The course is centered upon the life and teachings of Mohandas K. Gandhi, examined in light of Indian religious traditions and other influences. We will examine Gandhi’s religious thought and activities in relation to the twin ideals of nonviolence (ahimsā) and truth (satya). The final section of the course is devoted to the study of a number of figures whose views may be fruitfully compared to those of Gandhi, including B. R. Ambedkar, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, J. Krishnamurti, Thich Nhat Hanh, and the Dalai Lama.

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