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# VANDANA SHIVA



***To celebrate International Women’s Day, CSW is hosting a lecture by the world-renowned philosopher, environmental activist, ecofeminist, and academic researcher on agricultural and women’s empowerment issues.***

*We are either going to have a future where women lead the way to make peace with the Earth or we are not going to have a human future at all.*

– Vandana Shiva

**B**ORN IN INDIA IN 1952, Vandana Shiva is a world-renowned environmental leader and theoretician. Director of the Research Foundation on Science, Technology, and Ecology, Shiva is a leader in the International Forum on Globalization, along with Ralph Nader and Jeremy Rifkin. She addressed the World Trade Organization summit in Seattle, 1999, as well as the World Economic Forum in Melbourne in 2000. In 1993, Dr. Shiva won the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize (the Right Livelihood Award). In 2010, she was awarded the Sydney Peace Prize for her commitment to social justice. The founder of Navdanya (“nine

seeds”), a movement promoting diversity and use of native seeds, she also set up the Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Ecology in her mother’s cowshed in 1997. Its studies have validated the ecological value of traditional farming and been instrumental in fighting destructive development projects in India.



Dr. Shiva is the author of many books, including *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development* (South End Press, 2010); *Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in an Age of Climate Crisis* (South End Press, 2008); *Earth Democracy: Justice, Sus-*



*Globalized industrialized food is not cheap: it is too costly for the Earth, for the farmers, for our health. The Earth can no longer carry the burden of groundwater mining, pesticide pollution, disappearance of species and destabilization of the climate. Farmers can no longer carry the burden of debt, which is inevitable in industrial farming with its high costs of production. It is incapable of producing safe, culturally appropriate, tasty, quality food. And it is incapable of producing enough food for all because it is wasteful of land, water and energy. Industrial agriculture uses ten times more energy than it produces. It is thus ten times less efficient.*

–Vandana Shiva



*tainability, and Peace* (South End Press, 2005); *Water Wars: Pollution, Profits, and Privatization* (South End Press, 2001); *Biopiracy: The Plunder of Nature and Knowledge* (South End Press, 1997), *Monocultures of the Mind* (Zed, 1993), and *The Violence of the Green Revolution* (Zed, 1992).

In addition to celebrating International Women's Day, her talk will serve as keynote address for a conference titled "Global Ecologies: Nature/Narrative/Neoliberalism," organized by Elizabeth DeLoughrey, UCLA; Jill Didur, Concordia University, Canada; and Anthony Carri-gan, Keele University, UK, and will take place at UCLA on March 8 and 9, 2013.

Dr. Shiva's lecture, which is presented by the Vice Provost of the Office of Faculty Diversity and Development, the Center for the Study of Women, and the organizers of Global Ecologies, will take place March 8, 2013, at 6 pm in Broad 2160 E. The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are required. For more information, visit: <http://www.csw.ucla.edu/events/vandana-shiva>.

For more information on Dr. Shiva's work, you can visit <http://www.navdanya.org>