

EARTH DEMOCRACY: HUMAN FREEDOM AND A FRAGILE PLANET

presentation
**Tues Oct 12
7:30 Prosser**

DR VANDANA SHIVA

**Internationally acclaimed Environmental Activist,
Physicist, Feminist, Philosopher, & Author**

**Fifth Peace and Justice Scholar
at Moravian College**

Vandana Shiva is an internationally known scientist, environmental activist, eco-feminist philosopher and author. Born in the valley of Dehradun, India to a mother who farmed and a father who was a conservation forester, she attended a boarding school as a young girl, went on to receive a B.S. in Physics, an M.A. in philosophy of science and a Ph.D. in particle physics in 1979 from the university of Western Ontario. She returned to India to do research in science, technology and environmental policy in Bangalore.

In 1982 she founded what is now the Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Ecology which gave birth to Navdanya a women-centered movement for cultural and biological diversity that has spawned a network of seed keepers and organic producers across India and has trained 500,000 farmers in food sovereignty and sustainable agriculture. She has been a champion for women and their role in sustainable agriculture, criticizing the current capital intensive large scale agriculture system that leads to the impoverishment of traditional farmers, the destruction of local communities, and the undermining of long-term soil and ecological stability. Dr. Shiva's work has also been critical of multinational corporations and international trade bureaucracies that have led among other things to the privatization of common resources such as water and seeds a practice called Biopiracy.

In 1993 she won The Right Livelihood Award (the Alternative Nobel Prize) for bringing women and ecology to the center of development discourse. In 1994, following GATT and NAFTA, Dr. Shiva helped in forming the International Forum on Globalization where she serves on the Board of Directors. In September, 2010 she was in Bhutan helping the country go totally organic. In November she will be in Sydney, Australia to receive the 2010 Sydney Peace Prize, "for her commitment to social justice" and in recognition of "her work on the empowerment of women in developing countries, her advocacy of the human rights of small farming communities, and her scientific analysis of environmental sustainability."

Free admission to all events

film
**Tues Sept 28
7:30 HUB-UBC**

Bullshit

TIME Magazine called Dr. Vandana Shiva a hero of our times, an icon for the young all over the world.

Her opponents call her "The Green Killer". They gave her "The Bullshit Award" for sustaining poverty. The film is about Vandana Shiva, globalisation, patenting, genetic engineering, bio-piracy, and indigenous knowledge.

Check out the trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpkYa4QLxTo>

Faculty Symposium on Vandana Shiva's EARTH DEMOCRACY

Moravian College Faculty from a variety of disciplines, including Economics, Environmental Sciences, Religion and others will present brief responses to Shiva's work, followed by discussion of all participants.

Everyone welcome! Bring your friends and colleagues!

symposium
**Thurs
Nov 4
4:00**

once in a lifetime event