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Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi to discuss peace and security in 21st Century

Tuesday, 23 March 2010, Kramer Lecture Theatre 1, Cross Campus Road, UCT Middle Campus

18h00 (Guests to be seated by 17h45)

Professor Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, will speak on Voyage of Dialogue and Discovery: Peace and Security in the 21st Century, at the VC's Open Lecture on 23 March 2010.

Professor Gandhi is a former Member of the Upper House of the Indian Parliament. He led the Indian delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva in 1990. From 1964 to 1981 he published his weekly journal *Himmat* in Bombay (now Mumbai); from 1985 to 1987 he edited the daily *Indian Express* in Madras (now Chennai).

Associated from 1956 with Initiatives of Change (formerly known as Moral Re-Armament), Rajmohan has been engaged for half a century in efforts for trust building, reconciliation and democracy, and in battles against corruption and inequality. He has written numerous books and has been awarded the prestigious Biennial Award from the Indian History Congress for his biography of his grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi. He was also awarded the Indian National Academy of Letters Award for his book on his maternal grandfather, Chakravarti Rajagopalachari.

Professor Rajmohan is now a Research Professor at the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Illinois in the USA. In 2004 he received the International Humanitarian Award (Human Rights) from the City of Champaign, Illinois. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law from the University of Calgary in Canada and an honorary doctorate of philosophy from Obirin University in Tokyo, Japan.

He serves as a jury member for the Nuremberg International Human Rights Award and as co-Chair of the Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation in Gurgaon, India.

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