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## Deep Listening and the Animist Imaginary

This talk will explore the animist cosmology developed by philosopher Gaston Bachelard through his poetic meditations upon the ancient elements—earth, fire, air and water. Through a series of deep listening exercises that draw upon the author's personal archive of place-based field recordings, this presentation will investigate how Bachelard's attention to the dynamic force of imagination guides us towards a sense of cosmic belonging, based in ecological kinship.

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26 October  
5:00–6:00pm

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