

Film Screening and Roundtable

## Seed Stories

A Documentary by Chitrangada Choudhury  
(India, 2024, 42 min, Odiya/Kui/English)



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#### Chitrangada Choudhury

(connecting online) is a journalist, documentary filmmaker and academic, whose reportage on the environment, social justice and rural – in particular Adivasi – communities has been cited for multiple awards.

**Rachel Doolin** is a multi-award winning contemporary Irish artist who works at the intersection of art, ecology and research-based collaborative practice.

**Susannah Chapman** is a Lecturer in Cultural Anthropology at UCC, researching on human-plant relations, food systems, and environmental governance.

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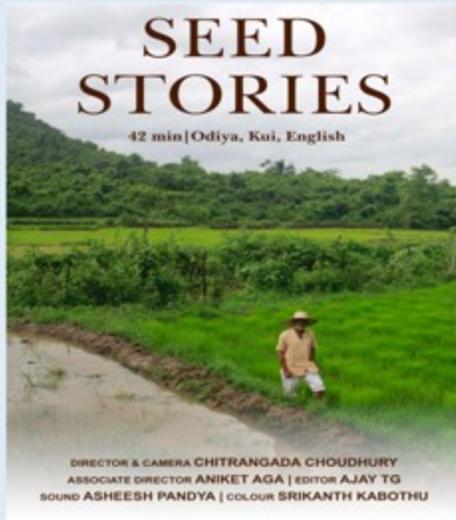
**Laura Rascaroli** is Professor of Film and Screen Media at UCC, where she is codirector of the SENZA Lab. Among her publications: *How the Essay Film Thinks* (Oxford UP, 2017).

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**SYNOPSIS:** Odisha's Eastern Ghats region is one of the world's surviving biodiversity hotspots, with Adivasi communities like the Kondhs possessing the knowledge of growing multiple crops with their folk seeds, evolved over centuries. At the same time, the village and the wider region are irreversibly changing with the coming of genetically modified cotton seeds and associated chemicals. 'Seed Stories' takes a worm's eye view of how this is reshaping a geography and a people steeped in agro-ecological knowledge, and altering their attitudes towards farming, food and ecology. It invites audiences to reflect on the question, 'What is sustainability?'



Tue 24th March 2026, 16.00-18.00,  
Film & Screen Media Auditorium,  
Kane Building B10B, UCC – ALL WELCOME