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Lecture by

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on

**Between Mao and Gandhi: Strategies of Violence and Nonviolence in
Nepalese Political Movements**

Martin Chautari Seminar Hall, Thapathali, 2 July 2013 (Tuesday), 3:00pm

From South Africa to Eastern Europe to the Arab Spring, nonviolent action has proven capable of overthrowing autocratic regimes and bringing about revolutionary political change. In fact, recent research suggests that nonviolent movements are three times more effective in achieving their goals than violent ones. So why do some political movements still believe it necessary to take up arms? This talk will explore the history of violent and nonviolent strategies employed in Nepal since 1950 and assess Nepal's experience within the larger global context of revolutionary struggles.

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