Rethinking Gandhi in Contemporary India
A Nand & Jeet Khemka Distinguished Lecture Series Panel

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Uday Singh Mehta is a Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the Graduate Center, CUNY, and is a political theorist whose work encompasses a wide spectrum of philosophical traditions. He has worked on a range of issues including the relationship between freedom and imagination, liberalism’s complex link with colonialism and empire, and more recently with issues of war, peace, and non-violence. He is the author of two books, The Anxiety of Freedom: Imagination and Individuality in the Political Thought of John Locke (Cornell University Press, 1992), and Liberalism and Empire: Nineteenth Century British Liberal Thought (University of Chicago Press, 1999). In 2002, he was named a Carnegie Foundation scholar. He is currently completing a book on war, peace, and nonviolence, which focuses on the moral and political thought of M. K. Gandhi. He was an undergraduate at Swarthmore College, where he studied mathematics and philosophy. He received his Ph.D. in political philosophy from Princeton University. He has taught at Princeton University, Cornell University, MIT, the University of Chicago, and the University of Pennsylvania.

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Thursday
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Panel
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Houston Hall (Ben Franklin Room)
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Reception
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
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