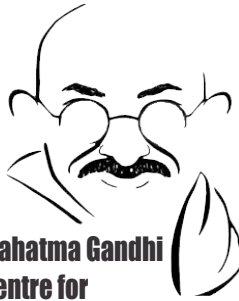




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MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRE FOR PEACE STUDIES

We request your esteemed presence on the occasion of the

First Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture

on

"Gandhian Vision of Grassroots Democracy in the Age of Globalisation"

by

Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar
Former Member of Parliament



*"Gentleness, self-sacrifice and generosity are the
exclusive possession of no one race or religion."*

- Mahatma Gandhi

Programme

11:00 am: Lighting of the Lamp

11:02 am: Bhajan

11:30 am: Welcoming Remarks

Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar

Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University

11:35 am: Introducing Remarks about the Centre

Professor (Dr.) Ramin Jahanbegloo

Vice Dean and Executive Director

Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Peace Studies

Jindal Global Law School (JGLS)

**11:45 am: First Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Lecture by
Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar**

12:30 pm: Discussion

12:55 pm: Concluding Remarks

Professor (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy

Registrar, O.P. Jindal Global University

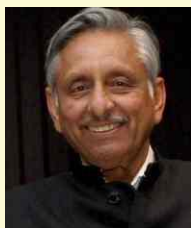
1:00 pm: Lunch

Date: Sunday, 2 October 2016

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Venue: T3, Global Auditorium
O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat Narela Road
Sonipat-131001, NCR of Delhi, India**

Short Bios



Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar **Former Member of Parliament &** **Member, Indian National Congress Party**

Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar is a distinguished Member of Indian National Congress Party. He was the former member of Parliament and served as the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, from 23 May 2004-2009, he served as the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj and from 29 January 2006-2008 he served as the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. He served as Union Minister of the Development of North-Eastern Region from 6 April 2008-2009.

In March 2010, Mr. Aiyar was nominated to the Rajya Sabha and from April 2010 he served as Member of the Committee on Rural Development. He was awarded 'Outstanding Parliamentarian Award', for 2006 by President Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil. He is a prolific writer and has published six books and has frequently given insightful comments in the press on issues of national importance. He has been educated at St. Stephens' College, University of Delhi and Trinity Hall, Cambridge University.



Dr. Ramin Jahanbegloo **Vice Dean and Executive Director** **Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Peace Studies, JGLS**

Ramin Jahanbegloo is a political philosopher. He is presently the Executive Director of the Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Nonviolence and Peace Studies and the Vice-Dean of the School of Law at Jindal Global University- Delhi, India.

He received his B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy, History and Political Science and later his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Sorbonne University. In 1993 he taught at the Academy of Philosophy in Tehran. He has been a researcher at the French Institute for Iranian Studies and a fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. Ramin Jahanbegloo taught in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto from 1997-2001. He later served as the head of the Department of Contemporary Studies of the Cultural Research Centre in Tehran and, in 2006-07, was Rajni Kothari Professor of Democracy at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in New Delhi, India. In April 2006 Dr. Jahanbegloo was arrested in Tehran Airport charged with preparing a velvet revolution in Iran. He was placed in solitary confinement for four months and released on bail. He was an Associated Professor of Political Science and a Research Fellow in the Centre for Ethics at University of Toronto from 2008-2012 and an Associate Professor of Political Science at York University in Toronto from 2012 – 2015. He is also a member of the advisory board of PEN Canada. He is the winner of the Peace Prize from the United Nations Association in Spain (2009) for his extensive academic works in promoting dialogue between cultures and his advocacy for non-violence and more recently the winner of the Josep Palau i Fabre International Essay Prize. Among his twenty-seven books in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Persian are Conversations with Isaiah Berlin (Peter Halban, 1992), Gandhi: Aux Sources de la Nonviolence (Felin, 1999), Penser la Nonviolence (UNESCO, 2000), Iran: Between Tradition and Modernity (Lexington Books, 2004) India Revisited: Conversations on Contemporary India (Oxford University Press, 2007), The Clash of Intolerances (Har-Anand 2007) The Spirit of India (Penguin 2008), Beyond Violence (Har-Anand 2008), Leggere Gandhi a Teheran (Marsilio 2008), India Analysed (Oxford University Press 2009), Talking Politics (Oxford University Press 2010), Civil Society and Democracy in Iran (Lexington Press, 2011), The Gandhian Moment (forthcoming at Harvard University Press) Democracy in Iran (Palgrave 2013) Introduction to Nonviolence (Palgrave 2013) Time Will Say Nothing (University of Regina Press 2014), Talking Philosophy (Oxford University Press 2015) and very recently Gadflies in Public Space: The Socratic Legacy of Dissent (Lexington Press, 2017), The Decline of Civilization (Aleph, 2017).

MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRE FOR PEACE STUDIES

The Mahatma Gandhi Center for Peace Studies is an integral part of the Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU). JGU is a leading academic organization dedicated to promoting the philosophy of nonviolence and advancing peace studies nationally and globally. The Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Peace Studies is committed towards enhancing research and developing knowledge in relation to all aspects of nonviolence and peace. The center conducts research and teaching that targets the reduction of violence in our world. It does so by developing the principles and practices of Gandhian nonviolence and by providing profound knowledge and understanding of the history and theory of nonviolence to students, scholars and all those who can positively contribute to spreading peace in the world. With the aim of establishing a value based research institute with global ambitions and capabilities, the Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Peace Studies will strive to promote interdisciplinary studies in broad areas like conflictology, cultures of peace, mediation, and management of peace among others. The center hopes to build a global culture of peace in a world plagued by excessive violence.