



## Einladung zum Gastvortrag

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## Haunted Ecologies and the Ghosts of the Future

The lecture deals with what Ward Churchill calls the “radioactive colonization“ of indigenous lands, predominately on reservations in the U.S. Drawing on poetry by Jimmy Santiago Baca (Black Mesa Poems) and Simon Ortiz (Woven Stone), and fiction of Martin Cruz Smith and Leslie Silko, Schwab explores the psychic conditions of survival in “nuclear borderlands” or “sacrifice zones” (Joseph Masco). Her lecture explores the intersections between political economy, the militarization of nuclear borderlands, and the concomitant emergence of new knowledge regimes and specific epistemologies of deception. Based on concepts such as nuclear trauma, psychic toxicity and the nuclear uncanny (Masco’s term), Schwab will investigate collective strategies of “not wanting to know” as well as willful deception, showing that they become entangled with individual strategies of survival under conditions of adversity.

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**17:00 Uhr**

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