

Charter 08: A Manifesto for Reform in China

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A Panel Discussion on the Call for Democracy

Free Public Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 – 7:30pm

Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto,
170 St. George St. at Bloor, 1st Floor

Featuring:

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Charter 08, an extraordinary, 19-point blueprint for human rights and democratic reform, published on December 10, 2008, states:

"The Chinese government's approach to 'modernization' has proven disastrous. It has stripped people of their rights, destroyed their dignity, and corrupted normal human intercourse." It asks: "Where is China headed in the twenty-first century? Will it continue with 'modernization' under authoritarian rule, or will it embrace universal human values, join the mainstream of civilized nations, and build a democratic system?"

Charter 08, a non-violent call for reform, now endorsed by over 8,000 Chinese citizens, has been removed from the internet by the Chinese government. A key organizer, Dr. Liu Xiaobo, is under house arrest.

Please attend this public discussion on how Charter 08 can help advance and shape the Chinese people's emerging debate about their future.



Dr. Liu Xiaobo

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