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Skinship, Scarship: Multispecies Violence and Vulnerability in West Papua

What does it mean for landscapes, plants, animals, and people to suffer wounds together? Drawing on more than a decade of ethnographic research with Indigenous Marind communities in West Papua, this talk explores how large-scale oil palm plantations are reconfiguring bodily, affective, and ecological relationships between humans and more-than-humans on an emergent plantation frontier. At the heart of this story is the Indigenous Marind concept of skin (igid), the living surface through which humans, animals, plants, and landscapes touch, affect, and sustain each another. When forests are cleared, rivers polluted, and ancestral lands transformed, these skinly connections are ruptured, leaving scars that are at once physical and emotional, individual and collective. The talk explores how Marind communities respond to these wounds through everyday care, ritual, mourning, and other collective acts of repair. In doing so, it asks what Indigenous understandings of skin, scars, and common corporeal vulnerability can teach us about environmental destruction, justice, and responsibility in an era of intensifying ecological crisis.





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