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War, Race and Empire in the Anthropocene: Some Occluded Aspects of Climate Change
Acclaimed author Amitav Ghosh speaks at Tempe Center for the Arts March 21st

TEMPE, AZ (January 8, 2017) . . . Internationally acclaimed author Amitav Ghosh will present a talk entitled “War, Race and Empire in the Anthropocene: Some Occluded Aspects of Climate Change”, on Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 at the Tempe Center for the Arts (700 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe, AZ 85281) at 7 pm. A Q&A and book signing will follow the presentation. This event is open to the public and free. Individuals are encouraged to RSVP at http://piper-center-amitav-ghosh.eventbrite.com.

Over the last several hundred years, human activity has impacted the planet in a such a dramatic and unprecedented way that many have taken to argue for the emergence of a new historical era, the Anthropocene. While this has led to a host of renewed approaches to climate change, this discourse is still largely centered around scientists, engineers, and and economists working in Western universities. As a result, solutions to climate change are posed in technological terms and the political and cultural contexts of global warming become eclipsed. What other frameworks can be used to address the problem? How has ideology and imperialism affected global warming? What are we not talking about when we are talking about climate change?

Amitav’s talk is based on his latest book, The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable, which explores contemporary fiction’s failure to address the realities of climate change.

About Amitav Ghosh
Amitav Ghosh is an internationally recognized, award-winning author whose work spans three decades and has been translated into more than two dozen languages. Ghosh’s honors include France’s Prix Médicis, India’s Sahitya Akademi and the Ananda Puraskar, the Arthur C. Clarke award, a Puschart Prize, the Crossword Book Prize, and two shortlists for the Man Booker Prize. He has taught at Delhi University, Columbia, and Harvard, and holds honorary doctorates from Queens College and the Sorbonne. Along with Margaret Atwood, he was also a joint winner of a Dan David Award for 2010. His essays have appeared in the New Yorker, the New Republic, and the New York Times.

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