



Post Covid Lecture Series National Online Lecture on



Combining Religion with Compassionate Politics: The Legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

by

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Speaker



John S Moolakkattu is Professor of International Relations & Politics, Central University of Kerala, and the former Inaugural Gandhi-Luthuli Chair in Peace Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He was earlier the Professor and Head, Department of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala and a Commonwealth Fellow, Fulbright Lecturer and a Professor at IIT Madras. He is also the Chief

Editor of *Gandhi Marg*, the Quarterly Journal of Gandhi Peace Foundation published from New Delhi and one of the founding Editors of the South African Journal *Ubuntu*. He has a decent publication record and an H index of 13 and an i10 index of 14. He has published in journals such as *Cooperation and Conflict*, *Public Administration and Development*, *Peace Review*, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, *EPW*, *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*, *International Studies*, *Gandhi Marg* among others. He has co-edited/co-authored 8 books, the most recent one with three scholars from Ohio State University and University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. While he was occupying the Gandhi-Luthuli Chair in South Africa, he had a brief interaction with Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

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Abstract



Archbishop Desmond Tutu, or the Arch as he was popularly known, is famous for his ability to deploy spirituality for political purposes. Using his leverage as an Anglican Bishop, he played a key role in highlighting the problem of apartheid and racism internationally. Following the tradition of Chief Luthuli, the first African Nobel laureate, Bishop Tutu advocated nonviolent methods of struggle, particularly the use of economic sanctions to exert pressure on the apartheid system. His reconciliation work built on forgiveness and compassion, drawing on the *Bantu* concept of *Ubuntu*, laid out a future for South Africans of all hues to live together. He was vociferous in his condemnation of Mugabe and did not shy away from advocating the cause of the Palestinians and the Tibetans. This webinar is intended to discuss the legacy of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his ideas related to peace and justice.

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