

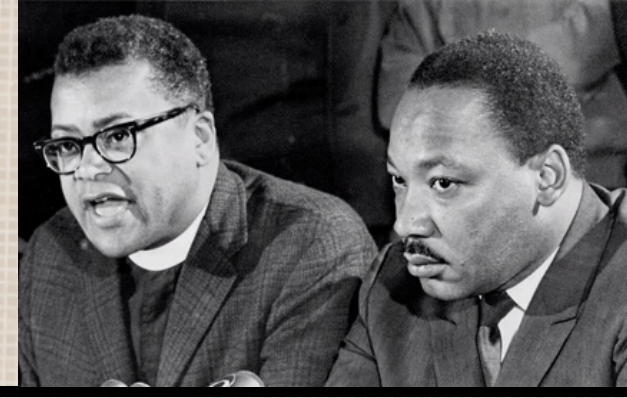


# Truth and Nonviolence in Post-Truth Times: An International Conference on Mohandas Gandhi

Conference website: <https://gandhi2020ucla.weebly.com>

*University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) | Thursday 30 January - Sunday 2 February 2020*

*All events are free and open to the public. No registration or RSVP required.*



## Day 1: Thursday, January 30

Venue: Ackerman Union, Bruin Viewpoint Room

4:30 pm-5:00 pm: Coffee

5:00 pm-5:30 pm: Vinay Lal (UCLA), "A Player of Infinite Games: Thoughts on Gandhi" and Introduction to the Conference

5:45 pm-7:00 pm: Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr. (Pastor Emeritus, Holman United Methodist Church, Los Angeles), "Gandhi and the Long, Bitter, Beautiful Struggle for Justice and Truth"

7:05 pm-7:30 pm: Priyanka Venkatesh (UCLA), violin performance, Vák for solo violin and taanpoora....S. Korde (b. 1945) I. Aalaap II. Jor III. Jhaala

## Day 2: Friday, January 31

Venue: YRL Main Conference Room

9:30 am-10:45 am: Leilah Danielson (North Arizona University), "American Gandhi: A.J. Muste and the Historical Erasure of Radical Nonviolence"

10:45 am-11:15 am: Coffee Break

11:15 am-12:30 pm: Sarah Azaransky (Union Theological Seminary), "International and Interreligious Roots of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement"

12:30 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm-3:15 pm: Ajay Skaria (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis), "Political Friendship: Gandhi and the Remaking of the Neighbor"

3:15 pm-4:30 pm: Tridip Suhrud (CEPT University, Ahmedabad), "Et tu, Gujarat? On Being Impervious to the Discreet Charm of M.K. Gandhi"

**Evening Program: Sambhi Endowed Lecture**

Venue: Rolfe 1200

6:15 pm-7:45 pm: Gopalkrishna Gandhi (Ashoka University, Sonapat, and Independent Scholar), "Gandhi in the Grip of Violence"

## Day 3: Saturday, February 1

Venue: YRL Main Conference Room

9:30 am-10:45 am: Uday Singh Mehta (CUNY), "A Very Different Vision: Gandhi's Critique of Political Rationality"

10:45 am-11:15 am: Coffee Break

11:15 am-12:30 pm: Sumathi Ramaswamy (Duke University), "Everything He Touched!: The Art of Melancholizing"

12:30 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm-3:15 pm: Neelima Shukla-Bhatt (Wellesley College), "A Rastamak Journey: Aesthetics and Moral Fervor in Gandhi's Quest"

3:15 pm-3:35 pm: Coffee Break

3:35 pm-4:50 pm: Ritu Gairola Khanduri (University of Texas at Arlington), "Gandhi's Things: When the Ordinary Becomes Extraordinary"

## Day 4: Sunday, February 2

Venue (Pre-lunch Sessions): Royce 314

9:30 am-10:45 am: Karuna Mantena (Columbia University), "Gandhi's Critique of Violence"

10:45 am-11:15 am: Coffee Break

11:15 am-12:30 pm: Charles R. DiSalvo (West Virginia University), "Advocate Gandhi: Race, Role, and Sole"

12:30 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch

Venue (Post-lunch Sessions): YRL Main Conference Room

2:00 pm-3:15 pm: Sudipta Kaviraj (Columbia University), "The Ethical and the Aesthetic: Some Observations on the Exchanges between Gandhi and Tagore"

3:15 pm-3:45 pm: Coffee Break

3:45 pm-5:00 pm: Faisal Devji (Oxford University), "Gandhi, Hinduism and Humanity"

5:00 pm-5:30 pm: Closing Remarks by the Rev. James M. Lawson (Los Angeles) & Vinay Lal (UCLA)

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