



# INDIA CANADA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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announces its Panel Discussion at the **Festival of India**

**on Saturday, 08 August, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Building a Global Community – Prospects & Problems: Nepal – A Case Study**

**Dr. Noel Salmond and Ann Witteveen (Moderator: Dr. Nanduri Rao)**

The panel will discuss the impact of the recent earthquake in Nepal and the global response with a focus on Oxfams' recovery efforts and their work with local organizations to help build a sustainable future and ongoing relationships. There will also be a Gandhian perspective to the topic.

### **About the Speakers**



**Ann Witteveen** – Ann, who holds a B.Sc. in Chemistry and an M.A. in International Development, has worked on International Development and Emergency Relief in Asia and Africa since 1991. Before joining Oxfam Canada in 2012, Ann worked for Oxfam GB in the Southern Africa region, as the Deputy Regional Director (covering Angola, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Malawi and South Africa) and prior to that as the Country Director for Zambia. Ann's humanitarian experience is mainly in the food security sector where she worked as a technical expert in food aid, cash transfer and emergency livelihood programming Sudan, South Sudan and Southern Africa for Oxfam, Save the Children and the UN. At Oxfam Canada Ann manages the Humanitarian Unit which currently has active projects in Somalia, Ethiopia,

Uganda, Sudan, Vanuatu, Tanzania, West Africa (Ebola), Lebanon (Syrian refugee crisis), Mozambique, The Philippines and Nepal.



Educated at Upper Canada College, Bishop's University, and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, **Dr. Noel Salmond** has done an M.A. in the History and Philosophy of Religion from Concordia in Montreal. He studied Christian theology and then Sanskrit at McGill University obtaining his doctorate in Asian religions in 1999. Noel also studied South Asian art at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and held an internship in the Department of Oriental Antiquities at the British Museum. He has been a faculty research fellow with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute in India and a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society. His research interests include Religion & Visual Culture, Modernist Movements in Hinduism and Buddhism, Religion and discourses on the environment and Theories of Religion.

**Location: Ottawa City Hall, Laurier Avenue at Elgin Street, Ottawa**

**India Canada Friendship Circle (ICFC)**, a non-profit Canadian organization, operating in Ottawa since 2004 and conducting lectures by prominent speakers, encourages dialogue on India in a non-religious, non-partisan and harmonious environment. The words "friendship" and "circle" in its name, convey an explicit desire to forge and maintain close ties among Canadians with an interest in India.

ICFC's mission is to promote an intercultural relationship between India and Canada in the areas of philosophy, history, literature, the arts and sciences through prominent speakers.

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