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Announcement on the formation of the Uyghur Legal Initiative, Policy Advisory Team, and Research Team of the URAP

January 14, 2022

Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project is pleased to announce the establishment of the Uyghur Legal Initiative, the Policy Advisory Team, and the Research Advisory Team comprised of dedicated professionals and experts with the aim of further promoting the rights of the Uyghurs, who are currently subjected to ongoing atrocity crimes including genocide and crimes of humanity, by the Chinese Communist Party.

Numerous independent legal scholars, experts as well as the London-based Uyghur Tribunal have concluded that the Chinese government is committing atrocity crimes, including crimes against humanity and genocide, against the Uyghurs.

The Uyghurs are subjected to, among other things, widespread surveillance, mass arbitrary detentions, physical torture, sexual and gender-based violence including sexual torture, forced sterilization, killings, deportation and forceful transfer of population, persecution, enforced disappearances, and the forcible transfer of children.

States and international institutions have a responsibility to act, without delay, to protect the Uyghurs and to promote their rights. Lawyers, policy-makers, and researchers have a role to play in mobilizing international legal systems to take these actions.

To address this pressing need, the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project has set up teams of legal professionals, policy experts and researchers.

The Uyghur Legal Initiative will navigate and explore domestic and international legal systems, in Canada and globally, and pursue various mechanisms to address the ongoing Uyghur genocide and commission of other atrocity crimes against the Uyghurs. The Policy Advisory Team will focus on policy initiatives in Canada and globally, to advance Uyghur human rights. Finally, the Research Advisory Team will focus on the investigation of High-Tech Chinese companies that have strong exposure in the Canadian markets and strong ties and collaboration with the Chinese government's ongoing atrocities and crimes against the Uyghurs.

The Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project salutes these dedicated lawyers, policy experts, and researchers, and is committed to working with them to use the proper legal and political mechanisms to seek justice and to hold those responsible to account.

The Uyghur Legal Initiative is formed by the following members:

Sarah Teich

David Matas



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John Packer

Clive Ansley

Yonah Diamond

Azeezah Kenji

The Policy Advisor Team is formed by the following members:

David Kilgour

Charles Burton

Margarett McCuaig Johnston

Marcus Kolga

Scott Simon

The Research Advisory Team is formed by the following:

Conor Healy

Geoffrey Aharon



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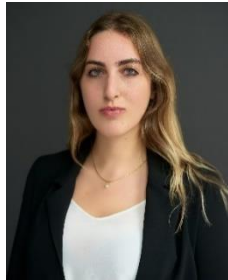
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Members of Uyghur Legal Initiative

SARAH TEICH

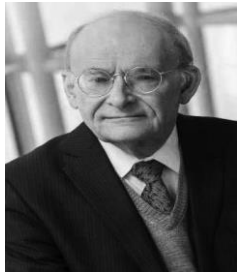
Legal advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



Sarah Teich is an International Human Rights Lawyer based in Toronto, Canada and a senior fellow at the MacDonald-Laurier Institute. She works with various organizations including the Canadian Security Research Group, the Canadian Coalition against Terror, Canadians in Support of Refugees in Dire Need and the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project. Focusing on seeking accountability for atrocity crimes and human rights abuses committed by state and non-state actors around the world. Sarah holds a Jurist Doctor degree from the university of Toronto, an M.A.(magna cum laude) in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security from Reichman University, and undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Sociology from McGill University. She has also studied law at the national University of Singapore.

DAVID MATAS

Legal Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



Human Rights Lawyer

David Matas is an international human rights lawyer, author and researcher based in Winnipeg and currently acts as Senior Honorary Counsel for B'nai Brith Canada. He has served the government of Canada in numerous positions including as member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Conference on an International Criminal Court; the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research; and the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe Conferences on Antisemitism and Intolerance. He has also been involved in several different organizations, including the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group, Beyond Borders, Amnesty International, and the Canadian Council for Refugees.



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PROF. JOHN PACKER

Legal Advisor of the Uyghur Rights advocacy Project



John Packer is an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa.

He has previously taught at the Fletcher School (Tufts University) and the University of Essex, held Fellowships at Cambridge and Harvard Universities, and has lectured at academic and professional institutions around the world. He also serves on the boards of a number of NGOs and is a Member of the Expert Advisory Panel for the Shared Societies Project of the Club de Madrid

comprising over 100 former Heads of State or Government of democracies. Before taking up his position at the University of Ottawa in 2014, John was the Constitutions and Process Design Expert for the UN's Standby Team of Mediation Experts advising in numerous peace processes and political transitions around the world focusing on conflict prevention and resolution, diversity management, constitutional and legal reform, and the protection of human rights including minorities. In a 30-year career, John has contributed to processes in over fifty countries and has advised numerous inter-governmental organisations, governments, communities and other actors. From 1995 to 2004, he was Senior Legal Adviser and then the first Director of the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities in The Hague working across Central and Eastern Europe and throughout the former Soviet Union. From 1987 to 1995, he worked for the ILO, UNHCR and then the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights mainly investigating serious violations of human rights in Iraq, Afghanistan and Burma/Myanmar.

CLIVE ANSLEY

Legal Advisor for the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



After twelve years as a professor of Chinese History and Chinese Law, and 36 years of legal practice in both Canada and China, Mr. Ansley has recently retired and now serves as a consultant on a range of China-related matters. Mr. Ansley speaks and reads Chinese. He holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Chinese Studies from the University of British Columbia. He also holds an L.L.B degree from the University of Windsor and an L.L.M degree from the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies. As a former professor of Chinese History, Civilization, and Law, Mr. Ansley taught at the University of Windsor, the University of British Columbia, the Law Faculty of Shanghai's



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Fudan University, and the Law Faculty of Shanghai's Jiaotong University, Mr. Ansley is familiar with both Canadian law and Chinese law. Practising since 1983, Mr. Ansley has handled many criminal and civil litigation cases in Canada, and over 300 litigation cases in China.

Current and Previous Professional Positions:

Member of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) for The International Coalition to End Organ Pillaging in China

Member of the Board of Directors and Legal Counsel for Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) China Monitor, Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada (2004)

Special Counsel of Arvay Finlay, Courtenay (2003-2004)

Senior Consultant of Holman Fenwick & Willan, Shanghai (2001-2003)

Resident Partner of Bull, Housser & Tupper, Shanghai (1994-2001)

Resident Partner of Bull, Housser & Tupper, Taiwan (1989-1994)

Resident Partner of Bull, Housser & Tupper, Hong Kong (1989)

Chief Representative of Bull, Housser & Tupper, Shanghai (1987-1989)

Business Representative of Canadian Pacific Airlines, Shanghai (1986-1987)

Business Representative of Linbridge Inc., Shanghai (1985-1986)

Associate at Burnet & Fenton, Vancouver (1983-1984)

China-related Legal Work:

Construction Contracts in Shanghai, Suzhou, and Hebei Province for German oil company and American industrial manufacturers

Distribution Agreements for assorted foreign manufacturers in China

Employment contracts for Chinese and foreign personnel on behalf of numerous foreign owned or foreign controlled enterprises in China

General Counsel to major foreign bank on banking operations in China

General Counsel to major manufacturer of space technology

Ground lease agreements - Drafting of, for American and Canadian clients

Incorporation/establishment of wholly foreign owned enterprises and representative offices Joint

Venture contracts for German, Belgian, Canadian, and American clients Licence Agreements for

foreign clients transferring technology to China Shipbuilding contracts, negotiating and drafting

shipbuilding contracts for Canadian and European shipping companies.



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YONAH DIAMOND

Legal Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



Yonah Diamon is an international human rights lawyer specializing in atrocity prevention and political prisoner advocacy at the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights. He is the principal author of the independent expert report *The Uyghur Genocide: An Examination of China's Breaches of the Genocide Convention* and has published widely on human rights, international justice, and peace and reconciliation. He has also lectured at McGill University's Max Bell School of Public Policy and the European Parliament's Sakharov Fellowship Programme.

AZEEZAH KENJI

Legal Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project

Legal academic, writer, and journalist



Azeezah Kanji is a legal academic and writer. She received her Juris Doctor from University of Toronto's Faculty of Law, and Masters of Law specializing in Islamic Law from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Azeezah's work focuses on issues relating to racism, law, and social justice. Her writing has appeared in the Al Jazeera English, Haaretz, Toronto Star, TruthOut, National Post, Ottawa Citizen, OpenDemocracy, Roar Magazine, iPolitics,

Policy Options, Rabble, and various academic anthologies and journals. Azeezah also serves as Director of Programming at Noor Cultural Centre.

PHILIPPE LAROCHELLE

Legal Adviser of UYGHUR Rights Advocacy Project



Mr Larochelle is one of the founding partners of *Larochelle Avocats*, a firm specializing in litigation based in Montreal, Canada. (www.larochelleavocats.com)

Since 1998, Mr Larochelle has developed a private practice focusing on civil and criminal law before the Superior Courts, Courts of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Since 2001, he has also practiced in international criminal law, representing clients before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (Tanzania), the International Criminal Court (The Netherlands) and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (The Netherlands).



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Mr Larochelle has extensive experience in civil, criminal and aboriginal law, both before Canadian and international courts, including the following cases:

- Acquittal before the Supreme Court of Canada in 2006 (Déry v. The Queen).
- Representing the interests of the Algonquin Makwanini First Nation since 2008.
- Acquittal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Rwanda at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in 2011 (The Prosecutor v. Bicomumpaka).
- Condemnation of Canada by the Committee against Torture in 2012 (Régent Boily v. Canada).
- Confirmation of the decision not to confirm the charges before the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in 2012 (The Prosecutor v. Mbarushimana).
- Acquittal in R. v. Mungwarere, genocide trial before Canadian courts in 2013.
- Conviction of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Cooperatives by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in 2014 (Prosecutor v. Nzabonimana).
- Member of Narcisse Arido Defence team before the International Criminal Court in 2015.
- Defence Counsel for the interests of Hussein Hassan Oneissi before the Special Tribunal for Lebanon 2014-2016.
- Revision case for Éliezer Niyitegeka before the IRMCT in 2015-2017.
- Condemnation of Canada by the Committee against torture in 2018 (Mugesera c. Canada).
- Defence of Jean-de-Dieu Ndagijimana, facing contempt charges before the IRMCT since 2019
- Condemnation of Rwanda before the African Court on Human and Peoples Right in November 2020 (Mugesera c. Rwanda).

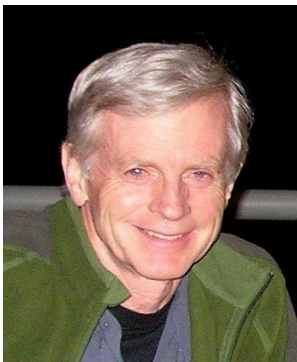
Mr Larochelle participated as a panelist in conferences on international criminal law in Canada, The Netherlands and France. He has also published articles on the subject in both French and English.

Policy Advisor Team of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project

Hon David Kilgour

Policy Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project

David Kilgour is co-chair of the Canadian Friends of a Democratic Iran, past chair of the Latin America and Caribbean policy working group of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian International Council, a director of the Washington-based Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD), a Fellow of the Queen's University Centre for the Study of Democracy, a director of the New York-based NGO Advancing Human Rights and a director of the Ottawa Mission Foundation.



First elected to the House of Commons in 1979, he was re-elected seven times, most recently in 2004, for the south-east region of Edmonton. During his time in Parliament, he was Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committees of the Whole House, Secretary of State for Latin America & Africa (1997-2002) and Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific (2002-2003). He did not stand in the 2006 election.



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David remains active on issues of human dignity. A 2007 book, *Uneasy Neighbo(u)rs*, co-authored with David Jones, a former American diplomat, discusses the relationship of Canada and the USA. In 2009, he published with David Matas *Bloody Harvest-The Killing of Falun Gong for their Organs*. He and Matas were awarded the 2009 Human Rights Prize of the International Society for Human Rights in Switzerland for their work in raising awareness of state-sponsored organ pillaging in China.‘

Prof. Charles Burton
Policy Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



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.



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Margaret McCuaig-Johnston

Institute for Science, Society and Policy, University of Ottawa

Margaret McCuaig-Johnston is Senior Fellow in the Institute for Science, Society and Policy at the University of Ottawa where she has been lecturing and writing on China's S&T policies since 2013.

Over a 37 career, Margaret served in senior management positions in the Governments of Canada and Ontario. Most recently she was Executive Vice-President of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council; prior to that

she was Assistant Deputy Minister Energy Technology and Programs at Natural Resources Canada; and her first Assistant Deputy Minister appointment was at the federal Department of Finance. She has also had management positions at Industry Canada, the Prime Minister's National Advisory Board on Science and Technology, the Ministry of State for S&T, and the Privy Council Office (the Prime Minister's department), primarily positions related to S&T policies, programs and funding. She also worked for eight years in the provincial Government of Ontario.

For the last seven years of her government career, Margaret was a member of the Canada-China Joint Committee on S&T. She also had close relations over the years with China on other matters such as energy, manufacturing, industry, associations and think tanks. Margaret edited the first English translation of China's National Innovation Index for China's Ministry of Science and Technology. She has visited China twelve times, the first in 1979 when the country had just started opening up to the West. Margaret holds an MA in International Relations focused on China, and an Honours BA in Political Economy. She speaks French and basic Mandarin. She is also Vice-Chair of the Board of the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory – SNOLAB, a Board member of the Canadian International Council (National Capital) and Past Vice-President of the Canada-China Friendship Society.



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Marcus Kolga

Policy and Media Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy project



Marcus Kolga is an international award winning documentary filmmaker, journalist, digital communications strategist, and a leading Canadian expert on Russian and Central and Eastern European issues. Marcus has a focus on communications and media strategies as tools of foreign policy and defence, and continues to write commentary for national and international media including the Globe and Mail and Toronto Star. He is the co-founder and publisher of UpNorth.eu, an online magazine that features analysis and political and cultural news from the Nordic and Baltic region. He frequently comments on Russian, Eastern and Central European issues on North American radio and television and at foreign policy conferences. Marcus is involved with international human rights organizations and national political organizations. In 2008 he spearheaded an effort to make August 23rd, the anniversary of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, a Canadian national day of remembrance for the European victims of Nazism and communism - Black Ribbon Day - by drafting a parliamentary resolution that was introduced and passed by Hon. Bob Rae. In 2015, Marcus was awarded the Estonian Order of the White Star by President Toomas Hendrik Ilves.

Prof. Scot Simon, University of Ottawa

Policy advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



Full Professor, School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences

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Scott Simon (Ph.D., McGill University, 1998), Co-holder of the Chair of Taiwan Studies at the University of Ottawa, has lived in Taiwan for ten years and returns annually for field research. His research interests include Indigenous rights, development, the contribution of Taiwan to the Indo-Pacific, Taiwan's international status, and Canada-Taiwan relations. He has written three books and numerous articles about Taiwan. He does policy-oriented research as member of the Centre for International Policy Studies and the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa, and as Senior Fellow at Ottawa's Macdonald-Laurier Institute.



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Conor Healy

Research Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



Conor Healy has testified before the Uyghur Tribunal and presented his research documentation on number of China's high-tech giants and their close association with the ongoing atrocities and crimes against Uyghurs.

Number of China's companies that are under the research radar of Conor Healy have huge presence in the US, Canadian and western markets and widely are being used.

His research team has explored and documented China's hi-tech companies' patented projects and products targeting Uyghurs through digital surveillance, facial recognition, Uyghur alarms, integrated joint operation platform and more.

These companies include Huawei, Hikvision, Dahua, Megvii, SenseTime, Alibaba, DJI and more. Currently he is Government Director of IPVM

Geoffrey Aharon

Research and Cybersecurity Advisor of the Uyghur Rights Advocacy Project



Geoffrey Aharon is Head of Omni-Channel Solutions. Architecture for mce Systems, a multinational software company specializing in mobile device management. He earned a Masters in Disaster and Emergency Management, in which he specialized in cybersecurity and proxy warfare.