

MATTOO CHAIR IN CLASSICAL INDIC HUMANITIES

WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE WHEN WE CELEBRATE GANDHI?

Marking the 150th Anniversary of
MK Gandhi's birth with two events

Lecture:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

2 pm - 4 pm

Student Activities Center, Ballroom A

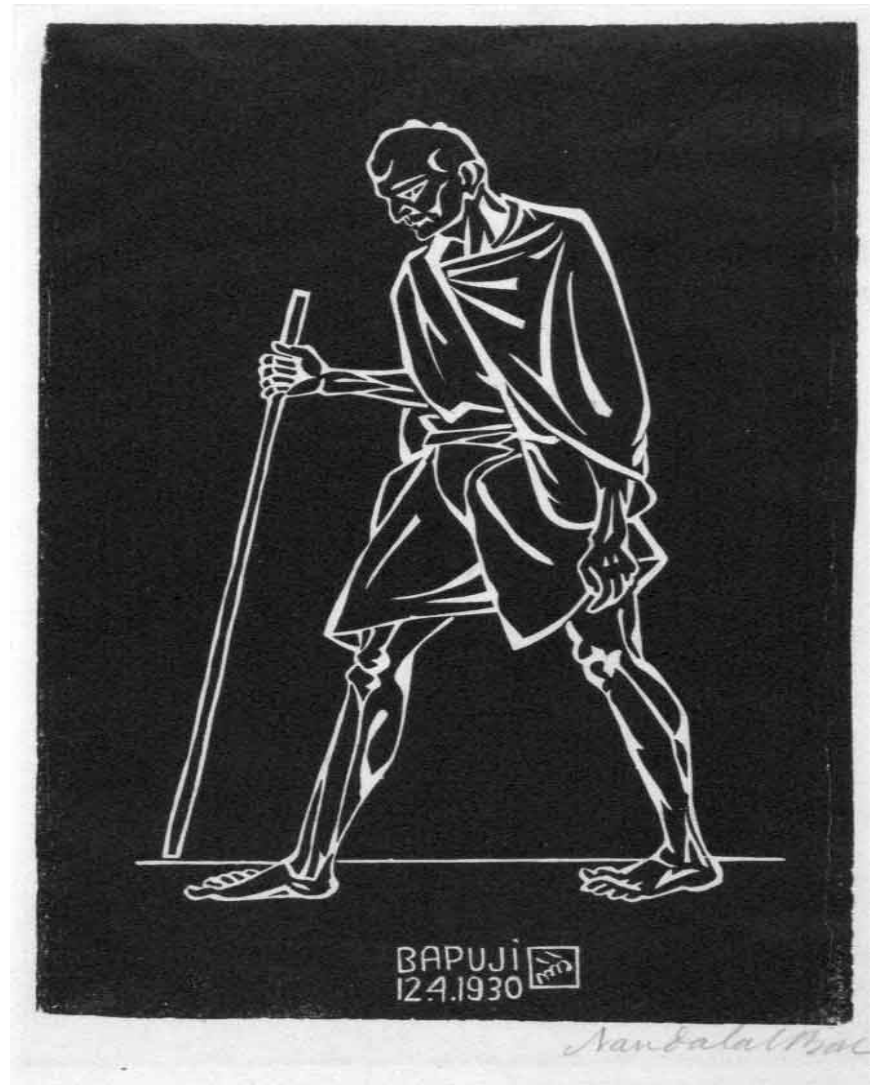
Discussion:

"True and False Civilization"

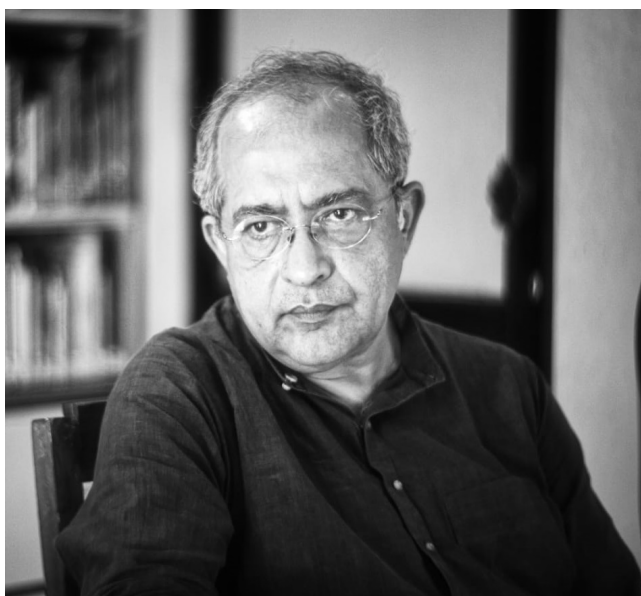
Thursday, October 3, 2019

4 pm - 6 pm

Wang Center, Room 201



MK Gandhi had a visceral aversion to celebration of his birthdays. And yet during his lifetime and in ours we celebrate the anniversary of his birth. As we now celebrate 150 years since his birth, Gandhi could not have been more of a recessive presence from our conscience, from our public life, from the structures of political economy and from inter-faith and inter-community relations in contemporary India and the world. His deeply examined life is a source of discomfort, even acrimony. He is called upon to prove his relevance. This lecture seeks to engage with those aspects of Gandhi's life and thought that make him contemporary, controversial, and hopefully part of our collective futures.



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