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## **Gandhi's Three-Pronged Approach:**

**Personal Transformation, Nonviolent Resistance, and Construction**

Gandhi advocated a three-fold strategy that combines nonviolent resistance with personal transformation, and nonviolent construction (constructive program) of alternatives that can replace systemic violence in society. In this talk professor Vinthagen will explore both its possibilities and challenges in current contexts. He will argue that a problematic weakness accompanying an otherwise amazing surge of contemporary "protest movements" in the world, can be traced to a failure to either recognize or fully apply this strategy for radical social change.



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