



East Turkestan: 60 Years under the People's Republic of China
Past, Present and Future
18 – 19 May 2009
Washington DC, USA

- Programme -

Monday 18 May

10.30 **Registration:** National Endowment for Democracy

11.00 – 12.00 **Introduction / Opening Session**

Opening statements

- **Rebiya Kadeer**, President, World Uyghur Congress (WUC)
- **Marino Busdachin**, General Secretary, UNPO
- **Carl Gershman**, President, National Endowment for Democracy
- **Mr. Hans Hogrefe** (Director of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission)

12.00 – 13.30 **Panel I -- “The War on Terror; persecution, stigmatization and preventive strike”**

Panelists:

- **Moderator:** Mr. Alim Seytoff (General Secretary, Uyghur American Association)
- **Mr. T. Kumar** (Advocacy Director, Asia & Pacific, Amnesty International USA)
- **Ms. Sarah McKune** (Human Rights in China)
- **Dr. Sophie Richardson** (Advocacy Director, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch)

Q & A Round

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 **Panel II -- “Religious Freedom; constitutional right in vain?”**

Provisional Panelists:

- **Moderator:** Henryk Szadziewski
- **Ms. Kara Abramson** (Advocacy Director, Congressional-Executive Commission on China)
- **Ms. Louisa Coan Greve** (Director of East Asia, National Endowment for Democracy)
- **Ms. Amy Reger** (Principal Researcher, Uyghur Human Rights Project)

Q & A Round

16.00 – 16.15 Break

16.15 – 17.45 **Panel III -- “Meaningful Autonomy & Politics of Demography; economic, social and cultural challenges”**

Provisional Panelists:

- **Moderator: Ms. Louisa Coan Greve** (Director of East Asia National Endowment for Democracy)
- **Mr. Ulrich Delius** (Director Asia, Society for Threatened Peoples)
- **Dr Joshua Cooper** (Hawaii Institute for Human Rights)
- **Senator Marco Perduca** (Italian Senator)

Q & A Round

Tuesday 19 May

08.30 – 10.30 **Panel I -- “The War on Terror; persecution, stigmatization and preventive strike”**
Round table discussion on future policy

10.30 – 10.45 Break

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