

Selected Opinion pieces/Op-ed's/Interviews/Public Lectures

1. **Interview: Ocalan and Gandhi share common principles:**
<https://english.anf-news.com/interview/kothari-Ocalan-and-gandhi-share-common-principles-85822>
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2. **Op-ed on The many parallels between Gandhi and Ocalan: Why Indians must show solidarity with Kurdish struggle:**
<https://www.newindianexpress.com/web-only/2025/Oct/28/the-many-parallels-between-gandhi-and-ocalan-why-indians-must-show-solidarity-with-kurdish-struggle>
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3. **Interview on the Kurdish Struggle for Democracy and Human Rights**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uX-wz1X9mI0>
August, 2025
4. **Op-ed on the embryonic link between the UDHR and the Indian Constitution:**
<https://thewire.in/rights/how-the-indian-constitution-and-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights-shaped-each-other>
September 5, 2025
5. **Article on Older Women and the Right to Adequate Housing**
Agency&Dignity #5 Newsletter, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Fall 2025
6. **Article on the importance of the UN's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) responding to the Covid-19 crisis:**
<https://www.openglobalrights.org/the-un-universal-periodic-review-must-respond-to-covid/?lang=English>
January 26, 2021
7. **Opinion piece on the 80th anniversary of Franklin Roosevelt's iconic 'Four Freedoms' speech:**
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/oureconomy/roosevelts-four-freedoms-werent-just-an-american-idea/>
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8. **Op-ed reflecting on Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to human rights, multilateralism and the UN:**
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9. **Op-ed recounting the episode in 1946 when India challenged the UN Charter:**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/when-india-challenged-the-un-charter/>
September 18, 2020

10. Opinion piece on the need to abandon ‘non-essentials’ in the post-Covid world:

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/oureconomy/we-are-doomed-if-post-covid-19-world-we-cannot-abandon-non-essentials/>

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11. Op-ed on the contribution of the UPR to the strengthening of UN Treaty Bodies:

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12. Op-ed on the need for a National Right to Homestead Act in the context of the migrant crisis brought about by Covid-19 in India:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/coronavirus-migrant-workers-the-call-of-home-6460561/>

15 June, 2020

13. Public lecture on Mahatma Gandhi, Human Rights, Multilateralism and the UN:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SdqrqPTN7c&t=17s>

8 December, 2019

14. Op-ed summarising the December 2020 lecture on India’s contribution to the UDHR:

<https://thewire.in/rights/indias-important-contributions-to-the-universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

20 December, 2018

15. Public Lecture on India's contribution to the UDHR:

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3 December, 2018

16. Opinion Piece on China’s attempts to undermine the international human rights regime:

<https://thediplomat.com/2018/03/chinas-trojan-horse-human-rights-resolution/>

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17. Opinion piece on the need for the UN human rights council to significantly increase its work on economic, social and cultural rights, in the face of growing global and national income inequality:

<http://www.ishr.ch/news/esc-rights-need-courageous-uncompromising-approach>

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- 18. Opinion piece highlighting the need for increased focus on the state of human rights defenders of economic, social and cultural rights:**

<http://www.ishr.ch/news/defenders-economic-social-and-cultural-rights-should-not-be-second-class>

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- 19. Op-ed on the need to expose human rights violations as a result of support for global sporting events by FIFA:**

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