle to deal with the frenzied pace of urban growth, with crises of pollution, water crises and urban heat waves hitting the headlines daily. How can growing cities balance the march of development with the essential need for urban nature? Exploring these questions, in my recent book "Nature in the City" I examine the past, present, and future of nature in Bengaluru, a medieval city that has grown exponentially since the rise of its internationally famous software industry. Despite being one of India's largest and fastest growing cities, nature in the city - though threatened - exhibits a remarkable tenacity. Through a historical account of environmental change from the 6th century onwards, the book provides a deep dive into the cultural context that shapes the deep, organic connect to nature in this city of over 10 million people where we all live and work, looking at the spaces where nature thrives and strives.

#### **About the Speaker**

Harini Nagendra is a Professor of Sustainability at Azim Premji University. She has conducted research and taught at multiple institutions including the Indian Institute of Science and Indiana University. Before she moved to APU, she was a Hubert H Humphrey Distinguished Visiting Professor at Macalester College, Saint Paul Minnesota and a DST Ramanujan Fellow at ATREE. Her research awards include the 2013 Elinor Ostrom Senior Scholar award for her research and practice on issues of the urban commons. She teaches, lectures and writes on issues of ecology, development and sustainability in journals, newspapers and blogs, and other fora.