Rupture and Return
Lessons on Life from the Makhuwa of Mozambique

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Based on nearly two years of fieldwork, Devaka Premawardhana’s first project explores the complexities of Christian identity in a part of the world where indigenous traditions remain vibrant, even in the lives of converts. In this talk, Premawardhana will share lessons learned from the field—not just about his research topic, but about life itself. He will address how he came to appreciate the eclectic and elusive nature of the self—including of himself—from a people who prize mobility over stasis, and for whom religious conversion is experienced as routine, reversible, and repeatable.