

# Citation for Professor Ashis Nandy

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<b>Officiator:</b>	Dr Ian Gould
<b>Award recipient:</b>	Professor Ashis Nandy MA, PhD
<b>Award being conferred:</b>	Honorary Doctor of the University of South Australia (DUniv)
<b>Citation delivered by:</b>	Professor Pal Ahluwalia BA(Adv), MA, PhD, FASSA

**Chancellor, the University of South Australia awards the Honorary Doctorate Degree to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to public service or a field of academic endeavour. It is my pleasure to present to you Professor Ashis Nandy for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University, in recognition of his significant contribution to peace, intercultural respect and human rights, along with his considerable academic achievements.**

Professor Ashis Nandy has worked for more than three decades on two diametrically opposite domains of social existence – human potentialities or creativity and human destructiveness, particularly mass violence. The oscillation between these two domains has defined his life and work.

Professor Nandy is Emeritus Senior Fellow and Member of the Board of Governors at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi; a Distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Postcolonial Studies, Melbourne; the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Centre for Environment and Food Security, New Delhi; and a member of the Global Scientific Committee on Higher Education (UNESCO).

He was educated in sociology and clinical psychology at Calcutta, Nagpur and Gujarat universities. During the past 30 years he has served on commissions, hearings and investigations into communal riots, violence of development, crimes against women and electoral malpractices, and has been an office bearer in important human rights organisations. He has contributed to major human rights reports produced by civil rights groups and non-government organisations on democratic elections in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan and has been a juror in three Women's Courts of the Asian Women's Human Rights Council.

In 2007 the jury of the Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize awarded Professor Nandy its Grand Prize and in 2008 *Foreign Policy* magazine listed him as one of the world's top 100 public intellectuals.

Professor Nandy's books include *Alternative Sciences*, *At the Edge of Psychology*, *The Intimate Enemy*, *The Illegitimacy of Nationalism*, *Creating a Nationality*, and *The Tao of Cricket*. His works have been translated into several languages.

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