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Abdul Ghaffar Khan International Peace-BUILDER Award to be awarded to Professor Johan Galtung on Nov. 15th.2011

The American Muslim Alliance Foundation-AMA will honour Professor Johan Galtung, the founder of the academic discipline of peace studies with the Abdul Ghaffar Khan International Peace-BUILDER Award. Prof. Galtung receives this award for his relentless dedication to deepening the reciprocal understanding between Islam and The West. Abdul Ghaffar Khan (1890-1988) in whose name the prize is awarded, is also known as Sarhaddi Gandhi -the frontier Gandhi- and was a lifelong pacifist, a devout Muslim, and a close friend of Mahatma Gandhi.

In the tradition of Gandhi and Khan, Galtung has insisted for over half a century on the validity, efficiency and efficacy of constructive nonviolence as a means to end abuse, exploitation, social injustice and structural violence and has continued, time and time again, to point out positive, non destructive and mutually beneficial solutions for international conflicts. In September 2011, Johan Galtung was awarded the Erik Bye Memorial Prize and in December 2010, he received the Korean Demilitarized Zone Peace Prize for his 40 years of continuous peace building engagement for the peaceful reunification of the two Koreas.

The ceremony of the American Muslim Alliance will take place on Nov 15th 2011 in Washington D.C.¹

Johan Galtung (1930), known worldwide as the father of Peace Studies and is the recipient of numerous awards including the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize in 1987. He created the TRANSCEND Network for Conflict Transformation in 1993 and is currently the honorary president of the Galtung-Institut for Peace Theory and Peace Practice. Many international institutions, including the United-Nations often consult him for technical advice in terms of mediation and conflict transformation.

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Prof. Johan Galtung is to be awarded the Abdul Ghaffar Khan International Peace-builder Award

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