

Dialogue on Democracy, Human Rights and Big Power Competition

Co-Organisers



December 12, 2021 ★ 15:00 – 17:00 (Beijing Time)

(Online via Zoom)

On December 9 and 10, U.S. President Joe Biden will host a virtual "Summit for Democracy" with more than 100 selected guests to strengthen democracy and counter authoritarianism, fight corruption, and promote respect for human rights. The guests list for the Summit, however, does not present a neat cut as its name implies. Notably, Singapore, US most trusted friend in ASEAN, is not in the list while the DRC is included.

It is no secret that the United States seeks to build a global coalition to counter China's increasing influence. The list of countries invited, in fact, reflects more of America's geopolitical interests than its democratic principles.

Will the Summit for Democracy strengthen US global leadership as the anchor and champion of democracy, or will it instead expose America's hypocrisy? Will the Summit strengthen democracy or result in a more divisive world and unnecessarily worsen the already tense relationships with China and Russia?

Meanwhile, UK lawyer Sir Geoffrey Nice QC will deliver the Uyghur Tribunal's judgment on December 9. Is this a mere coincidence or a well-coordinated and concerted effort of the West to disrupt and contain the rise of China?

The Dialogue on Democracy, Human Rights and Big Power Competition will provide a platform for think tanks and scholars to deliberate and share their views and insights on the issues highlighted above. A panel of scholars from Italy, Portugal, Russia, Sri Lanka, China and Malaysia will participate in the Dialogue.

Co-organised by the Centre for New Inclusive Asia and Global Governance Institution, China, the Dialogue consists of two sessions. The first session will look at the strategic issues of the Summit for Democracy, and what the regional countries make of the Summit between China and the United States. The second session will make a case study of human rights in Xinjiang in connection with the judgement of the Uyghur Tribunal from a legalistic perspective.

AGENDA

15:00 – 15:05	Welcome Address
(5 minutes)	Mr Koh King Kee President, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia
15:05 – 15:45	<i>Session 1: Geopolitical Approach to Human Rights, Democracy and Big Power Competition</i>
(Each Speaker is allotted 10 minutes)	<i>Moderator: Mr Xu Qinduo</i> Distinguished Research Fellow, Centre for New Inclusive Asia 1. Dr Gal Luft Co-director, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security, Washington, USA Professor at Ostim Technical University, Turkey 2. Dr Dmitry Suslov Deputy Director of Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies (CCEIS), Senior Lecturer at Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs National Research University – Higher School of Economics (HSE University), Russia 3. Dr. Chandra Muzaffar President of the International Movement for a Just World (JUST), Malaysia 4. Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage Director General, Institute of National Security Studies, Sri Lanka

15:45 – 16:25	Session 2: Operation, Purpose and Effects of the People's Tribunal
(Each Speaker is allotted 10 minutes)	<p>Moderator: Mr Xu Qinduo Distinguished Research Fellow, Centre for New Inclusive Asia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Edward Lehman Managing Director, Lehman, Lee & Xu Law Firm, China 2. Dr Tian Li Assistant Professor at the Law School, Shandong University, China 3. Dr Aleksei Bykov Associate Professor, Department of International Journalism, Graduate School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Head of Master's Degree Program "International Journalism", St. Petersburg State University 4. Prof. Dr Sanoj Rajan Distinguished Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Zhejiang Gongshang University, China Affiliate, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI), Harvard University, USA
16:25 – 16:45	Commentary
(Each Commentator is allotted 5 minutes)	<p>Moderator: Mr Xu QinduoDistinguished Research Fellow, Centre for New Inclusive Asia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Syed Mahmud Ali Associate Fellow, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya 2. Mr Howard Huxter English Teacher at Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University, United International College

	<p>3. Dr Julia Rognifard Assistant Professor, School of Politics, History and International Relations (PHIR), University of Nottingham Malaysia</p> <p>4. Dr Wu Wenyang Distinguished Research Fellow, Global Governance Institution</p>
16:45 – 16:50	Closing Remarks
(5 minutes)	<p>Captain Tian Shichen (Retd) Founder & President, Global Governance Institution</p>