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REWILDING NEW HORIZONS IN CONSERVATION SCIENCE, POLICY AND ACTIONS

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Talk summary (300 words):	Rewilding is a new conservation approach aiming to restore ecological processes and trophic assemblies across significant tracts of land. It expresses new directions in ecology and conservation management that chime with popular sentiment seeking more hopeful, exciting and entrepreneurial conservation visions. In this lecture I will introduce and position the term rewilding along with key scientific developments and insights that characterise the approach. I will then discuss points of tension between rewilding approaches and the institutional architecture of contemporary European conservation and show how pioneer rewilding projects, offering solution-oriented visions, are opening spaces for innovation and change that can benefit nature, society and economy.
Speaker biog (300 words):	Paul Jepson is course director of Oxford University's MPhil/MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management and Senior Research Fellow with the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. Paul transferred into academia from a successful career in conservation management and policy. He has consulted for a wide range of inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and was Indonesia Programme Coordinator for BirdLife International (1991-1997). He started his career as a local government officer developing new urban conservation initiatives in Manchester and Shrewsbury (UK). His current research and writing focuses on three themes i) rewilding and creating the institutional spaces for the development of policy to support functionalist approaches to conservation, ii) the implications of new technological forces for conservation science, policy and action, and iii) how to recapitalise conservation and expand the range of financing sources. Together with colleagues in Brazil he is pioneering the application of culturomic approaches to conservation and has developed a new protected area asset framework. He is a board member of Rewilding Europe.