



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Witness Biographies

Forced Organ Harvesting in China: Examining the Evidence

Panel I



Sir Geoffrey Nice QC was Chair of the China Tribunal, an independent people's tribunal initiated by the International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China (ETAC) and Falun Gong practitioners, which examines forced organ harvesting and investigates criminal offenses. Since 2021, he has been Chair of the Uyghur Tribunal, an independent people's tribunal in the United Kingdom that examines and evaluates human rights abuses against the Uyghur people in relation to the Genocide Convention. He has been a barrister since 1971 and served as a part-time judge in England between 1984 and 2018. Between 1998 and 2006, he led the prosecution of Slobodan Milošević, former President of Serbia, at the UN's International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague. Since 2007, he has advised and represented (at the International Criminal Court and elsewhere) states, applicants, and victims concerning several internal and international armed conflicts. Sir Geoffrey was a Professor of Law for Gresham College from 2012 to 2016.



Matthew P. Robertson is a China Studies Research Fellow with the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation. He is concurrently a Ph.D. student in political science at the Australian National University in Canberra. His research interests include biopolitics, political violence, and authoritarian politics. His dissertation, using computational methods and process tracing, explores the political logic of state control over citizen bodies in the case of China's organ transplantation industry. Previously he has worked as a reporter, researcher, and translator for several nonprofit organizations, and as an interpreter (from Chinese) for financial services firms. His research using statistical forensics to demonstrate the falsification of Chinese organ donor registry data was published in the leading journal of medical ethics, *BMC Medical Ethics*. Other peer-reviewed publications he has co-authored have appeared in *BMJ Open* and *The BMJ*.



Ethan Gutmann is a Senior Research Fellow in China Studies for the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation and co-founder of the International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China. He has written for publications such as *The Wall Street Journal Asia*, *The Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, and *Investor's Business Daily*, and has provided briefings for the United States Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency, the European Parliament, and the United Nations. In 2017, Gutmann was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Gutmann's research into Chinese surveillance, the Laogai System, and the intersection of Western business with Chinese security

objectives began to receive sustained attention following the publication of his first book, *Losing the New China* in 2004. His next book *The Slaughter: Mass Killings, Organ Harvesting, and China's Secret Solution to its Dissident Problem* was released in 2014. He also co-authored the influential 2016 investigative report, *Bloody Harvest/The Slaughter: An Update*. He is currently working on a new book based on his personal interviews with Uyghur and Kazakh refugees throughout Central Asia titled *The Xinjiang Procedure*.



Dr. Enver Tohti Bughda, a former surgical oncologist, has over 13 years of experience in the Railway Central Hospital before he fled the People's Republic of China for political reasons and sought asylum in the United Kingdom. He discovered the connection between the highly disproportionate malignant tumor rate and the nuclear test site in the Lupnur region of Tarim Basin. With the help of a British film crew, he exposed the devastating effect of nuclear radiation by making a documentary film

about the test victims. In addition, he has first-hand information on organ harvesting, after being ordered to remove organs from an executed prisoner in the 1990s. Since then, he has taken up a major role in the campaign against organ harvesting, determined to bring China's darkest secrets to light. He was also a political activist who campaigned for the human rights of the Uyghur people and, for many years, headed the Uyghur political activities in the U.K. A native of Hami (Qumul), he received his primary and secondary education in Urumchi, the capital of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, and graduated from Shihezi Medical University.



Robert A. Destro is a Professor of Law at The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. He has been a member of the CUA Law faculty since 1982, served as Interim Dean from 1999 to 2001, and as Director of the University's Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies from 2017 to 2019. From September 2019 to January 2021, Professor Destro served as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. In 2020, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo named him the State Department's Special Representative for Tibetan

Issues, a post that requires close collaboration and consultation with not only the Central Tibetan

Authority and the Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, but also the governments of India, Nepal, and other regional powers in South Asia.

As Assistant Secretary, he led the State Department's worldwide policy and foreign assistance programs on human rights and democracy issues such as free and fair elections, Internet freedom, and the growth of the surveillance state. His work on labor issues focused on State Department and inter-agency efforts to ensure that business supply chains do not include goods or services produced by slave or forced labor. Since leaving the State Department, he has served as an advisor to domestic advocacy groups actively involved in both trade and human rights issues in East Asia, the Caribbean, and sub-Saharan Africa. Professor Destro was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1972 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and his law degree (J.D.) in 1975 from the University of California, Berkeley. He is an active member of the Bar in Ohio and an inactive member in California.