

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

Including Q&A panel discussion

EVENT CINEMAS
Wed, 3rd August, 6.45pm
525 George Street, Sydney

NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE
Thurs, 4th August, 5.30pm
Theatrette - 6 Macquarie Street, Sydney



HARD TO BELIEVE



HOW DOCTORS BECAME MURDERERS AND WHY WE TURNED A BLIND EYE



This documentary is extremely important for those involved in organ donation and transplantation, human rights, healthcare, ethics and the law. The credentials of the interviewed experts are impeccable.

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SWOOP FILMS PRESENTS A DOCUMENTARY FILM "HARD TO BELIEVE" BY STONE SOUP PRODUCTIONS
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ORIGINAL MUSIC BY DAFYDD COOKSEY DIRECTOR OF GRAPHICS BIG BANG STUDIOS

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IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE:
Governments killing their own citizens for their political or spiritual beliefs.

But it's never happened like this.

Hard To Believe examines the issue of forced live organ harvesting from Chinese prisoners of conscience, and the response - or lack of it - around the world.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Opening addresses by:

Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, President of the Australian Council for Human Rights Education, Chair of The Australian Multicultural Council, Director of Equity and Diversity at the WSU, and former Human Rights Commissioner (2000 - 2005)
Nathan Kennedy, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR)

Q & A PANEL

Ethan Gutmann (featured in the film)

Ethan Gutmann, an award-winning China analyst and human-rights investigator, is the author of the award winning book *Losing the New China: A Story of American Commerce, Desire and Betrayal*. He has written widely on China issues for publications such as the *Wall Street Journal Asia*, *Investor's Business Daily*, *Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, and *World Affairs Journal*, and he has provided testimony and briefings to the United States Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency, the European Parliament, the International Society for Human Rights in Geneva, the United Nations, and the parliaments of Canada, Australia, Ireland, Scotland and the United Kingdom. A former foreign-policy analyst at the Brookings Institution, Gutmann has appeared on PBS, CNN, BBC, and CNBC. His book *The Slaughter: Mass Killings, Organ Harvesting, and China's Secret Solution To Its Dissident Problem* was released in 2015.

Ethan is one of three researchers who just released a ground breaking report *An Update to Research On Organ Harvesting In China*. Ethan will give personal insights regarding this new report, which meticulously examines the transplant programs of hundreds of hospitals in China, drawing on media reports, official propaganda, medical journals, hospital websites and a vast amount of deleted websites found in archives.
ethan-gutmann.com



Professor Jacob Lavee, MD

(Wed only - via video call from Israel - featured in the film)

Prof. Jacob (Jay) Lavee is the Director of the Heart Transplantation Unit and Deputy Director of the Department of Cardiac Surgery at the Leviev Heart Centre of the Sheba Medical Center and Professor of Surgery at the Tel Aviv University Sackler Faculty of Medicine. In 1991 he founded the Heart Transplantation Unit at the Sheba Medical Center which has since become the largest of its kind in Israel. He is the current President of the Israel Transplantation Society and past Chairman of the Israel Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He currently also serves as Chairman of the Heart and Lung Transplantation committee of Israel's National Transplant Center, and as member of the Israeli National Council of Heart and Vascular Diseases, the Board of Councilors of the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group and the Ethics Committee of The Transplantation Society. Prof. Lavee spearheaded the new Israeli Organ Transplant Law. This law blocks Israeli patients from receiving transplants in China while significantly increasing local living and deceased donations.



Enver Tohti - former surgeon, China

(Thurs only - via video call from UK - featured in the film)

Enver Tohti worked for over 13 years at the Railway Central Hospital in Xinjiang, China, as a surgical oncologist. After discovering the connection between the disproportionately high malignant tumour rate and the nuclear test in the Tarim Basin in Xinjiang, he exposed the devastating effect of the nuclear test by making the documentary film *Death On the Silk Road*. As a result he was compelled to quit the PRC and seek asylum in the UK. Upon settling in London he continued to promote knowledge about the shocking consequences of nuclear testing in the Lupnor (luobopu) area, and fought for the rights of the test victims. Tohti also campaigned for the human rights of the Uyghur people and, for a number of years, headed the Uyghur political activities in the UK. His more rational and realistic stand on the Uyghur issue proved incompatible with the separatist tendencies of other Uyghur Diaspora organisations based in the West, so he detached himself from the World Uyghur Congress and continued his individual crusade thereafter. Tohti created the online platform *Silk Road Dialogue*, where various interest groups could share their views and debate controversial issues in a civilised manner.



Professor Maria Fiatarone Singh, MD, FRACP

Prof. Fiatarone Singh is a geriatrician whose research, clinical, and teaching career has focused on the integration of medicine, exercise physiology, and nutrition as a means to improve health status and quality of life across the lifespan. She has held the inaugural John Sutton Chair of Exercise and Sport Science in the Faculty of Health Sciences, and Professorship, Sydney Medical School, at the University of Sydney since 1999, and has been awarded many grants from the government and other funding bodies to conduct research into exercise and aging. She is the founding director of the Fit for Your Life Foundation, an international non-profit organisation, and co-founded the STRONG Clinic at Balmain Hospital. She has published extensively in the area of health implications of exercise and nutrition, is actively involved as a Medical Advisory Board member of the international group DAFOH (Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting), and has been actively involved in opposition to the detention of asylum seekers and refugees in Australia, leading the group "Doctors and Allied Health Professionals Against the Border Force Act".



Professor Wendy Rogers, FRACGP, PhD

Prof. Rogers is a Professor of Clinical Ethics and Deputy Director of the Macquarie University Research Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics. She has a long-standing interest in the ethics of organ donation and transplantation. While a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (2003-2006), she served as deputy chair of the working party responsible for developing the National Health and Medical Research Council's guidelines for organ and tissue donation. She also served on working parties developing national guidance on donation after circulatory death. Her current research interests include organ donation, research ethics, ethics of surgical practice, and overdiagnosis. Wendy's work is widely published in international journals and she is the co-editor of a recent collection on Vulnerability (published by Oxford University Press). Professor Rogers recently spoke at the Scottish Parliament on a panel addressing the issue of forced organ harvesting in China.



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Dr. Arthur Caplan, leading U.S. ethicist and Founding Director of the Division of Medical Ethics at NYU



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