



Gandhi Peace Festival Committee

is pleased to invite you to the

The 28th Annual Gandhi Peace Festival Festival Theme: Black Lives Matter

Join us for a Zoom Webinar with

Prof. Vinay Lal

on

Gandhi and Racism in the Wake of Black Lives Matter

October 17, 2020 at 1:00 pm EST

(10:30 PM India, 10 AM PST)

Hosted by Dr. Anne Pearson



To join the event, click on:

<https://mcmaster.zoom.us/j/93109894148?pwd=TzV4UXZiMlJsU2dRcUpMMlhKcS9nZz09>

Vinay Lal is Professor of History at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and his most recent book is *The Fury of Covid-19: The Passions, Histories, and Unrequited Love of the Coronavirus* (Pan Macmillan).

He blogs at vinaylal.wordpress.com and has an academic channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/dillichalo>

In recent years a number of Gandhi's critics have alleged that he was a racist; the harsher critics maintain that he remained a racist throughout his life, and that he was a master at manipulating his public persona. The criticisms are largely directed to his South African years, and it is argued both that he consistently used derogatory language in speaking of Black people and that he failed to involve them in the struggle that he initiated for the rights of Indians. Dr. Lal will offer a brief account of Gandhi's activities in South Africa and go beyond the usual defence that his views evolved, though such an argument is not without merit.

For further information, please contact: Dr. Rama Singh <singh@mcmaster.ca>

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