

A photograph of Nelson Mandela, shirtless and wearing white shorts, spinning yarn on a traditional wooden spinning wheel. He is looking down at his work with a focused expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
REVISITING GANDHI: PEACE,
JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT**

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Introduction

This year marks the 150th of Gandhi's birth anniversary. This period has witnessed his life and teachings unfold themselves to reveal his true vision- his way of being goes beyond his title as the Father of the Indian nation. His main mission of attaining Indian independence from British colonial rule while validating non-violence as his most powerful tool, made him an apostle of peace like no other. Leading this incredible liberation movement is his best known legacy. But Gandhi's ideology and experiments were driven by a much deeper and bigger purpose: the comprehensive emancipation of humankind from all interdictions to actualised, sovereign citizens. His vision of sovereign citizens living in village republics was inherently sustainable, as these communities would reside in harmony with their surroundings. He was driven by his revolutionary goal of peace and justice being an integral part of human development. As the 21st century world debates the Sustainable and Millennium Development Goals, revisiting Gandhi only further reinforces his expanding contemporary relevance.

Gandhi's teachings and life continue to mentor visions of intellectuals and leaders around the world. In addition to being a part

of curricula in many of the world's leading teaching and research institutions, 2007 saw the United Nations- build to save future generations from the scourge of war- declare Gandhi's birth date, 2nd October as the “International Day of Non-Violence.” More recently, in 2015, when world leaders conceptualised the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development- prioritising 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)- there was an explicit mention of the Gandhian goal of *Sarvodaya* (Rise of All Together), which then resulted in “Leave No One Behind” as the SDGs guiding principle for the 2030 Agenda. Gandhi’s thoughts around state policies and the necessity to build them to safeguard the poorest-of-the- poor in mind saw fight against poverty being placed as the number one objective in the SDGs.

At present, when the world is facing one of its greatest health crises impact millions across nations, leading to economic crises and political polarisation, revisiting Gandhi has become all the more important. His words are especially pertinent today: the “bold new world” has to do away with “politics without principles” and “commerce without morality.” With companies growing bigger than countries, and building consumerist cultures, the growth rate driven development has triggered insatiable greed for resources. So, as the world seeks to re-write the rules of global order, Gandhi’s revolutionary economic model of trusteeship, politics driven by morality or non-violence and fasting for self-purification can provide a new impetus for SDGs and MDGs that need to become locomotives for post-Covid-19 new normal global order.

Conference will try to brainstorm few of these subthemes:

1. Gandhi's vision of peace and the world order
2. Gandhi's Structural Violence and Equity
3. Democracy and human development
4. SDGs: Experiences of countries, regions
5. Gender Responsive Implementation of SDGs
6. Institutions, peacebuilding and human security
7. Rural development and human security
8. Multilateralism and world powers
9. Environmental justice in market-based development

Important Dates:

Conference Announcement: *August 1st, 2020*

Last date for submission of abstracts: *August 16th, 2020*

Last date for submission of papers: *September 30th, 2020*

Conference Dates: *October 30th - 31st, 2020*

Guidelines for Paper Submission

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2. Provide an abstract of not more than 300 words with 3-4 keywords

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6. The preferred format for the abstract manuscript is Word file. Please state the author name(s), affiliation and contact details clearly in the document itself.
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8. The call for papers is open to the graduating class of 2020 and above.

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