## AHIMSA GANDHI – THE POWER OF THE POWERLESS

## a film by Ramesh Sharma A Special Private Screening

In honor of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th anniversary, the prize-winning film director Ramesh Sharma documents how Gandhi's philosophy inspired political leaders on three continents to strive for freedom, justice and human rights through non-violent protest. The global impact of Gandhi's philosophy is portrayed through the narratives of Martin Luther King, Lech Walesa, Vaclev Havel and Nelson Mandela. Throughout global history social and political movements attempting to challenge and overcome oppression often lead to violent resistance and sometimes revolution, until Mahatma Gandhi introduced the political philosophy of Ahimsa (non-violence). A short version of this film was premiered during the celebrations honoring Peace Day at the United Nations, New York.



## **PROGRAM**

- GREETINGS Univ. Prof. Dr. Sebastian Schütze, Dean of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies H.R. Univ. Doz. Dr. Michael Alram, Vice President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- PODIUM DISCUSSION with the Director, Ramesh Sharma and distinguished scholars, organized by the research group »Figurations of Inequality«, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies
  - FILM runtime: 103 minutes
  - afterwards Buffet and informal meeting with Director and program participants
    - VENUE 10. März 2020, 18 Uhr, Universität Wien, Hauptgebäude, BIG Hörsaal 1

The public is invited, admission is free. As seating is limited you are asked to kindly register. Please follow the link in the QR-code. (https://hist-kult.univie.ac.at/veranstaltungen/ahimsa-gandhi-the-power-of-the-powerless/









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