

Australia-China Friendship Society (Vic.)

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**The 5 July Riot in Xinjiang:
Background, Causes and Implications**

A talk by Professor Emeritus Colin Mackerras AO

6.30pm Friday August 28th 2009

The Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, AsiaLink Centre – Cnr Monash Road and Swanston Street, Parkville - opposite the Swanston St 'University' Tram Super Stop

Professor Emeritus Colin Mackerras will talk about the ethnic rioting that occurred on 5 July 2009 in Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang as well as much less serious later rioting.

The talk will:

- * Give a brief historical background to the riots and briefly describe what happened
- * Analyze the immediate causes, as well as the deeper ones, both external and internal, and discuss the political and social implications for China's future; and
- * Comment on the Melbourne Film Festival and the political attempt by the World Uyghur Congress to use this for political purposes.

Seating for the talk is limited and entry will be based on a first come basis and seating availability.

Professor Emeritus Colin Mackerras AO has visited China about 50 times, beginning in 1964. He worked in the Department of International Business and Asian Studies, Griffith University, for thirty years, from 1974 to 2004, and is still working there still as adjunct professor. He has published widely on Chinese affairs, especially several books and numerous articles on ethnic minorities. He is a life-time member of the Australia-China Friendship Society.

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