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2023 Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) Humanities Book Award Lecture
on

Rock | Water | Life: Ecology and Humanities for a Decolonial South Africa

by

Professor Lesley Green,
Professor of Anthropology and the Director of Environmental Humanities South (EHS),
University of Cape Town

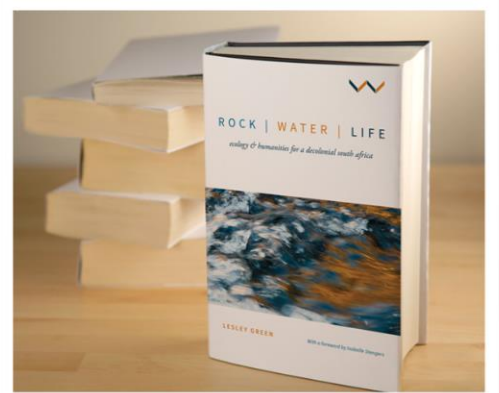
Date: 29 August 2023

Time: 16:00 – 17:30

Platform: Zoom

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In Rock | Water | Life Lesley Green examines the interwoven realities of inequality, racism, colonialism, and environmental destruction in South Africa. She asserts the need for environmental research and governance to transition to help address South Africa's history of racial oppression and environmental exploitation. Offering in-depth studies of environmental conflict in contemporary South Africa, Green addresses the history of contested water access in Cape Town; struggles over fracking in the Karoo; the call for the decolonization of science; land restitution versus the politics of soil; contests over baboon management; and the politics of sewage.



About Prof Lesley Green

Professor Lesley Green was awarded the 2023 ASSAf Humanities Book Award in the category of 'Established Researcher' for her book *Rock | Water | Life: Ecology and Humanities for a Decolonial South Africa*. These awards are made biennially to honour the importance and contribution of scholarly texts to humanist knowledge production and intellectual endeavour in South Africa.

Lesley Green is a Professor of Anthropology and the Director of Environmental Humanities South at the University of Cape Town. She has recently been awarded a US\$4.4m grant by Science For Africa Foundation to develop a social science of the African anthropocene in partnership with universities in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and the HSRC and Leeds University.



Programme

16:00 – 16:15

Welcome and introduction to the Lecture

Prof Vasu Reddy, University of the Free State, Humanities Book Awards Panel Member

16:15 – 16:50

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Prof Lesley Green, University of Cape Town

16:50 – 17:25

Discussions

17:25 – 17:30

Closing Remarks

Prof John Higgins, University of Cape Town, Humanities Book Awards Panel Member