**Andrea Wulf Talk: ‘The Invention of Nature.’ Alexander von Humboldt’s New World**

**Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019**

In her book “The Invention of Nature,” Andrea Wulf reveals the extraordinary life of the visionary German naturalist Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) and how he shaped the way we understand nature today. Though nearly forgotten, his name lingers everywhere from the Humboldt Current to the Humboldt penguin. An intrepid explorer and the most famous scientist of his age, Humboldt’s restless life was packed with adventure and discovery, climbing the highest volcanoes in the world and racing through anthrax–infested Siberia. Perceiving nature as an interconnected global force, Humboldt discovered similarities between climate zones across the world and predicted human-induced climate change.

Wulf brings this forgotten father of environmentalism back to life, tracing Humboldt’s influences through the great minds he inspired in revolution, evolution, ecology, conservation, art and literature.

Her 45-minute talk is beautifully illustrated and will be followed by an audience Q&A and a book signing.