

# CGE Signature Global Dialogue

## *Lessons from South African Constitutional Negotiators: Moving Beyond Toxic Polarization in America*

Monday, **October 23, 2023**

4:00–5:15 p.m. *(doors at 3:50 p.m.)*

Alumni Memorial Room 210



### **Roelf Meyer and Mohammed Bhabha: Staunch Adversaries to Enduring Friends**

- Lessons for the United States on resolving deeply complex conflicts
- How to turn profound personal differences into pathways for negotiation
- The role of faith and humility in the birth of South Africa’s “Rainbow Nation”
- Taking the South African conflict resolution model global in negotiating peace and reform in MENA, the Balkans, Africa and Asia



**Roelf Meyer** is known for his role as the South African government’s chief representative in the 1993 negotiations to end apartheid and establish a democratic country. He served in the

cabinet of former President Nelson Mandela, and later became secretary-general of the National Party. Meyer has consulted on peace processes in Kosovo, Myanmar, Northern Ireland and Rwanda, among others.



**Mohammed Bhabha** is a former Member of Parliament, attorney and experienced negotiator. He was part of the African National Congress (ANC) team that negotiated

the final South African Constitution. Mohammed has worked on transitional and constitutional support projects in Kenya, South Sudan, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, Yemen, Palestine, Bahrain and Zimbabwe.



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