



## EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE LECTURE

**Sadiah Qureshi, PhD**

### Writing Histories of Extinction for Just Futures

We craft many narratives to make sense of, and wrestle meaning from, extinction. Yet far too many histories remain untold, forgotten, or erased. Epics in which heroic scientists discover lost species and formulate new theories about their extinction are the most common ways of tracing scientific debates about extinction. In contrast, this lecture argues that histories of extinction exploring the entangled roots of extinction, empire, and race in the making of the modern world are a valuable ethical endeavour that allow us to imagine and create a just future for all life on earth.



**Tuesday March 24, 2026 | 4:30-6:30 PM**

Halpern Centre, Room 126

Lhukw'lhukw'áyten | Burnaby campus  
Simon Fraser University  
Unceded Coast Salish Territories

This event is free. But with limited seating, please [RSVP](#) (*Light refreshments will be served*)

**Speaker Bio:** Dr. Sadiah Qureshi holds the Chair in Modern British History at the University of Manchester. Her latest book *Vanished: An Unnatural History of Extinction* (Allen Lane, 2025) explores the entangled histories of extinction, empire, and genocide in the making of the modern world. She cannot bear the thought of living in a world without birdsong, trees, or tigers.

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