

FORUM

## Nonviolent Leadership and Respectful Communication



**Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

This Online Zoom Forum is offered by the Institute of World Culture, Santa Barbara, CA  
Presenter: Joseph Miller

Nonviolence in human relations means resolving disagreements without resorting to fearful coercion. Effective communication and respectful persuasion are necessary to nonviolent leadership. But what exactly is the power of persuasion? How do we morally assess persuasive acts? Should persuasion in itself be studied as an art? This meeting will explore themes and passages from Plato's dialogue, "Gorgias", named for the famous Athenian rhetorician. Distinctions between philosophy and rhetoric, dialogue and monologue, illumination and gaslighting will be examined. Oratory is necessary to democracy, and yet it so easily slips into a pandering to ignorance and prejudice for the sake of power. What are the possible safeguards to prevent this slip?

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