The Uyghur Crisis in China
Adversity, Advocacy, Activism

A public event sponsored by the UCLA Islamic Studies Program, the Center for Near Eastern Studies (CNES), and the UCLA Promise Institute for Human Rights

Saturday, November 16, 2019
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
UCLA Campus, Royce Hall, Room 314

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A panel of experts will discuss the ongoing human rights crisis in northwestern China (Xinjiang/East Turkestan). Panelists will focus on the history of the Uyghur community, ethnicity and religion in China, international relations, and human rights advocacy.

PANELISTS

Jessica Batke is a Senior Editor for ChinaFile. An expert on China’s domestic political and social affairs, she served as the State Department’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research Analyst for nearly eight years prior to joining ChinaFile.

Darren Byler received his Ph.D. from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington in 2018. His research focuses on Uyghur dispossession, culture work, and securitization in the city of Urumchi, the capital of Xinjiang. He has published on the ethnography of Islam in China, transnational Chinese cinema, and travel and representation.

Nury A. Turkel is an attorney in Washington, D.C. specializing in regulatory compliance. Mr. Turkel also is founder and Chair of the Board for the Uyghur Human Rights Project, a documentation-based advocacy organization. He formerly served as president of the Uyghur American Association.

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