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Who is Gene Sharp?
A Tribute to GENE SHARP

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“Sharp: The man who changed the world.”

- Editorial, Boston Globe, Feb. 12, 2011
“Thanks to Sharp, we can now realistically envision a world without war.”

- Sharon Erickson Nepstad | Professor of Sociology | University of New Mexico | Author of *Nonviolent Revolutions*
Sampling of Recent Media & Press Reports on GENE SHARP


**Al Jazeera English** - "Q&A: Gene Sharp", December 6, 2011.

**The Hindu** - "Philosophy of the Mahatma"  October 3, 2011.


**Foreign Policy Magazine** - Gene Sharp named to FP's 2011 Global Thinker's List, December, 2011.

GENE SHARP (born January 21, 1928) … is Professor Emeritus of political science at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. He is known for his extensive writings on nonviolent struggle, which have influenced numerous anti-government resistance movements around the world.

Gene Sharp is Senior Scholar at the Albert Einstein Institution. He founded the Institution in 1983, while still a professor at UMass Dartmouth.
Gene Sharp has been ...

“…hailed as the world’s top theorist of nonviolent strategy.”

“…cited as an inspiration by leaders of the campaign that brought the Mubarak regime down. “

“Sharp, a former University of Massachusetts professor who has written 11 books, is widely regarded as the godfather of nonviolent revolution. [His writings were] influential…during last year’s Arab Spring…taught in training workshops for Egyptian revolutionaries...used by activists in Zimbabwe, Estonia, Serbia, Vietnam, Burma and Lithuania. “

Gene Sharp described the sources of his ideas as in-depth studies of Mohandas K. Gandhi, A. J. Muste, [and] Henry David Thoreau to a minor degree.

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Sharp’s 1973 book based on his doctoral work, "The Politics of Nonviolent Action" (with Introduction by Thomas C. Schelling), was immediately hailed as a classic and the definitive study of nonviolent struggle.
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The Indian edition of the same book (1999) contained additionally a Foreword by Frederico Mayor, then Director-General of UNESCO.
In 2009 and 2012 he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

A feature documentary by Scottish director, Ruaridh Arrow, “How to Start a Revolution” about the global influence of Gene Sharp's work was released in September 2011. The film won "Best Documentary" and "The Mass Impact Award" at the Boston Film Festival in September 2011. The European premiere was held at London's Raindance Film Festival on October 2, 2011 where it also won Best Documentary. The film has been described as the unofficial film of the Occupy Wall St movement being shown in Occupy camps in cities all over the world. The film has been screened to MPs and Lords in the British Houses of Parliament and won a Scottish BAFTA award in April 2012. (Wikipedia)
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Gene Sharp’s 84 years of nonviolent revolution
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Thurs, Oct. 11, 6-9pm, UMassD (Sci&Eng, Room 227) Screening of Film, “How to Start a Revolution” followed by panel discussion

Fri., Oct. 12, 12 – 1:30pm, UMassD (Woodland Commons) Gandhi Distinguished Speaker Award 2012 UMD Center for Indic Studies co-sponsored by UMD Sustainability Initiative