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### The Social Justice Rhetoric of the Women Nobel Peace Laureates

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In a cynical, war-weary world, how do women leaders convincingly promote peace and social justice to press for nonviolent social-change? By examining the rhetorical strategies used by women Nobel Peace Laureates such as Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi, Kenya's Wangari Maathai and Iran's Shirin Ebadi, Dr. Gorsevski demonstrates how appeals to nonviolence may act as effective peace-building modes in societies worldwide. The powerful cultural influence of women Nobel Peace Prize winners reveals how savvy communication strategies may act to foster justice and so transform violent, dictatorial, militaristic regimes into societies capable of genuine social change.

#### About the presenter:

An Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication, Dr. Gorsevski also actively contributes to the Peace and Justice interdisciplinary minor. Her current research on the contemporary rhetoric of peace-building has appeared in *Quarterly Journal of Speech* and *Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict*. She is author of the books *Peaceful Persuasion: The Geopolitics of Nonviolent Rhetoric* (SUNY Press, 2004) and the forthcoming *Dangerous Women: The Rhetoric of the Women Nobel Peace Laureates* (Troubador Publishing, 2012).