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## SENTIENCE LECTURE SERIES

## **Sensing Smart Forests**

Jennifer Gabrys

Thursday 02 December 2021 11:00-12:40, Webinar Registration Link

In this presentation, Professor Jennifer Gabrys of the University of Cambridge will investigate the sensory arrangements that Smart Forests generate. Gabrys will ask how sensory infrastructures materialize as distributions of power and governance, while considering the sensory practices of humans and more than humans that transform and potentially re-constitute dominant regimes of perception toward other inhabitations and milieus.

Forests are increasingly sensorized environments. Whether in the form of camera traps to monitor organisms or Internet of Things to detect wildfires, there are an array of sensor technologies that observe and constitute forests in relation to scientific inquiry, Indigenous land claims, environmental governance, and disaster prevention and mitigation.

Jennifer Gabrys is Chair in Media, Culture and Environment in the Department of Sociology at the University of Cambridge. She leads the Planetary Praxis research group, and is Principal Investigator on the ERC-funded project *Smart Forests: Transforming Environments into Social-Political Technologies*.

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