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**CENTRE FOR COMPLEXITY ECONOMICS APPLIED SPIRITUALITY AND PUBLIC POLICY (CEASP)  
 JINDAL SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY (JSGP)**  
 invites you to a



## **VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION**



# **APPLIED SPIRITUALITY AND PUBLIC POLICY**

Panelists will be asked to talk about their work relevant to applying spirituality to public policy and address the opportunities and constraints that will be faced in seeking to apply universal spiritual understanding and values to public policy. This understanding incorporates the illusion of the egoic self, the false sense of separateness from each other and from nature, the shared consciousness and cosmic love shared by all. How can universal spiritual values such as compassion, authenticity, truth, integrity, love, etc. embedded in spirituality. guide public policy, the process and the policy makers? What might a university teaching and research agenda look like?

### **MODERATOR**



**PROF. NARESH SINGH**  
 Director, CEASP, JGU

### **PANELISTS**



**SWAMI SARVAPRIYANANDA**



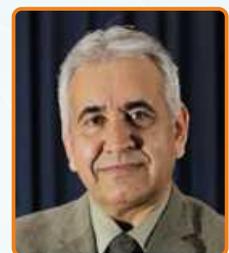
**RABBI MICHAEL LERNER**



**RAJIV MEHROTRA**



**REV. DR. JONI CARLEY**



**DR. MAHMOUD MASAELI**

**TUE | 24<sup>th</sup> NOV 2020**



**08:30 PM – 10:00 PM IST**  
**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM EST**

## BIOS OF PANELISTS

### SWAMI SARVAPRIYANANDA

Swami Sarvapriyananda is the Minister and Spiritual Leader of the Vedanta Society of New York since January 6, 2017. He is a Nagral Fellow for 2019-20 at the Harvard Divinity School. Prior to this, he served as assistant minister of the Vedanta Society of Southern California for 13 months, beginning on December 3, 2015.

Swami joined the Ramakrishna Math and Mission in 1994 and received sannyasa in 2004. Before being posted to the VSSC's Hollywood Temple, Swami served as an acharya (teacher) of the monastic probationers' training center at Belur Math. He has served the Ramakrishna Math and Mission in various capacities including being the Vice Principal of the Deoghar Vidyapith Higher Secondary School, Principal of the Shikshana Mandira Teacher Education College at Belur Math, and the first Registrar of the Vivekananda University at Belur Math.

### RABBI MICHAEL LERNER

Rabbi Michael Lerner is an American political activist, Psychotherapist, Spiritual Teacher, Innovator, and the editor of Tikkun, a progressive Jewish interfaith magazine based in Berkeley, California, and the rabbi of Beyt Tikkun Synagogue in Berkeley. Rabbi Lerner began his search for meaning in life at a young age and found a mentor and guide in Abraham Joshua Heschel, meeting him at the age of 12 and studying with him for over decades. Cornel West, professor of African American Studies at Harvard U. and author of Race Matters wrote: "Lerner is one of the most significant prophetic public intellectuals and spiritual leaders of our generation...". Intellectual wisdom and curiosity as well as spiritual depth have always been the foundation of his work and efforts, giving rise to many articles, books, and ultimately, Tikkun magazine including his book "Revolutionary Love" which directly addresses questions of applied spirituality and public policy.

### RAJIV MEHROTRA

Rajiv Mehrotra is an Indian writer, television producer-director, documentary film-maker, a personal student of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He is the Honorary Managing Trustee of The Foundation for Universal Responsibility ([www.furhhd.org](http://www.furhhd.org)), established with the Nobel Peace Prize.

He was educated at St Stephen's College and the Universities of Oxford and Columbia. He has authored nine books that have been published in more than 50 editions and languages. These include Mind of The Guru, Thakur-a Biography of Sri Ramakrishna and The Essential Dalai Lama. As an independent documentary filmmaker, commissioning editor and producer, Rajiv Mehrotra has won 32 National Awards in 34 years from the President of India. He serves as the Managing Trustee of The Public Service Broadcasting Trust, winning more than 300 awards worldwide from over 1,700 film festival selections. He is frequently invited to talk about His Holiness, on Buddhism, inter-faith harmony and issues related to the media. Rajiv Mehrotra has served on numerous Committees and Boards. He was a Judge for the Templeton Prize for Religion.

### REV. DR. JONI CARLEY

Rev. Dr. Joni Carley, author of *The Alchemy of Power: the invisible factors of leadership*, speaks and consults with business and non-profit leaders, and at the United Nations, on values-driven leadership and cultural development. She is a United Nations ECOSOC Representative, holds a Doctor of Ministry in *The Reinvention of Work*, is a board member of Transition Town Media, and writes for *Kosmos Journal* and *Huffington Post's* blog, *Thrive Global*. Also, an ordained inter-spiritual minister, Joni leads co-creative sacred celebrations

### DR. MAHMOUD MASAELI

Dr. Mahmoud Masaeli is a Canadian Iranian political philosopher, ethicist, spiritualist, poet, and a global think tank leader. His area of research concentration includes Global Ethics, Ethics of Global Development, Human Rights, Global Justice, and Hermeneutics of Selfhood. He also holds a special interest in universal spirituality. Mahmoud is the Founding President of Alternative Perspectives and Global Concerns, a global think tank network ([ap-gc.net](http://ap-gc.net)), Ambassador of the Parliament of the World's Religions, and an associate of the Dances of Universal Peace. Mahmoud has published extensively in global ethics, global development, cosmic consciousness, spirituality, and human rights.