



**A H I M S A C E N T E R**  
NONVIOLENCE IN THOUGHT AND ACTION

## **THE DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE**

**A Cal Poly Pomona Initiative for Questions Democratic and Constitutional**

### **Inaugural Symposium**

March 10-11, 2023

California State Polytechnic University

Kellogg West Conference Center & Hotel, 3801 W Temple Avenue, Pomona

### **AFTER LIFE**

## **Identity and Indifference in the Time of Planetary Peril**

### **DAY 1**

**Friday, 10 March 2023**

9:00-9:15     *Welcome Note*

David Horner, Dean of College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS), Cal Poly Pomona

9:15-9:30     *Opening Remarks*

“From Civil Rights to Civic Resentment, and What Comes After”

Aishwary Kumar, Shri Shantinath Endowed Chair in Ahimsa Studies, Director of Ahimsa Center, and Associate Professor of History, Cal Poly Pomona

### **Session I**

9:30-11:00     *Partisans: In the Wake of Liberalism*

“After the Cold War”

Mitchell Stevens, Professor of Education & (by courtesy) Sociology, Stanford University

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“After Clinton”

Neil Chaturvedi, Associate Professor of Political Science, Cal Poly Pomona

**11:00-11:15      BREAK**

### **Session II**

11:15-12:45    *Techniques and Technologies: Of Representation*

“After Free Speech”

Davide Panagia, Professor and Chair of Department of Political Science, UCLA

“After Anthropology”

Kavita Philip, President’s Excellence Chair in Network Cultures, UBC-Vancouver

**12:45-1:45      LUNCH**

### **Session III**

2:00-3:30      *Justice: What Do Universities Owe Democracy?*

“After Identity Politics”

Liza Taylor, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Cal Poly Pomona

“After the Core”

Parna Sengupta, Vice Provost and Director of Stanford Introductory Studies, Stanford University

**3:30-3:45      BREAK**

### **Session IV**

3:45-5:15      *Scale: The Measure of Our Imagination*

“After Time”

Shahzad Bashir, Aga Khan Professor of Islamic Humanities & of History, Brown University

“After Apocalypse”

Ayana Jamieson, Assistant Professor of Ethnic and Women’s Studies, Cal Poly Pomona

## **END OF DAY 1**

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**DAY 2**  
**Saturday, 11 March 2023**

**Session V**

9:00-11:00     *Indifferences: The Future of Personhood*

“After Innocence”

Tesha Sengupta-Irving, Associate Professor of Learning Sciences & STEM Education, UC-Berkeley

“After Rationality”

Perna Singh, Mahatma Gandhi Associate Professor of Political Science, Brown University

“After the Death Penalty”

Jisha Menon, Professor of Theater & Performance Studies, Stanford University

11:00-11:15     **BREAK**

**Session VI**

11:15-12:15     *Disappointments: Of B. R. Ambedkar and W. E. B. Du Bois*

“After Hope”

Aishwary Kumar, Shri Shantinath Endowed Chair of Ahimsa Studies, Cal Poly Pomona, in conversation with Nahum Dimitri Chandler, Professor of Humanities, UCI

12:15-12:45     *AfterWord: Democracy after Violence*

12:45-1:45     **LUNCH**

**END OF DAY 2**