



# Syria Resilient SERIES

Fall 2016



## *Little Gandhi*

Screening followed by a discussion with filmmaker Sam Kadi, Brian Dooley, Dylan Connor and Ş. İlgü Özler

December 7, 2016, 6.30 – 9.00 PM

Screened before members of U.S. Congress, *Little Gandhi* (93 min.) tells the heart-wrenching tale of iconic Syrian peace activist Ghiyath Matar, dubbed “Little Gandhi” for his strict code of nonviolent protest.

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**Sam Kadi** is a Syrian-American filmmaker who has been recognized by Cinema For Peace for raising awareness of human rights issues through motion pictures. He received a Humanitarian Service Award by the Life for Relief and Development Organization, and was asked to speak before the International Criminal Court at The Hague. He is the director and producer of the award winning feature drama *The Citizen* (2013).

**Brian Dooley** is director of the Human Rights Defenders program at Human Rights First in Washington, DC.

**Dylan Connor** is a singer/songwriter devoted to raising awareness about the Syrian crisis. His song “Man of Peace” was written for *Little Gandhi*.

**Ş. İlgü Özler** is director of the SUNY Global Engagement Program and Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at SUNY New Paltz.

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