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

## **JOHN MARKS**

President and Founder, Search for Common Ground

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## BUILDING PEACE, ONE SOAP OPERA AT A TIME

Thursday, 17 November 2011 6 p.m.
Hall Building Room H-110

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## 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.















