

A WAY FORWARD, part 2

Defending human rights in

CHINA

Thursday, January 14, 2021 • 9:00 am to 11:00 am ET



EVENT PROGRAM

Please note that all times are approximate and subject to change

PANEL 1: CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS & WHAT HAPPENED IN 2020 - 9:00 AM EST / 2:00 PM GMT / 3:00 PM CET

Welcome and introduction by **Charles Burton** (moderator), *Co-Chair, A Way Forward Conferences | Senior Fellow Macdonald-Laurier Institute | Non-Resident Senior Fellow, European Values Center for Security Policy*

Opening remarks by **Dean Baxendale**, *Co-Chair, A Way Forward Conferences | CEO, Optimum Publishing International | Chair of the China Democracy Foundation*

Panel discussion featuring:

- **Carolyn Bartholomew**, *Vice-Chairman, US/China Economic and Security Commission*
- **Reinhard Bütikofer**, *Chair, Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, European Parliament, Co-Chair, IPAC*

PANEL 2: DEFINING HUMAN RIGHTS - 9:30 AM EST / 2:30 PM GMT / 3:30 PM CET

Panel discussion featuring:

- **Benedict Rogers**, *Co-Chair, A Way Forward Conferences | Co-founder and Chief Executive of Hong Kong Watch*
- **Teng Biao**, *Professor and Human Rights Lawyer | Carr Center for Human Rights Policy*
- **Rahima Mahmut**, *UK Project Director of the World Uyghur Congress and Advisor to IPAC*

PANEL 3: HOLDING CHINA TO ACCOUNT & FUTURE ENGAGEMENT WITH CHINA - 10:10 AM EST / 3:10 PM GMT / 4:10 PM CET

Panel discussion featuring:

- **Mareike Ohlberg**, *Senior Fellow in the Asia Program, German Marshall Fund*
- **Stephen Kinnock**, *MP, Shadow Foreign Minister for Asia, UK Labour Party*
- **Irwin Cotler**, *Professor of Law, Founder and Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, and Co-Chair of IPAC, Canada*



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**PARTICIPANT BIOS**

All participants are listed in order of appearance in the program

Charles Burton (moderator)

*Co-Chair, A Way Forward Conferences | Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute |
Non-Resident Senior Fellow, European Values Center for Security Policy*



Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute, Centre for Advancing Canada's Interests Abroad and Non-Resident Senior Fellow, European Values Center for Security Policy. Department of Political Science at Brock University specializing in Comparative Politics, Government and Politics of China, Canada-China Relations and Human Rights, 1989-2020. Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy to China between 1991-1993 and 1998-2000. Previously worked at the Communications Security Establishment of the Canadian Department of National Defence.

PhD 1987 from the University of Toronto after studies at Cambridge University (Oriental Studies) and Fudan University (History of Ancient Chinese Thought Program, Department of Philosophy, class of '77). Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Post-Doctoral Scholar in Political Science at University of Alberta, 1986-88.

He has published extensively on Chinese and North Korean affairs and Canada-China relations and has been commissioned to write reports on matters relating to Canada's relations with China for agencies of the Government of Canada. Charles is a frequent commentator on Chinese affairs in newspapers, radio and TV.

Dean Baxendale

*Co-Chair, A Way Forward Conferences | CEO, Optimum Publishing International |
Chair of the China Democracy Foundation*



Dean Baxendale is a publisher, marketer and print management expert with a demonstrated history of working in the advertising, publishing and direct response marketing fields. Baxendale has spent his career as a writer, educator and communications specialist. He graduated from BCIT in 1980 and attended Simon Fraser University for economics and started his Magazine publishing career with Southam Communication in Vancouver in 1980. He worked with Optimum in the early 80's and worked in Montreal and Toronto. He developed some of the first global networks for sharing data, creative and editorial talent, while helping digital print on demand expand around the world. He ran a mid-sized print communications company in Toronto from 2007 to 2015 and sold and merged the company with another Toronto competitor. He was part of the IPN International Printers Network from 2000 to 2016, where he helped to facilitate Global Public Relations and Communications. He ran for politics in Ontario in 2016 before dedicating his time to relaunching Optimum Publishing International in 2017. He is currently the president of Optimum Publishing International.

PANEL 1: CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS & WHAT HAPPENED IN 2020

Carolyn Bartholomew

Vice-Chairman, US/China Economic and Security Commission



Chairman Carolyn Bartholomew was reappointed to the Commission by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2021. She previously served as the Commission's Chairman for the 2007, 2009, 2017, and 2019 report cycles and served as Vice Chairman for the 2006, 2008, 2010, 2016, 2018, and 2020 report cycles.

Chairman Bartholomew has worked at senior levels in the U.S. Congress, serving as counsel, legislative director, and chief of staff to now House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. She was a professional staff member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and also served as a legislative assistant to then U.S. Representative Bill Richardson.

In these positions, Chairman Bartholomew was integrally involved in developing U.S. policies on international affairs and security matters. She has particular expertise in U.S.-China relations, including issues related to trade, human rights, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Vice Chairman Bartholomew led efforts in the establishment and funding of global AIDS programs and the promotion of human rights and democratization in countries around the world. She was a member of the first Presidential Delegation to Africa to Investigate the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Children and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations' Congressional Staff Roundtable on Asian Political and Security Issues.

In addition to U.S.-China relations, her areas of expertise include terrorism, trade, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, human rights, U.S. foreign assistance programs, and international environmental issues. She is a consultant to non-profit organizations and served on the board of directors of the Kaiser Aluminum Corporation from 2007 to 2020.

Reinhard Bütikofer

Chair, Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, European Parliament, Co-Chair, IPAC



Reinhard Bütikofer is a Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA). He sits on the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), where he serves as Greens/EFA foreign affairs spokesperson, and on the Committee on International Trade (INTA) as a substitute member. He is the Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China as well as a member of the Delegation to the United States and a substitute member of the ASEAN Delegation.

From 2012 to 2019 he was co-chair of the European Green Party. Before getting elected to the European Parliament in 2009, Mr. Bütikofer was the Co-Chair of the German Green Party BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN (from 2002 until 2008). He was the party's Secretary General from 1998 until 2002. Prior to that he served as the Chair of the Greens in the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg. From 1988 until 1996 he served as a Member of the Baden-Württemberg State Parliament. His engagement with the German Greens began when he was elected as a member of the city council in Heidelberg in 1984.

Besides his positions in the party and parliament Mr. Bütikofer is a member of the Europe/Transatlantic Advisory Board and the General Assembly of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, the NABU Club, the German-Israeli Society and the German-Chinese Dialogue Forum, as well as the DGAP and the IISS.

PANEL 2: DEFINING HUMAN RIGHTS

Benedict Rogers

Co-Chair, A Way Forward Conferences | Co-founder and Chief Executive of Hong Kong Watch



Benedict Rogers is a human rights activist and writer, and the co-founder and Chief Executive of Hong Kong Watch, which he helped establish in 2017, shortly after he was denied entry to the city on the orders of Beijing. He is also Senior Analyst for East Asia at the international human rights organisation CSW, co-founder and Deputy Chair of the UK Conservative Party Human Rights Commission, a member of the advisory group of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) and a member of advisory committee of Stop Uyghur Genocide. He is a trustee of several other charities, including the China Democracy Foundation, author of six books, a regular speaker around the world and a frequent contributor to international media, including the BBC, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The New York Post*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Diplomat*, *The Spectator*, *CapX*, *Conservativehome.com*, *The Catholic Herald*, *The Tablet* and others. He has testified at hearings in the US Congress, the British Parliament, the Canadian Parliament, the Japanese Parliament and the European Parliament. He lived in Hong Kong from 1997-2002 and has spent much of his life in and around China, but has also worked on Burma/Myanmar, North Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan and other parts of the Asia-Pacific region. He is based in London and has an MA in China Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London..

Teng Biao

Professor and Human Rights Lawyer | Carr Center for Human Rights Policy



Dr. Teng Biao is an academic lawyer, currently Grove Human Rights Scholar at Hunter College, and Pozen Visiting Professor at the University of Chicago. He had been a lecturer at the China University of Politics and Law (Beijing), a visiting scholar at Yale, Harvard, the New York University, and the Institute for Advanced Study. Teng's research focuses on criminal justice, human rights, social movements, and political transition in China. Teng defended cases involving freedom of expression, religious freedom, the death penalty, Tibetans and Uyghurs. He co-founded two human rights NGOs in Beijing – the Open Constitution Initiative, and China Against the Death Penalty, in 2003 and 2010, respectively. He is one of the earliest promoters of the Rights Defense Movement in China and the manifesto Charter 08, for which Dr. Liu Xiaobo was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Teng has received various international human rights awards including the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic (2007).

Rahima Mahmut

UK Project Director of the World Uyghur Congress and Advisor to IPAC



Rahima is an Uyghur singer, human rights activist, and award-winning translator of the poignant prison memoir *The Land Drenched in Tears* by Soyungul Chanisheff. Her latest work includes working as a consultant and translator for the ITV documentary *Undercover: Inside China's Digital Gulag* shown July 2019 which won many major awards including a BAFTA TV and International Emmy on current affairs in 2020. Currently, she is the UK Project Director of the World Uyghur Congress and Advisor to the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China.

PANEL 3: HOLDING CHINA TO ACCOUNT & FUTURE ENGAGEMENT WITH CHINA

Mareike Ohlberg

Senior Fellow in the Asia Program, German Marshall Fund



Mareike Ohlberg is a senior fellow in the Asia Program of the German Marshall Fund. She previously worked at the Mercator Institute for China Studies, where she co-authored the landmark report '*Authoritarian Advance: Responding to China's Growing Political Influence in Europe*'. Her articles have been published in the *New York Times*, *Foreign Affairs* and *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*.

Stephen Kinnock

MP, Shadow Foreign Minister for Asia, UK Labour Party



Since 2015 Stephen has been the Labour Member of Parliament for Aberavon in the House of Commons, UK Parliament. In April 2020, Stephen was promoted to Shadow Foreign Office Minister with responsibility for Asia and the Pacific. In addition, Stephen is currently a member of the Committee on the Future Relationship with the European Union; Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Groups for Post Brexit Funding for Nations, Regions and Local Areas and Reuniting Britain Post Brexit; Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Steel and Metal Related Industries.

Stephen is the author of '*A New Nation: Building a United Kingdom of Purpose, Patriotism and Resilience*', *Policy Press* (2015) and co-author of '*Spirit of Britain, Purpose of Labour*', *Labour Future Ltd* (2018)

Irwin Cotler

Professor of Law, Founder and Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, and Co-Chair of IPAC, Canada



The Honourable Irwin Cotler is Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, longtime Member of Parliament, international human rights lawyer, counsel to prisoner of conscience, and Founder- Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights.

A constitutional, comparative, and international human rights scholar, Professor Cotler is the author of numerous publications and seminal legal articles, and has intervened in landmark Supreme Court of Canada cases in the areas of free speech, freedom of religion, minority rights, peace law and war crimes justice; he has also intervened before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Israel, the Cour de Cassation of Egypt, and the International Criminal Court.

As Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Irwin Cotler initiated the first-ever comprehensive reform of the Supreme Court appointment process and helped make it the most gender-representative Supreme Court in the world; appointed the first-ever aboriginal and visible minority justices to the Ontario Court of Appeal; initiated the first-ever law on human trafficking; crafted the Civil Marriage Act, the first-ever legislation to grant marriage equality to gays and lesbians; issued Canada's first National Justice Initiative Against Racism and Hate; quashed more wrongful convictions in a single year than any prior Minister.

Professor Cotler made the pursuit of international justice a government priority, including initiating the first ever prosecution for genocide in Rwanda under the War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Genocide Act; led the Canadian delegation to the Stockholm Conference on Conscience and Humanity; participated in the first G7 meeting of Ministers of Justice; and affirmed Canadian leadership in the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine.