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World resources must be shared, lecturer Narain says

The West must cooperate with developing countries to share the world's resources, said Sunita Narain, who will speak Nov. 12 on the subject of "Changing Nature in an Unequal World," as part of the 2007-08 series of E.N. Thompson Lectures on World Issues.

"Climate change is directly linked to economic growth," Narain said ahead of last month's Reuters Global Environment Summit. "With climate change, we are looking at sharing the resources of the world and we are looking at bringing some justice in the way they are distributed, so the rich world has to reduce its emissions so that the poor world can increase theirs."

Director of the Centre for Science and Environment in New Delhi, India, and publisher of Down to Earth magazine, she has contributed many articles and papers on the need for equity and entitlements in climate negotiations. She co-edited "Green Politics: Global Environmental Negotiations," "Dying Wisdom: Rise, Fall and Potential of India's Water Harvesting Systems," and "Making Water Everybody's Business: The Practice and Policy of Water Harvesting."

Narain's lecture, which originates from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be simulcast at the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The simulcast begins at 7 p.m.

The theme for the 20th season of the Thompson lectures is "Changing Nature," with speakers exploring a cross-section of subjects related to the science and politics of environmentalism. In addition to Narain's appearance, Amory Lovins, co-founder, chairman and chief scientist of the Rocky Mountain Institute will speak Feb. 12; Richard Cizik, vice-president for governmental affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals will speak Feb. 25; and William K. Reilly, president and CEO of Aqua International Partners will speak April 22.

All lectures and simulcasts are free and open to the public. To RSVP or for more information, contact Paul Sather at (402) 554-3196 or at psather@mail.unomaha.edu.

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