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China – Recent Changes, the Plight of the Uyghurs and Regional Implications, Featuring *The Globe and Mail*’s Asia Correspondent, Nathan VanderKlippe

17 June 2021, 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) | Virtual live discussion | Click here to register

For eight years, Canadians and many others around the world have had the benefit of reading the insights of *The Globe and Mail*’s Asia Correspondent, Nathan VanderKlippe as China has seen dramatic societal, technological and geostrategic changes. The CIC National Capital Branch and the Centre for International Policy Studies at the University of Ottawa present an opportunity to hear from Mr. VanderKlippe regarding the changes that Xi Jinping has introduced in China, and what these mean for the country and its neighbours in the region. Mr. VanderKlippe’s in-depth reporting from Xinjiang has brought the plight of the Uyghurs into our homes, and his coverage of protests in Hong Kong has put us in the streets with the young people and their supporters. He has broken dozens of important stories and won many awards, two just in May – one from World Press Freedom Canada and the other, the Norman Webster Award for International Reporting. Join us for the opportunity to hear Mr. VanderKlippe’s reflections on his years reporting from Asia.

**Advance Questions:** Kindly submit your questions to Margaret McCuaig-Johnston at mmccuaig@uottawa.ca

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Nathan VanderKlippe
Asia Correspondent for *The Globe and Mail*

**WELCOME REMARKS**

Elizabeth Kingston
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**MODERATORS**

Margaret McCuaig-Johnston
Senior Fellow at the Institute for Science, Society and Policy at the University of Ottawa and Board Member at the CIC National Capital Branch

Dr. Scott Simon
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BIOGRAPHIES

Nathan VanderKlippe
Asia Correspondent for The Globe and Mail

Nathan VanderKlippe is the Asia correspondent for The Globe and Mail. Based in Beijing, his reporting takes him across the region, where he covers political developments, social trends, international affairs, refugee crises, natural disasters and, occasionally, hockey games. Prior to joining the Globe in 2009, VanderKlippe was a print and television correspondent in Western Canada based in Calgary, Vancouver and Yellowknife. He has covered Canada’s energy industry, aboriginal issues and Canada’s North.

Margaret McCuaig-Johnston
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Margaret McCuaig-Johnston is a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Science, Society and Policy at the University of Ottawa, as well as a Board member of the Canadian International Council (National Capital) and Advisory Board Member of the Canada China Forum. Her research is focused on China’s innovation system and challenges that western technology firms have had working in China. Margaret held senior positions in the Canadian public service for 37 years and served at the Assistant Deputy Minister level at Department of Finance, Natural Resources Canada and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council. She also held management positions at Industry Canada, the Prime Minister’s National Advisory Board on S&T, the Ministry of State for S&T, and the Privy Council Office. For the last seven years of her government career, Margaret was a member of the Canada-China Joint Committee on S&T. She holds an MA in International Relations focused on China, and an Honours BA in Political Economy. Margaret was a friend of China since her first extended visit in 1979, and she made major contributions over forty years to building China’s science and technology capacity, but since the detention of two Canadians in December 2018, she has been writing and speaking out regarding China’s arbitrary detentions and human rights infringements. Twitter: @M_Johnston1
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Scott Simon (Ph.D., McGill University, 1998) 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.

Elizabeth Kingston
President of the CIC National Capital Branch

Elizabeth Kingston had a career of 35 years with the Parliament of Canada as a Procedural Clerk and is now retired. She has held numerous positions including Clerk of the Standing Committees on Finance, Public Accounts, Aboriginal Affairs, Industry as well as the Special Joint Committee on the Meech Lake Accord. She has also served as Executive Secretary to the Canada–United States Inter-parliamentary Group, the Canada-China and Canada-Japan Parliamentary Associations, the Canada-United Kingdom Parliamentary Association and the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. Elizabeth also served as Executive Secretary to the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP), which serves to strengthen the participation of women in politics, government and society. Elizabeth served as both a short term and long term observer for the presidential, then parliamentary elections in Ukraine in the spring and summer of 2019. Elizabeth recently returned from Guyana and Ukraine as an election observer for their elections in January and November 2020. Elizabeth holds a Master’s degree in French Literature and is presently working on a Master’s degree in Theology.

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