

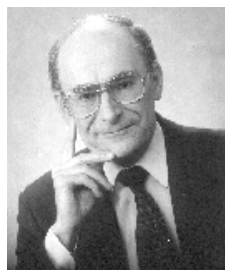
“Balancing the scales with China”

International experts discuss current issues that have global repercussions

Australia and the world are looking to China with both excitement and fear. Financial anticipation is tied to the boom of the Chinese economy, yet quality of consumer goods, an increasing military buildup and unceasing reports of human rights abuse are among a range of growing concerns. The need to understand China, economically, socially and politically is becoming essential for a growing number of Australians.

Join a panel of international experts who will present rare insights into contemporary China, offering ways to negotiate balanced, sustainable responses to change taking place there today and into the future.

Panelists:



David Matas, Esq., renowned Canadian human rights lawyer, senior legal counsel and accomplished writer, awarded the 2007 Tarnopolsky Human Rights Award for his contributions to domestic and international human rights.

David Matas has served as a member of Canadian delegations to the UN General Assembly, the UN Conference on an International Criminal Court, the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust and is the Director of the International Centre for Human Rights & Democratic Development. He is co-author of the report Bloody Harvest Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China 2006/7 with David Kilgour.

Erping Zhang, Executive Director of the Association for Asian Research (USA)

Mr Zhang's graduate degrees include a Masters from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and MPA degree as a Mason Fellow from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard. An expert on Asian issues, he served as a panel speaker in Geneva, the European Parliament and the US Senate. At the Forum Mr Zhang will talk about the West's perception of China VS the true face of China's ruling regime, Information control and censorship

Dr Elliott Fan, Research Fellow, Australia National University

Dr Elliot Fan has a PhD in Economics and is a research fellow at the Social Policy Evaluation, Analysis and Research (SPEAR) Centre, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU. At the Forum Dr Fan will talk about the position of Australia and China within the global economy. People think that China is rich – where is the money going, and rich VS poor in China.



Louise Pratt, MLC for East Metropolitan Region WA

Louise is a member of the CIPFG, an avid supporter of human rights, social, economic and environmental sustainability and economic equality and will be chairing the Forums.

VIP & MEDIA FORUM

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday 17 September 2007

Free entry (limited to 40 seats)

Please meet in Foyer at 1:50 pm

WA State Parliament House

PUBLIC FORUM

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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Free entry (limited to 300 seats)

Social Sciences Lecture Theatre 352:G139

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