



The Crisis in Xinjiang/East Turkestan: Latest Developments and International Implications

The international conference is part of [Festival of Democracy](#), the accompanying program of Forum 2000 Conference.

VENUE: Conference Hall, Sněmovní 7, Prague 1, <https://www.snemovni7.com>

TIME: Thursday October 17, 2019, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Mass arbitrary detention of Uyghurs, Kazakhs, and individuals belonging to other, mostly Muslim nationalities in political reeducation camps in China's northwestern Xinjiang region, also known as East Turkestan, is among the most controversial phenomena seen by the world in the 21st century. Yet this unprecedented measure is merely one of multiple aspects of China's extreme reengineering of local Muslim societies. These also include family separations, forced labor, ubiquitous technological surveillance, and uprooting of religious, linguistic, and cultural practices. As the atrocities committed by Chinese authorities in East Turkestan invite comparisons with mass incarcerations and crimes against humanity committed elsewhere in the world, the crisis has also become an irritant of China's relations with a part of the international community. This debate brings together activists and experts who will discuss latest developments in East Turkestan and their international implications.

PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:15 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

9:15 – 10:15 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Gardner Bovingdon, Indiana University

The Current Crisis: Taking the Long View

10:15 – 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 12:45 PANEL I (*Presentations of 15-20 minutes followed by discussion.*)

Chair Ondřej Klimeš

Rushan Abbas (President of the Campaign for Uyghurs)

The Impact of the Current Atrocity on Uyghurs

Dolqun Isa (President of the World Uyghur Congress)

International Reactions to East Turkistan Crisis and China's Bullying and Blocking UN Human Rights Mechanisms

Enver Can (Chairman of the Ilham Tohti Initiative)

The Impact of Ilham Tohti on the Diaspora Uyghur Advocacy

Vanessa Frangville (Université libre de Bruxelles)

Engaging with a Uyghur Refugee Diaspora in Development: The Belgian Case

Filip Jirouš (Sinopsis.cz)

Digital Leninism in East Turkestan: The Xinjiangization of the Whole Country

12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH (*Conference venue*)

14:00 – 16:15 PANEL II: (*Presentations of 15-20 minutes followed by discussion.*)

Chair Gardner Bovingdon

Halmurat (President of UyghurAid)

Uyghur Plight is Not Only a Uyghur Problem

Olsi Jazexhi (Aleksander Moisiu University, Durres)

Observations from Official Press Tour to Xinjiang and China's Vocational Training Centers

Gene Bunin (Founder and curator of the Xinjiang Victims Database)

Forget about the Camps and Focus on the Prisons: The Trends and Victims behind the Recent Incarcerations in Xinjiang

Rune Steenberg (University of Copenhagen)

To Walk and Chew Gum at the Same Time: Solidarity with the Ethnic Minorities of Xinjiang and Whom Else?

Ondřej Klimeš (Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences)

The “Two-Faced Persons” Campaign: Elimination of Xinjiang Ethnic Elites

16:15 – 16:30 CLOSING REMARKS

18:00 - DINNER (Venue TBD)

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