



50 YEARS AFTER TEST 596: CHINA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAMME IN EAST TURKESTAN AND ITS IMPACT TODAY

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

BUSDACHIN, Marino

After serving as UNPO Executive Director from 2003-2005, Mr Busdachin was elected as UNPO General Secretary in 2005. He was a member of the Extra-ordinary Executive Board of the Transnational Radical Party (2000-2002), and is currently a member of the General Council of TRP. He led the TRP to recognition by the UN as an NGO of the first category, and led and coordinated the TRP in the former Yugoslavia (1991-1993) and in the Soviet Union (1989-1993). He founded the NGO "Non c'e' Pace Senza Giustizia" in Italy (1994-1999), as well as founding and serving as President of No Peace Without Justice USA (1995-2000). Mr Busdachin campaigned for the establishment of the International Criminal Court.

ISA, Dolkun

General Secretary of the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) Dolkun Isa is a former student-leader of the pro-democracy demonstrations at Xinjiang University in 1985 and 1989. He was dismissed from university but completed his physics degree via independent study, and went on to receive a Master's degree in Politics and Sociology from Gazi University in Turkey and a degree in computer science in Munich. After enduring persecution from the Chinese government, Isa fled China in 1997 and sought asylum in Europe, and became a citizen of Germany in 2006. Through his continued activism for the rights of Uyghurs worldwide, Mr Isa has remained under observation and persecution by the Chinese government, and faces constant pressure to curtail his travel and work.

KNOTH, Robert and DE JONG, Antoinette

Freelance photographer Robert Knoth has covered some of the major conflicts in Africa, Asia and the Balkans, and has been widely publicized by the New York Times, The Guardian, Der Spiegel, Sydney Morning Herald, La Repubblica and Moscow Times. Netherlands based writer, photographer and broadcaster Antoinette de Jong has covered developments in Afghanistan and Pakistan extensively, and has featured on radio and television and includes documentaries for the BBC World Service and background feature reportages for VPRO and Radio Netherlands World Service.

Knoth and De Jong have been working together on various books and exhibitions. *Certificate no. 000358/*, a project about the impact of several nuclear disasters in the former Soviet Union has won them much international acclaim. The work has been shown to a wide audience in more than 70 places around the world. Recently, Knoth and de Jong visited the Fukushima region with Greenpeace in the autumn of 2011 to bear witness to the effects wrought on the region by the nuclear fallout, leading to the online photographic exhibit "Shadowlands."

LALANNE, Dominique

Nuclear physicist Dominique Lalanne is chair of Abolition 2000 Europe and co-chair of Armes nucléaires STOP-France. An expert on nuclear disarmament and the links between nuclear power and nuclear weapons, he has contributed to many debates in the European Parliament against nuclear weapons.

LANDSBERGIS, Vytautas

Vytautas Landsbergis, a Lithuanian MEP in the Group of the European People's Party (EPP) since 2004, is Vice Chair to the European Parliament's Delegation to the EU-Armenia, EU-Azerbaijan and EU-Georgia Parliamentary Cooperation, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence, as well as a member of the Delegations for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. He was the first head of state of Lithuania after its independence declaration from the Soviet Union.



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METTEN, Vincent

As EU Policy Director of the International Campaign for Tibet, Vincent Metten works to promote EU initiatives for defending and strengthening human rights in Tibet. He has previously worked as National Detached Expert of the Belgian Ministry for Defense to the European Commission, and as an adviser on International issues at the Office of the Belgian Minister for Defence.

OJULAND, KRISTIINA

Kristiina Ojuland, an Estonian MEP in the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE), is a member of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. From 1994 until her election as a MEP, she has been Member of the Estonian Parliament and served as Estonia's Foreign Minister between 2002-2005.

ROGUE, Jean-Marie

Jean-Marie Rogue is EU Liaison Officer at FIDH, the International Federation for Human Rights. A political scientist graduated in EU politics (MA) and Human Rights (MA), Mr. Rogue is in charge of advocacy to the European Union in Brussels in coordination with the FIDH International Secretariat, the International Board and 164 Member Organisations. FIDH has regularly fed in the EU-China human rights dialogue since its creation. It has also taken part in the Legal Seminar which takes place in its framework. FIDH has conducted advocacy on the improvement of the dialogue process and has called on the EU and Member States to include human rights on top of the EU-China political agenda and to envisage forms of interaction with China on these issues beyond the dialogue.

SCHEDLER, Hanno

Born in Göttingen, Hanno Schedler studied Political Science, Sociology and Sinology in Eichstätt and Trier and has worked with the German Society for Threatened Peoples since 2008 as Deputy Head of their Asian Department.

TOHTI, Enver

While working as a cancer surgeon in Urumqi, East Turkestan, Dr. Enver Tohti secretly and systematically recorded the details of cancer cases after he became alarmed at the disproportionately high rates of the disease amongst Uyghur patients. In 1997 Dr. Tohti leaked his findings to a team of Western journalists who were making a documentary film Death on the Silk Road about the nuclear tests. This documentary was broadcast in over 80 TV channels including Japan and the UK (on Channel 4). As a result, Dr. Tohti was forced to leave China and was granted refugee status in the UK in 1999.

TÓKÉS, László

László Tóké, a Romanian MEP in the Group of the European People's Party (EPP) since 2009, is a former Vice President of the European Parliament, a member of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Committee on Culture and Education, as well as a member of the Delegation for Relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo. Being a member of the Hungarian minority in Romania, since 2003 he serves as the President of the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania.