




**Gandhi, Mandela, King Conference International Conference**  
**Thursday, 08 – Friday, 09 June 2023**

**PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Prof J.A. (Jannie) Smit**

**Thursday, 08 2023, 08.00 – 17.00 Gandhi, Mandela, King Conference NAB, New Arts Block, UKZN**

**08 JUNE 2023 MORNING PROGRAMME**












- **H = Hybrid Presentation**
- **IP = In Person Presentation**




<b>08.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
08.45 – 09.00	<b>Welcome: Prof Ruth Hoskins (Dean Teaching &amp; Learning, UKZN)</b>  <b>Welcome: David Gengan (Pietermaritzburg Gandhi Foundation)</b>  Hexagon Theatre	
09.00 – 09.10	<b>Dr Binbeshwar Pathak (Sulabh International – Social Service Organisation, Delhi)</b>	
09.10 – 10.00	<b>Plenary 1: Prof Dr Judith Brown (Oxford University)</b> <b>Gandhi: A Global Icon for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Facilitator: Prof Martin Prozesky

10.00	<b>Tea</b>
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10.30 – 12.00	<b>Roundtables Session 1 (6 X Parallel Roundtables)</b>
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<p><b>Roundtable #01</b>  <b>GMK, their Vision/s for the World, and Communication Technologies/eMedia in the 21st Century (Studio Theatre)</b>  <u>Facilitators: Prof Tennyson Mgutshini &amp; Mr Denzil Chetty</u>  <u>VENUE: Studio Theatre</u></p>	<p><b>Roundtable #02</b>  <b>GMK, and Sustainable Self-rule Governance and Development (Theatre Arts)</b>  <u>Facilitators: Prof Herbert Moyo &amp; Postdoctoral Fellow</u>  <u>VENUE: Theatre Arts</u></p>	<p><b>Roundtable #03</b>  <b>GMK, Women, Health, and Equity in Governance and Economic Education (NAB)</b>  <u>Facilitators: Prof Lilian Siwila &amp; Rev Sithembiso Zwane</u>  <u>VENUE: NAB217</u></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PANEL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hon Dr Ela Gandhi (Gandhi Development Trust)</b>   <i>The Indian Opinion: The Power of the Alternative Press</i>            (90 minutes)</p> <p>* Alf Karrim - Community Media and its Impact on Raising Community Consciousness: Focusing on Present-day Needs             * Ryland Fisher - The Power of the Alternate Media.             * Ms Thandeka Mbeki: The Contemporary Situation and the Importance of Ethics, Morality and Responsibility of Journalism Today.             * Mr Jeremy Cronin: Historic Background on How the South African Struggle was Assisted by Alternate Media. </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PANEL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prof Matshepo Matoane, with Dr Sibonsile Zibane, Dr Nontobeko Buthelezi, and Dr Samuel Umoh (School of Applied Human Sciences)</b>             Gender/ Women, Culture, Health and Governance in Africa            (60 Minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prof. Dr. Vilas Sapkal Vice-Chancellor MGM University, India</b>             Is <i>Swadesh</i> a Thermodynamic Concept?            (15 minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prof Kalpana Hiralal (UKZN History)</b>             Is Gandhi Relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Belinda Crawford (UKZN Ujamaa)</b>             Navigating Contested Social Identities: Theological reflections on race and inclusion in the post-era of Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela            (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dr. Zama Dlamini (UKZN)</b>             Towards Achieving Gender Justice: Engaging Gandhi and Mandela's Leadership Principles for a Nonviolent World            (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prof Ezra Chitando (Univ. of Zimbabwe)</b>            The Game Changers: Religious African Women and Multiple Pandemics in Africa </p>
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<p>* Mr Alagan Annamalai: Gandhiji Used the Media to Promote <i>Satyagraha</i>. </p> <p>* Robin Sewlal: “Power to the People: The <i>tour de force</i> of Community Radio in the Centennial Year of the Medium in South Africa” </p> <p>* Way Forward for Alternate Media at the Present Time </p>	(15 minutes)	
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<p><b>Roundtable #04</b>  <b>GMK, Human Rights, and Nonracial Global Peace and Justice through Nonviolent Action</b>  Facilitators: Prof Beatrice Okyere-Manu &amp; Mr Che Chetty  <u>VENUE: NAB216</u></p>	<p><b>Roundtable #05</b>  <b>GMK, and How to Understand and Intervene in World and Regional Conflicts, through Nonviolence</b>  Facilitators: Prof Vaughn John &amp; Ms Thandi Gumbi  <u>VENUE: NAB215</u></p>	<p><b>Roundtable #06</b>  <b>Learning and Teaching about Gandhi, Mandela and King</b>  Facilitators: Prof Ruth Hoskins, Dr. Sharmila Rama and Feruzi Mgwamba  <u>VENUE: NAB211</u></p>
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<p><b>Dr. D. John Chelladurai</b>   <b>(Dean MGM University)</b>  <i>Sarvodaya: An Idea of Harmonizing Individual, Society and Ecosystem</i>  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Prof FG Settler</b>  <b>(UKZN)</b>   Keeping the Faith in Fanon and Contending with Legacies of Martin Luther King Jr: Questions of Race, Religion and Reconciliation in SA Faith Communities  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Christian Bartolf</b>   <b>(Berlin University)</b>  Gandhi, Kallenbach and Tolstoy  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr. Ramesh Babu Para Nehru</b>  <b>(Memorial Museum and Library New Delhi, India)</b>  <b>(Recording)</b>   Access to Urban Housing and Migration: Social Efficacy Policy of Navaratnalu  (15 minutes + discussion)</p>	<p><b>Prof Lez Henry</b>  <b>(Univ of West-London)</b>   In Memory of Madiba: Nelson Mandela as a Reggaemataical Cultural Icon  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Prof D. Jeevan Kumar</b>   <b>(Karnataka State Rural Development University)</b>  The Human Security Paradigm of Peace-Building  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Prof Emeritus S.S. Rama Rao Pappu</b> <b>(Miami University)</b>   <b>(Recording)</b>  Small Events, Big Impact: Lessons from Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Selma, Alabama  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Mohamed M. Keshavjee</b>  <b>(Barrister at Law from Gray’s Inn London)</b>   <b>(Recording)</b>  Gandhi, King, Mandela - Precursors of Transformative Mediation, the Next Stage of Conflict Resolution  (15 minutes + discussion)</p>	<p><b>Dr Ruth T. Nyamadzawo and Prof Geoff Harris</b>  <b>(International Centre of Non-violence, DUT)</b>   Using Action Research to develop an innovative program to involve children in changing attitudes to xenophobia  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Shobhana Radhakrishna</b>  <b>(Gandhi’s Sewagram Ashram in Maharashtra, etc.)</b>   Mahatma Gandhi’s spiritual humanism and ethical leadership  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Prof Anica Dubey</b>  <b>(USA)</b>   Women’s Health and Equity in Governance and Economic Education  (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Arvind Vora</b>  <b>(Chair of Long Island Multi Faith Forum, USA)</b>   Legal Profession &amp; Gandhi  (15 minutes + discussion)</p>
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12.00 – 13.00	<p><b>Plenary 2: Dr Elizabeth Williams (University of Edinburgh), Gandhi, King, Mandela: Legacies and African Women of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>   Hexagon Theatre</p>	Facilitator: Prof Herbert Moyo (UKZN)
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13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
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## 08 JUNE 2023 AFTERNOON & EVENING PROGRAMME

14.00 – 15.30	<b>Roundtables Session 2 (6 X Parallel Roundtables)</b>	
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<p><b>Robert Haswell</b>   <b>(Former Msunduzi Mayor)</b>          Gandhi's Seminal and Profound Influence on Mandela          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Prof. Alain Tschudin</b>  <b>(Director International Centre of Nonviolence, DUT)</b>           GMK - A Missing Link? L for Luthuli          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Mbali Sexwale</b>  <b>(Leader of SGI Buddhist Organisation, SA)</b>           Reclaiming the Fullness of our Humanity in a Digital Age          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr Thelela Ngetane-Vika &amp; Jesse Jackson Jr</b>  <b>(UKZN &amp; USA)</b>           Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela: Towards a Future of Non-Violent Engagement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Prof Jonathan Greenberg</b>  <b>(University of San Francisco Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice) (Recording)</b>          Against Religious Nationalism: Gandhi and King as Leaders of Interfaith Solidarity          (15 minutes + discussion) </p>	<p><b>Prof Jayanathan Govender</b>  <b>(UKZN)</b>   <i>Swaraj</i>, Doctrine of Discovery and Democracy: Indigenous peoples' self-governance in South Africa          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr. G.N. Subba Rao</b>  <b>(Univ. of Hyderabad)</b>   <b>(Recording)</b>          Gandhian Empowerment and Dalit Rural Youth: A Case of Fee Reimbursement, Youth Employment and Job Creation Scheme of Navaratnalu in Andhra Pradesh          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Uma Dhupelia-Mesthrie</b>   <i>Sarvodaya</i> and Co-operative Living: The Ideals of Phoenix Settlement and the Lived Experience          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Rev Sithembiso Zwane</b>  <b>(UKZN Ujamaa)</b>           Reality, Faith and Action: Migration through the lens of Gandhi, King and Mandela's Principles of Self-governance, Theology and Development.          (15 minutes + discussion)</p>	<p><b>Mr. Oomang Parag</b>  <b>(Public Service Co-ordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) SA)</b>           Using Social media to Prevent Gender-based Violence          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Kumu Gupta</b>  <b>(World Peace Prize nominee)</b>   <b>(Zoom Link)</b>          Violence Against Women and Global Peace, Not possible one without the other          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Ila Vora</b>  <b>(Long Island Multi Faith Forum, USA)</b>           Jainism and Gandhi          (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr. Fr. Busangokwakhe Dlamini</b>  <b>(Catholic Church, SA)</b>           Peace and Justice through Nonviolent Action          (15 minutes + discussion)</p>
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<p><b>Prof Priya Narismulu (UKZN, SA)</b> </p> <p>Decolonial agency that can regenerate ecosystems and transform societies (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Habila Kohon (SRPC Doctoral Student)</b> </p> <p>The role of Nigerian Christian leaders in mitigating conflict between Christian farmers and Fulani Muslim herders in the context of climate change (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Nhlanhla Landa &amp; Sindiso Zhou (University of Fort Hare, South Africa)</b> </p> <p>Linguistic Justice in Democratic South Africa's Higher Education Space: Mandela's Vision and Legacy (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Mr Alagan Annamalai</b>  <b>(Director of Gandhi Museum in Delhi)</b></p> <p>Talk on: Gandhi the Lawyer - Bringing Gandhi Legal and law practice exhibition to the conference (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr Vuyani Booi</b> <b>(Nelson Mandela Museum, Mthatha)</b> </p> <p>Nelson Mandela's Values, Philosophy and Legacy: How to Rekindle the Vision for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation (15 minutes + discussion)</p>	<p><b>Anand Sreekumar (Politics and International Relations, Univ. of Adelaide Aus)</b> </p> <p>The Spinning Wheel v/s the Bomb: Mapping the Contours of a Practical <i>Ahimsa</i> Nuclear Ethic (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Melanie P. Kumar (International Independent Journalist)</b> </p> <p>Peace Journalism for Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Prof Vaughn John (SoE, UKZN)</b> </p> <p>Mobilizing from Below for Nonviolent Change - The Alternatives to Violence Project (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Nicole Simpson (Author and Life Coach)</b> </p> <p>Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies: A Life Coach Perspective (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr Jacob S. Dorman (Nevada Univ.)</b> </p> <p>Indian Spirituality and Nonviolence in the African American Imagination (15 minutes + discussion)</p>	<p><b>Prof Mohd Ashaq Malik (PG College, Rajouri, India)</b> </p> <p>Gandhi, Mandela, King and Peace Education (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Mike Selby</b> </p> <p>Library Apartheid: Comparison of South Africa's and the United States' Denial of Library Services Based on Race (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr. Sarada Purna Sonty (USA)</b> </p> <p>The Story of the "Satyam-Shanthi-Shivam" Life of Gandhi (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Marybeth Zuhlke (Peace Learning Circles Program, Wisconsin, USA)</b>  <b>(Recording)</b></p> <p>Teaching servant leadership. 1. Peace Breath; 2. Message; 3. Rephrase; 4. Peace Apology; and 5. Ready, Set, Go. (incl. Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Caesar Chavez, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahlala) (15 minutes + discussion)</p> <p><b>Dr. Mike Frontier</b>  <b>(Circles of Peace, Wisconsin, USA) (Recording)</b></p> <p>Moving from Me to We: Using Cooperative Learning Methods to Teach Critical Social Skills (15 minutes + discussion)</p>
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15.30	<b>Tea</b>	
16.00 – 17.00	<b>Plenary 3: Dr Johnny Mack (Stanford)</b> <b>A Revolution of Values: The Urgency of Now</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Facilitator: Mr David Gengan
18.00 – 18.30	<b>Finger Dinner</b>	
18.45 – 19.50	<b>Meet the GMK Families</b>  <b>Commencement</b> <b>Engagement with representative of the GMK Families</b>	Facilitator: Mr Yunus Ismail Carrim with Mr David Gengan
19.50 20.30 20.35 20.55 21.05	<b>UKZN Drama Department, School of Arts</b> <b>Musical Item Chats Devroop</b> <b>GMK Dance Production – Lageshrie Dance Academy</b> <b>Musical Item: Nimesh Patel</b> <b>Closure</b>	Mr David Gengan



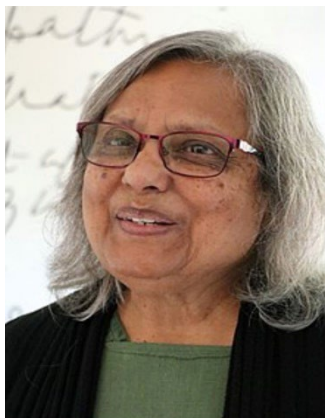
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**09 JUNE 2023 MORNING PROGRAMME**

<b>08.00 – 08.30</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
08.30 – 09.15	<b>Plenary 4: Professor &amp; Hon. Dr. Verne Harris (NMF) Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela: The Man and the Myth</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Facilitator: Mrs Raziah Saleh
09.15 – 10.00	<b>Presentation: Jonathan Kuttab Palestinian/ Israeli Conflict: Apartheid and the One State Solution</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Mr David Gengan
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Tea</b>	
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Panel 1: Gandhiji's Inter-Faith Message and Multi-Faith Relationship</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Chair: Homi D. Gandhi
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Panel 2: Current Gandhi Missions in Different Parts of the World and Local Communities</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Chair: Dr Sriram Sonty
<b>PANEL: A Revolution of Values: The Urgency of Now! Chair Koogan Pillay</b> Hexagon Theatre		
11.30 – 12.15	<b>Film: The Third Harmony: Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Chair: Koogan Pillay
12.15 – 13.00	<b>Panel 3: On the Film and A Revolution of Values</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Chair: Koogan Pillay
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14.00 – 15.00	<b>Plenary 5: Prof Dr Allan Boesak, Marching with the Shirtless and the Barefoot - Justice, Peace, and the Call for Revolutionary Reciprocity</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Facilitator: Mr Yunus Carrim
15.00 – 16.00	<b>Roundtable Reports and Conference Resolution</b>  Hexagon Theatre	Facilitators: Prof Nobuhle Ndimande- Hlongwa, and Prof Johnny Mack in consultation with Prof Jannie Smit and Mr David Gengan
<b>GMK Where do we Go from Here? Plan of Action Committee: Hon Dr Ela Gandhi, Prof Clayborne Carson, etc. etc.</b>		
16.00 – 17.00	<b>Closing Tea</b>	



## Conference Presidents



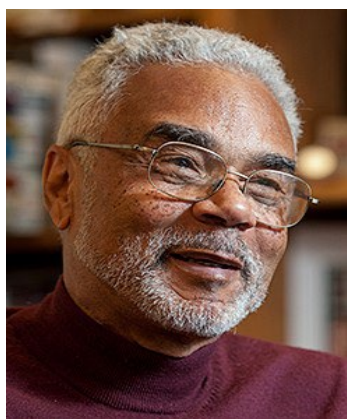
**Hon. Dr. Ela Gandhi** (born 1 July 1940), is a South African peace activist and former politician, and served as a Member of Parliament in South Africa from 1994 to 2004, under the first President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, the first democratically elected president of South Africa. She aligned with the ANC and represented Phoenix of Inanda in KZN, also serving on the Welfare, and Public Enterprises committees, amongst others. She has B.A. degree from the former Natal University and a B.A. in Social Science with honors from UNISA. She was a social worker with the Verulam Child and Family Welfare Society for 15 years and the Durban Indian Child and Family Welfare Society for 5 years.

During apartheid, Gandhi was banned in 1975 from political activism and subjected to house arrest for a total of nine years. She worked underground for an end to the system of apartheid. She was a member of the UDF, and was Vice President of the Natal Indian Congress. One of her sons was killed during the struggle against apartheid.

Following her stint in parliament, Gandhi developed a 24-hour program against domestic violence, founded the Gandhi Development Trust, and serves as a member of the Religious Affairs Committee, and oversees a monthly newspaper. She also chairs the Mahatma Gandhi Salt March Committee and the Mahatma Gandhi Development Trust, and served as the Chancellor of Durban University of Technology for several years.

Amongst Ela's awards, count the Community of Christ International Peace Award (2002); the Padma Bhushan award from the Government of India (2007); the Shanti Doot International Award (2013); the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman from the President of India in 2014; and was also honoured as a veteran of *Umkhonto we Sizwe*.

Her latest publication is, "Gandhi's Holistic Philosophy, Liberation and Village Life", available at: <https://doi.org/10.29086/2519-5476/2021/sp38c03>



**Prof. Dr. Clayborne Carson** is Emeritus Professor of History at Stanford University, USA, and was director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute. He has also directed the editing and publication of the Martin Luther King Jr. Papers, having joined the Civil Rights Movement leaders at a young age. He has a BA (1967) and MA (1971) in History from UCLA, and completed his PhD on Stokely Carmichael and the SNCC, in which he also participated in the 28 August 1963 march. He was a staunch participant in the Anti-Vietnam War movement, with one of his seminal research focuses, also being the importance of grassroots political action within the African-American freedom struggle.

As Professor of History, Carson lectured for more than 40 years, at Stanford University, on U.S. and African American History, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, the SNCC, the Black Panther Party, and seminal aspects of the civil rights struggle. He is a member of the American Historical Association (AHA); the Organisation of American Historians (OAH); the Social Science History Association (SSHA); the Association for the study of Afro-American Life and History (ASAALH); and the Southern Historical Association. He is too, a regular guest on TV and on radio stations in the US.

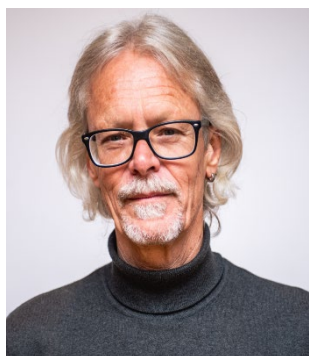
Amongst several books, count his *In Struggle: The SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960s* which was awarded the Frederick Jackson Turner Award in 1982, and was historical advisor the film, *Freedom on my Mind* which was nominated for an Oscar. Following a request from Coretta Scott King, Carson

also directed the project that edited and published The Martin Luther King Jr. papers, over a twenty year period.

Amongst the co-edited and co-authored books are: *The Eyes on the Prize Civil Rights Reader* (Penguin, 1991); *Malcolm X: The FBI File* (Caron and Graff, 1991); *American Voices: A History of the United States* (1998); *The Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jr.* (Grand Central, 2001); *A Call to Conscience: The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* (Warner Books, Inc., 2001); *African American Lives: The Struggle for Freedom*. Volumes I & II (Longman 2004); *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.* Volumes 1–4 (UC, 1992 – 2007); *The Martin Luther King, Jr. Encyclopedia* (Greenwood, 2008); *This Light is Ours: Activist Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement* (WW Norton & Co, 2009); *Stride Toward Freedom: Montgomery Story* (Beacon, 2010); *Civil Rights Chronicle: The African-American Struggle for Freedom* Publications International (2013); *Martin's Dream: My Journey and the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. A Memoir* (Palgrave, 2013);

As director of the MLK Research and Education Institute, Clayborne Carson, also hosted a screening of a documentary that he helped create called *I'm MLK, Jr.*, and in 2021, he was asked by President Joe Biden to serve as a member of the newly formed Civil rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

Carson has received numerous awards throughout his career, and also Honorary Doctorates from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (1995); Morehouse College (2007); Niagara University (2008); Westminster College (2015); as well as the Jannalal Bajaj Foundation Award (2018).



**Prof. & Hon. Dr Verne Harris** is Acting Chief Executive of the Nelson Mandela Foundation. He was Mandela's archivist from 2004 to 2013, directed the Foundation's archives programme for 15 years and the dialogue and advocacy programme for 5 years. He is an adjunct professor at the Nelson Mandela University. Prof Harris participated in a range of structures which transformed South Africa's apartheid archival landscape, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and is a former Deputy Director of the National Archives. He has authored or co-authored six books.

The most recent book published, is *Ghosts of Archive* (2021). He is the recipient of honorary doctorates from the University of Cordoba (Argentina 2014) and the University of Pretoria (South Africa 2023), held the Follet Chair at Dominican University (Chicago) in 2018 - 2019, received archival publication awards from Australia, Canada and South Africa, and both his novels were short-listed for South Africa's M-Net Book Prize. He has served on the Boards of *Archival Science*, the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, the Freedom of Expression Institute, and the South African History Archive.

### Keynote Plenary Speakers



**Prof. Dr. Judith Margaret Brown** is a retired academic from the UK. Born in India but educated in England, she taught in Cambridge, Manchester and Oxford. Her last post was as Beit Professor of Imperial and Global History in Oxford from 1990 to 2011. She is an Emeritus Professorial Fellow of Balliol College. Her academic links with South Africa go back to 1993. She has written widely on India in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and on the South Asian diaspora. She has been a governor of a number of Universities in the UK and was a founder member of the Scholars' Council at the Library of Congress, Washington DC. She is also a Priest in the Church of England.

Some select published books are, *Gandhi and Civil Disobedience: The Mahatma in Indian Politics 1928-1934* ([1977] 2008); *Modern India: The Origins of an Asian Democracy, Second Edition*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (1994); *Oxford History of the British Empire: The Twentieth Century*, Oxford and New



York: Oxford University Press (2001), with Louis, Wm. Roger (eds.); *Nehru: A Political Life*, New Haven and London: Yale University Press (2005); and [\*Global South Asians: Introducing the Modern Diaspora \(New Approaches to Asian History\).\*](#)



**Dr. Elizabeth M. Williams** is a historian and academic librarian and Heads up a team of Academic Support Librarians covering the 3 Colleges of the University of Edinburgh; the College of Science and Engineering, the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, the College of Arts Humanities and the Social Sciences. These Colleges incorporate 20-plus Schools and there are a growing number of research centres and institutes. Williams specialises in Modern British history and its relationship with Africa, the Caribbean and the African Diaspora including Black Britain.

She focuses on Britain's relationship with South Africa and her book *'The Politics of Race in Britain and South Africa: Black British Solidarity with the Anti-Apartheid Struggle'* examined this history (Bloomsbury, 2017). Williams also co-edits the new Taylor and Francis Journal *Black Histories: Dialogues*,

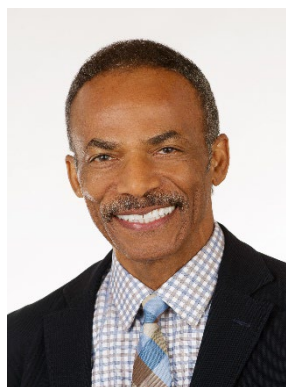
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The next book, *Black Britain and Nelson Mandela: Pulling the Branch of a Tree* (Bloomsbury, London) will soon be released. Williams is a seasoned lecturer visiting Europe, Americas, the Middle East and Africa.



**Dr. Johnny J. Mack** is the Associate Director of the World House Project at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, housed in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. He has extensive experience in social change, community development, and international relations. His professional background includes serving as the director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, president of Nelson Mandela Family Foundation, and the Drum Major Institute president.

Dr. Mack studies social change, social movements, and human development. His research focus is subsumed in his seminal work "After Confrontation, Then What?" It rearticulates nonviolence beyond the traditional understanding of resistance to a meta-logic using Martin Luther King Jr.'s call to restructure the social edifice with a "revolution of values" through "peaceable power." The framework explains Dr. King's peaceable power as direct, structural, and cultural nonviolence with strategic, conscientious, and cultural action components. He, thus, argues nonviolence is a meta-logic, with direct, structural, and cultural forms that counter-pose Johan Galtung's seminal conflict and violence triangles. Dr. Mack constructs the counter-pose of violence and nonviolence as a spectrum or alternative paths of change as articulated in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1967 book *Where Do We Go from Here, Chaos or Community?*

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