



**Tuesday, October 17**

## **Panel and Film Screening**

**3:30 – 6:30 PM**

**Victims of Communism Museum**

**900 15th Street NW Washington, D.C. 20005**

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### **Reception**

**3:30 – 4:00 PM**

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### **Welcome**

**4:00 – 4:02 PM**

•Karina Lipsman, Director of Government Relations, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

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### **Opening Remarks**

**4:03 – 4:08 PM**

•Amb. Andrew Bremberg, President, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

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### **Film Screening: “China and the Uyghus”**

**4:10 – 5:35 PM**

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### **Panel Discussion: “Beijing’s Ongoing Repression of the Uyghurs”**

**5:40 – 6:40 PM**

•Dr. Adrian Zenz, Senior Fellow in China Studies, Victims of Communism Memorial •Foundation

(moderator)

- Rushan Abbas, Executive Director, Campaign for Uyghurs
  - Tahir Hamut Izgil, Uyghur poet and camp survivor (invited)
  - François Reinhardt, Director, “China and the Uyghurs” (invited)
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**Wednesday, October 18**

## **China Forum 2023**

**8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**The Mayflower Hotel**

**1127 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, D.C. 20036**

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### **Coffee & Registration**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM**

### **Debut Screening of new Witness Project film featuring Rushan Abbas**

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### **Opening Remarks**

**9:05 – 9:20 AM**

- Amb. Andrew Bremberg, President, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation
  - Adrian Zenz, Ph.D. Director and Senior Fellow in China Studies, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation
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### **Keynote Address (Virtual Presentation)**

**9:25 – 9:45 AM**

- Matthew Pottinger, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution
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### **Uyghur Forced Labor: Dissecting Beijing’s Systems of Coercive Work for Ethnic Minorities**

**9:50 – 11:20 AM**

This panel will discuss Beijing’s forced labor schemes targeting ethnic minorities and rural workers, including industry-based forced labor in sectors such as cotton, tomatoes, and polysilicon, coercive labor transfer of rural surplus workers, and forced labor linked to the Xinjiang internment camps. Panelists will discuss issues and challenges surrounding the implementation of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA). The panel will highlight recent developments in research on how forced labor risk enters global supply chains from

China, implicating Western businesses in Beijing's human rights atrocities, as well as research-based policy responses for governments and businesses.

- Dr. Adrian Zenz (moderator and presenter) – Director and Senior Fellow in China Studies, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation
- Virginia Wake, Asia Investigations Branch Chief, US Customs & Border Protection
- John Foote, Partner, Kelly Drye & Warren LLP
- Additional panelists to be announced soon!

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## **Power and Responsibility: How Beijing's Human Rights Record is Shaping Diplomacy and Foreign Policy**

**11:25 AM – 12:55 PM**

From the halls of Brussels and Washington to Geneva and New York, Beijing is increasingly being scrutinized for its human rights record, hindering its efforts to present itself as an emerging great power and responsible player on the world stage. Western diplomats and policymakers are thus rethinking China's role in major spheres of multilateral cooperation, from the United Nations and the European Union to diplomatic efforts around Ukraine, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. This panel will assess Beijing's multi-pronged strategy to make the world "safe for autocracy," fend off criticisms of its human rights practices, and influence international bodies in ways that undermine the principles of democratic governance. Experts will discuss available tools and specific actions the US and its allies can take to address this challenge.

- Ambassador Andrew Bremberg (moderator) – President, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation
- Matthew Turpin, Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution
- Additional panelists to be announced soon!

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## **Luncheon and Screening of Short Video**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

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## **Sunlight and Shadows: How Western Businesses Are Responding to Entanglement in Beijing's Malign Activities**

**2:00 – 3:20 PM**

As evidence continues to mount showing how Beijing's human rights abuses are linked to global markets, Western businesses are under increasing pressure to "de-risk" their supply chains and fully comply with new legislation such as the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act. This panel will discuss how companies and investors find themselves supporting human rights violations in Xinjiang and China's problematic economic practices, and how they are dealing with this problem. It will assess Beijing's use of financial incentives and coercion to co-opt Western business, fund its oppression of Uyghurs, strengthen its economy through unfair competition,

and influence national governments. Topics will include how Beijing uses Western capital markets to finance malign activities such as its surveillance, military modernization, and arbitrary detention, and how governments and businesses can reform due diligence practices to address this challenge.

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### **Interview and Q&A Session**

**3:20 – 3:40 PM**

- Dr. Adrian Zenz, Senior Fellow in China Studies, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (interviewer)
  - Cai Xia, Editor-in-Chief, Yibao magazine
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### **Coffee Break**

**3:40 – 3:50 PM**

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### **Towards Accountability: Pursuing Legal Action on the Xinjiang Atrocity Through International Mechanisms**

**3:50 – 5:20 PM**

Despite global condemnation of Beijing's atrocities in Xinjiang multiple governments have declared amount to genocide and crimes against humanity, the Chinese regime continues to maintain its repressive policies under the pretext of counterterrorism. Meanwhile, Beijing has used its powerful sway in international bodies such as the UN to prevent the initiation of an independent investigative or accountability mechanism such as was possible for recent crimes in Syria, Iraq, and Myanmar. This panel will discuss international legal mechanisms for holding the perpetrators to account, including from multilateral bodies in the UN and The Hague to national governments imposing Magnitsky-style sanctions or exercising universal jurisdiction. It will assess the status and prospects for specific legal actions, and what is needed from governments and the international community to ensure their success, including effective documentation and analysis of available evidence.

- Sareta Ashraph (moderator and presenter) – Visiting Fellow of Practice, Oxford University
  - Additional panelists to be announced soon!
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### **Closing Remarks**

**5:20 – 5:25 PM**

- Amb. Andrew Bremberg, President, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation