



IRAN:

40 YEARS AFTER

THE REVOLUTION

***FREE ADMISSION**

**Wed. January 16th
from 6:30 to 8:30pm**

**George Uari Computing and Engineering Centre (ENG103)
At Church St. and Gould**

Ramin Jahanbegloo

Ramin Jahanbegloo is a Gandhian scholar and a political philosopher. He is presently the Executive Director of the Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Nonviolence and Peace Studies and the Vice-Dean of the School of Law at Jindal Global University- Delhi-India. He has authored twenty-eight books in five languages on a wide range of topics, including *Iran: Between Tradition and Modernity* (2004), *Civil Society and Democracy in Iran* (2011), *Democracy in Iran* (2013), *The Global Gandhi* (2018), and *The Revolution of Values: The Moral and Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King Jr.* (2018). He received his B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy, History and Political Science and later his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Sorbonne University. In 1993 he taught at the Academy of Philosophy in Tehran. He has been a researcher at the French Institute for Iranian Studies and a fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. Dr. Jahanbegloo taught in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto from 1997 to 2001. He later served as the head of the Department of Contemporary Studies of the Cultural Research Centre in Tehran and, in 2006-07, was Rajni Kothari Professor of Democracy at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in New Delhi, India. In April 2006 he was arrested in Tehran Airport charged with preparing a “velvet revolution” in Iran. He was placed in solitary confinement for four months and released on bail. He was an Associate Professor of Political Science and a Research Fellow in the Centre for Ethics at University of Toronto from 2008 to 2012 and an Associate Professor of Political Science at York University in Toronto from 2012 to 2015. He is the winner of the Peace Prize from the United Nations Association in Spain (2009) for his extensive academic work in promoting dialogue between cultures and his advocacy for non-violence, and more recently won the Josep Palau i Fabre International Essay Prize. He is also a member of the advisory board of PEN Canada. Dr. Jahanbegloo is also the founder of a peace movement called *Students for Peace*, which has active members in India, Canada, and Colombia.