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The key ideas of the Enlightenment were always in a tense relationship with the realities of the European imperial projects of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. During this imperial period, the world was an involuntary theater for European political, moral and philosophical debates. Today, this logic has been reversed, and Europe has become the theater for the global challenges of climate, migration, economic inequality and failed states. In this lecture, Arjun Appadurai raises the question of whether the core values of the Enlightenment can continue to be useful in this globalized predicament.

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