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# BEYOND XINJIANG: SECURITIZATION OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND THE EVERYDAY REALITIES OF MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN CHINA

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This online seminar explores the evolving securitization strategies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and their disproportionate impact on Muslim minorities in China, with a particular focus on the Uyghur and often-overlooked Hui communities. While recent international attention has focused on the repressive policies in Xinjiang, this seminar aims to highlight how these policies reflect deeper patterns of ethnic differentiation within the broader Muslim population in China. By placing current developments within a historical context, the seminar will discuss how state-led surveillance and cultural suppression are making everyday life increasingly precarious, while also posing significant challenges for academic research. Additionally, the discussion will offer a broader perspective on topics such as modernization, Islamophobia, and academic freedom in the field of academic research.

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### **WŁODZIMIERZ CIECIURA**

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### **RUSLAN YUSUPOV**

Academy Scholar in the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies. His PhD was from Department of Anthropology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). His research interests include secularism; ethnic politics; ethics; volunteerism; kinship; trauma, violence and memory; and China and Islam. His research explores questions of tradition and temporality, ethics and affect as well as surveillance and militarism. He asks these questions ethnographically in the context of Muslim minorities in China and their experiences of state power and modernity.

### **RUNE STEENBERG**

Anthropologist researching the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, Uyghurs and Central Asia. His approach is inspired by kinship anthropology, economic anthropology and narrative analysis. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in Xinjiang, Central Asia, China, and Indonesia and has published widely on topics ranging from kinship to cross-border trade, narratives, and mass incarceration. He is currently the principal investigator of the EU-funded project "Remote Ethnography of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region".