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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21/ 2010 2:30-3.30pm LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL, 107 NORTON ST

GUEST SPEAKERS



Dhondup Chopel

arrived in Australia 10 years ago. He worked for the Tibetan Government in Exile from 1974 to 2001, approximately 26 years as office clerk to Additional Secretary. He returned to Tibet in 1992, 1994 and 1996 and has since refrained from travelling to Tibet.

Born in Dhingri, Western Tibet, Dhondup escaped with his parents to India via Nepal in 1960, reaching Dharamsala in August of 1962. Dhondup was educated in Central School for Tibetans, Mussoorie. He is a highly respected Senior member of the Tibetan Community of NSW.



Dr. Simon Bradshaw

is the Campaign Coordinator for the Australia Tibet Council. He has previously worked on environment and development projects in Australia, India and on his home island of Guernsey. In 2007 he completed a four-year research project on the traditional relationship between the land and people of Tibet.

Simon now campaigns full-time for the human rights and democratic freedoms of the Tibetan people.



Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM

is a former Australian Human Rights Commissioner, currently Hon. Professor at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney and a Harkness Fellow. Dr Ozdowski is a prominent human rights advocate who put the fate of children in Australia's immigration detention centres on the national agenda and secured their release. He has published on human rights and mental health, disability discrimination, multi-culturalism, need for an Australian bill of rights and on international human rights issues, including a paper predicting emergence of Solidarity movement in Poland. He represented Australia in UN, China and elsewhere and has a hon. doctorate from RMIT and many Australian and Polish decorations.



Chen Yonglin

is a former Chinese diplomat. He had worked as a political affairs officer in the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 14 years before his defection to Australia in 2005.

Chen was a university student in Beijing during the pro-democracy movement that ultimately led to the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989.



Claire Scobie

is a writer and journalist. Author of the acclaimed *Last Seen in Lhasa*, Claire has been to Tibet seven times and supported the Tibetan cause since 1996. Claire teaches writing workshops across Australia and has appeared at international literary festivals as a speaker and facilitator. She is also a scholar at the Writing and Society Research Group at the University of Western Sydney.

Claire will be moderating the panel discussion on *Why Tibet Matters*.

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