CONFERENCE PROGRAMME (FINAL, 30 Aug)

**The Xinjiang Crisis: Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, Justice**

The Boiler House, Newcastle University

(YouTube live stream links for each session available for download from the conference webpage)

**WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER**

**09:00-09:10 OPENING REMARKS:**

Jo SMITH FINLEY, Reader in Chinese Studies, Newcastle University

Prof. Peter HOPKINS, Professor of Social Geography, Newcastle University

**09:10-09:30 CONTEXT**

Prof. James MILLWARD (Georgetown University):

**History of the Crisis in the Uyghur Autonomous Region: Trends in Development and Assimilation V**

**09:30-10:30 PANEL 1: Difficulties around Evidence Gathering**

Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Universite libre de Bruxelles):

**The Role of Testimonies in Documenting and Assessing the Uyghur Crisis**

Imogen ROGERSON COSTELLO (The Rights Practice):

‘**Expose the judicial activities of the court to the sun’ (SPC President Zhou Qiang in 2016): Limits to judicial transparency in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region**

Ursula GAUTHIER (former China correspondent for French news organization L'Obs)

**Difficulties in Covering the Uyghur Issue, Before and After the Internment Camps**

Megha RAJAGOPALAN (former China correspondent for Buzzfeed News)

**Reporting on Xinjiang: A Journalist’s Perspective**

Chair: Prof. John HEATHERSHAW (University of Exeter)

**10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45-11:30 CLOSED SESSION 1: Issues Relating to Testimonial Evidence** (Robert Boyle Lecture Theatre, G.42, Ground Floor, Armstrong Building)

**11:30-13:00 PANEL 2 Evidencing Linguistic, Cultural and Religious Destruction**

Nathan RUSER (Australian Strategic Policy Institute) and Prof. James LEIBOLD (La Trobe University):

**Cultural Erasure & Re-writing: How China is Using State Cultural Protection to Erase Islamic and Indigenous Cultures from Xinjiang V**

Ablimit BAKI ELTERISH (University of Manchester):

**Reshaping the linguistic and cultural landscape of Kashgar**

Hanna BURDORF (Newcastle University):

**From ‘Bilingual Education’ to ‘National Language Education’ in Xinjiang: A 'Creeping' Linguicide**

Dilmurat MAHMUT (McGill University) **V** and Jo SMITH FINLEY (Newcastle University):

**Corrective ‘Re-Education’ as (Cultural) Genocide in the Uyghur Region: Content Analysis of Children's Textbook *Til-Ädäbiyat* (rev. 2018)**

Timothy A GROSE (Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology):

**‘Uyghurs are Uyghurs. They Aren’t Muslim, and We Must Make This Concept Clear:’ Secular Conversions in Xinjiang V**

Chair: Prof. John PACKER (University of Ottowa)

**13:00-14:00 LUNCH**

**14:00-15:15 PANEL 3: Evidencing Birth Prevention and Forced Labour**

Nathan RUSER (Australian Strategic Policy institute) and James LEIBOLD (La Trobe University) - presented by James Leibold

**Family De-planning: The Coercive Campaign to Drive Down Indigenous Birth-rates in Xinjiang** **V**

Darren BYLER (Simon Fraser University):

‘**Smart’ Workhouses, Unfree Labor and Uyghur Futures in Northwest China V**

Adrian ZENZ (European School of Culture and Theology; Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation):

**Coercive Labor and Forced Human Displacement in Xinjiang’s Cross-Regional Labor Transfer Program**

Nyrola ELIMÄ (Supply Chain Analyst, Helsingborg, Sweden):

**In Broad Daylight: Researching Supply Chains Affected by Forced Labour in the Uyghur Region**

Chair: Yonah DIAMOND (Counsel, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights) **V**

**15:15-16:45 PANEL 4: Evidencing Psychological (or Mental) Harm**

Sam TYNEN (Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences):

**Crimes Against Humanity: Mental and Psychological Harm and Survival**

Rahima MAHMUT (World Uyghur Congress):

**Gendered Violence: Experiences of Uyghur and Kazakh Women**

Rian THUM (University of Manchester):

**Residential Schools, Orphanages, and the Forcible Transfer of Children in Xinjiang V**

Emily UPSON (Newcastle University):

**Uyghur Proof-of-Life Videos and their Implications for International Concern**

Dilnur REYHAN (INALCO: French National Institute for Oriental Studies; European Uyghur Institute, Paris):

**Why is the designation of genocide important to Uyghurs? Horror viewed from the perspective of victims**

Chair: Nury TURKEL (Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, Washington DC) **V**

**16:45-17:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**17:00-18:15 PANEL 5: Is What’s Happening in Xinjiang ‘Genocide’?**

Magnus FISKESJÖ (Cornell University):

**Genocide and Cultural Genocide in China V**

David TOBIN (University of Manchester):

**Anti-Colonial Genocide in Xinjiang**

Rune STEENBERG (Palacký University, Czech Republic):

**Mass Incarceration in Xinjiang in a Global Perspective: Metaphors, Propaganda and Context**

Erin Farrell ROSENBERG (Senior Fellow, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights)

**The Intent to Destroy ‘In Part’ under Article 2(d) of the Genocide Convention**

Chair: A. Dirk MOSES (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**19:00 – 20:00 INTER-FAITH SOLIDARITY EVENT, Newcastle Central Mosque** – with Rabbi Aaron Lipsey (Chair, Newcastle Council of Faiths), Jo Smith Finley, Hanna Burdorf and Nick Megoran (Newcastle University) and Rahima Mahmut (World Uyghur Congress)

**20:30 CONFERENCE DINNER**

Ottoman Turkish Restaurant, 32 Clayton St West, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5DZ

0191 340 2838, [info@ottomanturkish.co.uk](mailto:info@ottomanturkish.co.uk) (Omar)

**THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

**09:00-10:15 PANEL 6: NGO Reports: Crimes Against Humanity (CAH) in Xinjiang**

Sophie RICHARDSON (Human Rights Watch)

**‘Break Their Lineage, Break Their Roots’: China’s Crimes against Humanity Targeting Uyghurs and Other Turkic Muslims V**

Jonathan LOEB (Amnesty International)

**‘Like We Were Enemies in a War’: China’s Mass Internment, Torture, and Persecution of Muslims in Xinjiang** **V**

Aina SHORMANBAYEVA (International Legal Initiative, ILI)

**The Xinjiang Crisis through Victims’ Eyes**

Chair: Prof. Penny GREEN (Queen Mary University, London)

**10:15-10:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30-11:45 PANEL 7: Demonstrating State Intent to Genocide**

Adrian ZENZ (European School of Culture and Theology; Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation):

**Birth Prevention and Population Control in Xinjiang: An Analysis of Additional Evidence**

Ondřej KLIMEŠ (Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences):

**Does China’s ethnic governance in Xinjiang manifest an intent of genocide?**

Elise ANDERSON (Uyghur Human Rights Project):

**The Question of Intent in the Uyghur Genocide**

SEAN R. ROBERTS (George Washington University):

**Why is China doing what it is doing in its Uyghur region? V**

Chair: Prof. Azeem IBRAHIM (Newlines Institute for Strategy and Policy)

**11:45-12:30** **KEYNOTE SPEECH 1**

Schona JOLLY QC (Chair of the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales):

**Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and the Responsibility of States to Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, China: Can international law step in where diplomacy stands still?**

**12:30-14:15 LUNCH**

**[13:15-14:15 Simultaneous session: ‘Stop Uyghur Genocide’ Campaign Workshop,** (Seminar Room 1.06, 1st Floor Armstrong Building)

With Mia Hasenson-Gross (Rene Cassin), Rahima Mahmut (World Uyghur Congress), and Dilnur Reyhan (INALCO: French National Institute for Oriental Studies; European Uyghur Institute, Paris).]

**14:15–15:30 ROUNDTABLE 1: How Does Xinjiang Compare with Earlier Genocides?**

Roger LU PHILLIPS (Syria Justice and Accountability Centre)

**Political Persecution or Genocide: Lessons from the Khmer Rouge Tribunal**

Hanno SCHEDLER and Jasna CAUSEVIC (Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker)

**Denialists: Lessons from the Genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina V**

Daniel FEIERSTEIN (Centro de Estudios sobre Genocidio, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero) – Discussant **V**

Penny GREEN (Queen Mary University of London) – Discussant

Mark LEVENE (University of Southampton) - Discussant

Chair: A. Dirk MOSES (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**15:30-15:45 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:45-17:00** **ROUNDTABLE 2: Upholding UK responsibilities to protect in Xinjiang - What does this mean in policy terms?**

Kate FERGUSON (Protection Approaches)

Sophie RICHARDSON (Human Rights Watch) **V**

Mr Tom TUGENDHAT MP (Chair, UK Foreign Affairs Committee) **V**

Stephen KINNOCK MP (UK House of Commons)

Nusrat GHANI MP (UK House of Commons)

Chair: Tatyana EATWELL (Barrister)

**17:00-18:15 ROUNDTABLE 3: Assessing Avenues for UN Engagement on The Atrocities Against the Uyghurs**

Sarah M BROOKS (International Service for Human Rights)

Ewelina OCHAB (Coalition for Genocide Response)

Nicola MACBEAN (The Rights Practice): **Human rights and development: are the UN SDGs helpful in challenging China’s treatment of the Uyghurs?**

Arsalan SULEMAN (Foley Hoag LLP) **V**

Baroness Helena KENNEDY QC (Patron: Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice) **V**

Stephen KINNOCK MP (UK House of Commons)

Chair: Erin Farrell ROSENBERG (Senior Fellow, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights)

**18:30 COMMEMORATION EVENT for Turkic victims, Martin Luther King Statue**

With Nusrat Ghani MP (UK House of Commons), Rahima Mahmut (World Uyghur Congress), Dilnur Reyhan (INALCO: French National Institute for Oriental Studies; European Uyghur Institute, Paris), Ablimit Baki Elterish (Manchester University), Nyrola Elimä (Independent researcher), Aina Shormanbayeva (International Legal Initiative Foundation), Nick Megoran, Jo Smith Finley and Hanna Burdorf (Newcastle University).

**FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**

**09:00-10:15 ROUNDTABLE 4: Response(ibility) of International Institutions and Corporations**

Siobhan ALLEN (Global Legal Action Network) and Eva PILS (Kings College London) **V**:

**International legal strategies in respect of the situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR)**

Laura MURPHY (Sheffield Hallam University):

**State-Sponsored Forced Labour in The Uyghur Region and Current Failures of Corporate Social Responsibility / Due Diligence** **V**

Alicia HENNIG (TU Dresden, IHI Zittau):

**The ‘Case for Ethics’ and Reflections from Business Ethics on the Situation in Xinjiang, China V**

Nusrat GHANI MP (UK House of Commons)

**Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Committee** **report: Uyghur forced labour in Xinjiang and UK value chains**

Rachel HARRIS (SOAS, University of London):

**Uyghur Heritage and the Charge of Cultural Genocide in Xinjiang: What Role Should UNESCO Play?**

James McMURRAY [(University](mailto:j.mcmurray@sussex.ac.uk) of Sussex)

**Academic Action and Scholarly Responsibility - How Should Universities Respond to the Xinjiang Crisis?**

Chair: Kate Ferguson (Protection Approaches)

**10:15-10:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30-11:45 PANEL 8: PRC Domestic Law, the Xinjiang Camps and Transnational Advocacy**

Eva PILS (King’s College London):

**Legal-political transnational advocacy against China’s crimes in Xinjiang V**

Donald CLARKE (George Washington University):

**Legal Aspects of Xinjiang Detentions: Points of Argument regarding Chinese Domestic Law** **V**

TENG Biao (City University of New York):

**The Concentration Camps and Genocide in the Chinese Political and Legal Context V**

ANONYMOUS (team representative from Youtube channel ‘Nothing Happened 冇事发生’)

**The Shouts of a Handful of the Younger Generation: Discordant Notes in the CCP’s Grand Narrative**

Chair: Nusrat GHANI MP (UK House of Commons)

**11:45-13:00 ROUNDTABLE 5: Pursuing Reparations for Xinjiang Harms: International Legal Channels, and Individual vs. State Responsibility**

Rodney DIXON QC (Temple Garden Chambers)

**Advancing the Case at the ICC for the Uyghurs V**

Marie MARTIN (Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network)

**The Urge for ‘Durable Solutions’: Uyghur Exiles and the Principle of ‘Safe’ Countries of Transit**

John PACKER (University of Ottawa)

**Missteps and Myths of Genocide: The International Law of State Responsibility**

James GOLDSTON (New York University School of Law) **V**

**Pathways to Legal Accountability**

Erin Farrell ROSENBERG (Senior Fellow, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights)

Chair: Michael POLAK (Barrister)

**13:00-14:30 LUNCH**

**[****13:45-14:30 Simultaneous CLOSED SESSION: Possibilities around Universal Jurisdiction,** (Robert Boyle Lecture Theatre, G.42, Ground Floor Armstrong Building)

James Goldston (OSJI), Roger Phillips (SJAC), Memet Loqman (barrister@The Hague), Michael Polak (barrister), Tatyana Eatwell (Barrister), Erin Farrell Rosenberg (Senior Fellow, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights), John Packer (University of Ottawa), Aina Shormanbayeva (ILI Foundation) and others]

**14:30-16:00 ROUNDTABLE 6: States’ Responsibility To Protect Before Genocide**

Tatyana EATWELL (Barrister):

**Preventing Genocide: Addressing Crimes Against Humanity and Gross Human Rights Violations through the Framework of the Genocide Convention and the Obligation to Prevent Genocide**

Luke DE PULFORD (Coalition for Genocide Response; Coordinator, IPAC):

**Debating the Uyghur Crisis in the UK Parliament**

Tim LOUGHTON MP (UK House of Commons)

Kate FERGUSON (Protection Approaches)

Nury TURKEL (Hudson Institute, Washington DC) **V**

**What now? Policy and Legal Options for the U.S. Government to Ending the Uyghur Genocide**

Rushan ABBAS (Campaign for Uyghurs, Washington DC) **V**

Chair: Michael POLAK (Barrister)

**16:00-16:15 COFFEE BREAK**

**16:15-17:15 KEYNOTE SPEECH 2**

A. Dirk MOSES, Frank Porter Graham Distinguished Professor of Global Human Rights History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Senior Editor, *Journal of Genocide Research*

**The Diplomacy of Genocide**

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