



The Gandhian Forum *for Peace & Justice* presents

Marijuana Legalization as a Social Justice Issue

For decades the main government approach to drug policy has been through law enforcement, a “war on drugs” that fills courts and prisons while doing little to reduce drug use. Recently popular support has been growing to legalize cannabis (marijuana), removing it from the class of drugs for which individuals can be prosecuted, and New Jersey may soon join other states where recreational use has been legalized or decriminalized. But this leaves many questions unanswered. How will we address the legacy of marijuana prosecutions? Does marijuana legalization challenge the dominant approach to drug policy or leave it in place? Is it time for a new and more just approach to drug policy? Please join us as we present a leading expert who will try to address these questions.

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