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Thursday, October 6 | 12 - 7 PM

**Robert W. Plaster Collaboratorium &
Todd Wehr Auditorium**

Freedom is under pressure all around the world. China has ignored the promises made to Hong Kong and appears to be reassessing their “peaceful unification” policy toward Taiwan. Russia is engaged in a war with a neighbor partly in fear of a free and democratic nation aligned with the West on their border. Further countries like Venezuela, Cuba, and North Korea continue to terrorize and impoverish their societies through repressive policies. This summit will encourage you to engage in civil discourse around the topic of freedom’s erosion and its implications.

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Event Schedule

12:00 PM: Lunch in the Robert W. Plaster Center Collaboratorium

12:30 PM: CUWAA Queastus Journal Students Interview Ukranian-American Concordia University Students and Faculty via Zoom

1:30 PM: Break and Snacks

2:00 PM: Dr. Lamont Colucci | Taiwan – Security, and Freedom in the Collaboratorium

3:15 PM: Break and Snacks

4:00 PM: Discussion and Clips of The Hong Konger | Acton Institute's Mr. Dan Churchwell to lead discussion in the Collaboratorium

6:00 PM: Ms. Yeonmi Park | Keynote Speaker in the Todd Wehr Auditorium

7:00 PM: Book Signing and Reception with Ms. Park in the Collaboratorium

About Our Presenters

About Ukranian-American Concordia University

Ukranian-American Concordia University was established in 1997 as the Wisconsin International University Ukraine by Concordia University Wisconsin. They are a higher education community committed to helping its students become productive, entrepreneurial, competitive and responsible citizens assuming moral and ethical values. The university's programs have an international business focus and are designed to meet the needs of the 21st century professionals and leaders of the global society. Students are given the opportunity to practice, study and train abroad, developing a significant measure of expertise concerning culture, politics, economics, and languages.

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Dr. Lamont Colucci

Lamont Colucci, PhD, is a professor, speaker and presenter, columnist and former U.S. State Department diplomat. He is an expert in U.S. national and homeland security, intelligence and foreign policy.

He is Full Professor of Political Science at Concordia University. He is a Senior Fellow in National Security Affairs for the American Foreign Policy Council, as well as a foreign policy commentator for a variety of national publications. Dr. Colucci regularly speaks on a wide range of topics, from U.S. National Security and Foreign Policy, to economic and financial profiles of various countries. Dr. Colucci was a diplomat with the U.S. Dept. of State; he earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and doctorate in politics from the University of London, England.

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Mr. Dan Churchwell

Dan Churchwell serves as the director of programs for the Acton Institute, where he manages external relationships with foundations, higher education institutions, businesses, and NGOs. He has taught and lectured widely on issues related to the intersection of philosophy, theology, and economics. His current research interests include media ecology, technological ethics, and the future of work.

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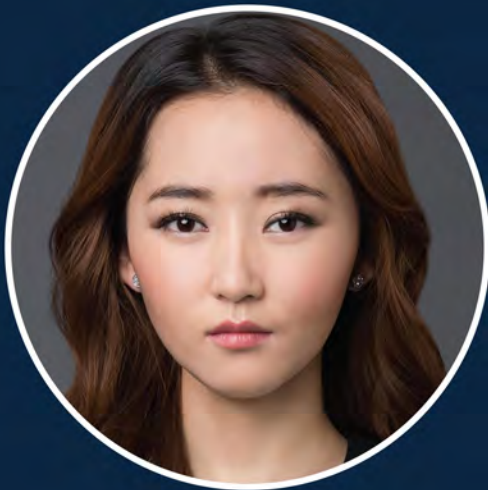
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The Hong Konger Documentary Film

The Hong Konger is a documentary by the Acton Institute. When Hong Kong's basic freedoms come under attack, media tycoon Jimmy Lai finds himself in the crosshairs of the state and must choose between defending Hong Kong's long-standing liberties, or his own freedom.

Jimmy's story is one that cannot die in a prison cell—it is one that must reignite a persistent movement to defend the cause of freedom for Hong Kongers, for China as a whole, and humanity everywhere.

About Our Keynote Speaker



Ms. Yeonmi Park

Yeonmi Park is a North Korean defector and human rights activist. She escaped the brutal Kim dictatorship as a teenager only to fall victim to sex trafficking in China, before escaping to South Korea by walking across the Gobi Desert. Eventually making her way to America, where she is now a citizen, Park has dedicated her life to bringing attention to the horrors and atrocities taking place in her home country and in China. Park is also the author of the international bestseller *In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom*. She is a graduate of Columbia University and lives in Chicago, Illinois.

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