

The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies,
Concordia University, presents

JOHN MARKS

President and Founder, Search for Common Ground

AN ILLUSTRATED MIGS PUBLIC LECTURE

BUILDING PEACE, ONE SOAP OPERA AT A TIME

Thursday, 17 November 2011

6 p.m.

Hall Building Room H-110

A MIGS WORKSHOP SERIES PRESENTATION

COMMON GROUND'S SOCIETAL APPROACH TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Friday, 18 November 2011

10:30 a.m.

Library Building, Rudé Seminar Room, LB-1014

John Marks is the President and founder of Search for Common Ground, a non-profit conflict resolution organization with offices in 25 countries. He also founded and heads Common Ground Productions. He wrote and produced *The Shape of the Future*, a four-part TV documentary series that was simulcast on Israeli, Palestinian, and Arab satellite TV, and he is executive producer of *The Team* TV and radio serial drama broadcast in 17 countries, which tells the story of an inter-ethnic soccer team.

Along with his wife, Susan Collin Marks, he is a Skoll Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship. He is a former US Foreign Service Officer and Executive Assistant to the late US Senator Clifford Case. A graduate of Cornell University and recipient of an honorary doctorate from the UN's University for Peace, he was a Fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics and a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School. He is a best-selling, award-winning author and a Senior Ashoka Fellow.

