



Invitation to a public lecture by the author of *Affective Communities: Anticolonial Thought and the Politics of Friendship* and *The Common Cause: Postcolonial Ethics and the Practice of Democracy*

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## On Global Ethics: Some Histories and Practices

Gandhi offers a history of democracy alternative to the Euro-American narrative, identifies a shared culture of perfectionism within totalitarian, imperialistic and liberal powers at the turn of the 20th century, and highlights anticolonial and antifascist practices devoted to ordinariness and abnegation as exemplary of an ethic of moral imperfectionism. Her analysis on the relation of ethics to politics shows that a key to democracy's future is to be found in a postcolonial ethics of becoming common.