



## Book Launch Party!!

*Join Dr. Stellan Vinthagen  
in celebrating the publication of  
his new book*

# **A Theory of Nonviolent Action: How Civil Resistance Works**

In this ground-breaking and much-needed book, Stellan Vinthagen provides the first major systematic attempt to develop a theory of nonviolent action since Gene Sharp's seminal *The Politics of Nonviolent Action* in 1973. Employing a rich collection of historical and contemporary social movements from various parts of the world as examples and addressing core theoretical issues concerning nonviolent action in an innovative, penetrating way, Vinthagen argues for a repertoire of nonviolence that combines resistance and construction.

*“The author combines the sociologist’s rigor and the historian’s overview with the activist’s practical experience, resulting in a convincing synthesis - the first of its kind, and a fundamental book in its field.”*

Stefan Jonsson, Linköping University

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## **Amherst Books**

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**Monday, March 28, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

*Refreshments will be served*

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