

Vidya Athreya is a senior scientist at the Wildlife Conservation Society - India programme. Her interests lie in understanding the different facets of human-wildlife interactions in shared spaces. Her research on human-leopard interactions has opened up the perspective for exploring both the human and animal dimension of co-adaptations between large wildlife and people. She has also been part of the formulation of policy guidelines for human-leopard management in India. In her talk she will be touching upon the research her team does, as well as providing a different perspective on what shared spaces could look like and what it takes to ensure shared spaces in which conflict is not the dominant narrative.