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In collaboration with

The Department of Political Science, Berhampur University, Odisha
and
International Lincoln Center for American Studies, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, USA

Organize a
National Seminar
Dates: 24- 26 March 2023

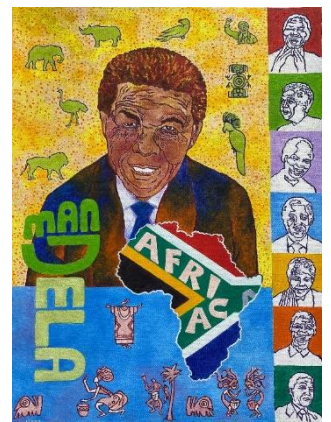
Seminar Venue: St. Vincent Retreat, Gopalpur-on-Sea, Odisha, India

Seminar Theme: "The Politics of Compassion: Lincoln, Marti, Gandhi, King, Mandela"



Concept Note

Twentieth-century intellectuals pondered what motivated political leaders following the post-WWI and the Great Depression turmoil. Political scientist, Harold D. Lasswell deployed Freudian theory to explain the rise of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin demonstrating how these dictators failed to have their psychological needs met during their youth, and turned to the acquisition of power to compensate. Two decades after Lasswell's pioneering work, psychologist Abraham Maslow suggested a hierarchy of individual's need satisfactions, which offered the hope that politicians could become benevolent and promote everyone's needs. Political scientist James C. Davies built on these earlier works that was followed by political scientist James MacGregor Burns, who argued that a few politicians engage in "transforming leadership" or moral leadership, which is the topic of this seminar. Such leaders tend to build on previous



moral leaders. For example, Lincoln served as an inspirational model for Jose Marti and Gandhi in their respective opposition to Spanish and British colonialism. Martin Luther King Jr. was also inspired by Lincoln as well as by Gandhi's moral leadership. Nelson Mandela became the Abraham Lincoln of Africa.



Keynote Speaker

A native Oregonian, **William Pederson** was born and reared in Eugene, home of the University of Oregon, where he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to the University of Oregon to complete his graduate work in political science. He accepted his first university faculty position in 1977 and became the holder of the first endowed chair at LSUS. In late 1982, Dr Pederson became the founding director of the International Lincoln Center at Louisiana State University Shreveport. Today the multidisciplinary program includes an annual Abraham

Lincoln Lecture (which in 1999 became the first LSUS event televised by C-SPAN); an annual Constitutional Democracy Lecture; the South's oldest presidential conference series; and the annual Washington, D.C. semester (the first independent one established at a public university in the South). Widely published, Dr Pederson's works include numerous books and articles with an emphasis on the presidency; the first cross-national study of prison camp revolts; and comparative politics.

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Registration Deadline: February 5, 2023

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