

# The City of Kashgar

An Oasis of the Silk Road on the Brink of Extinction

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## Speaker Biographies

### Frieda Brepoels MEP

Greens/EFA

**Frieda Brepoels** was a practising architect before turning her energies to Belgian politics and from 2004 when she was elected to the European Parliament where she sits on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the delegation for relations with both Japan and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean .

<http://www.friedabrepoels.eu/>

### Marino Busdachin

UNPO

A lifelong nonviolent activist, **Marino Busdachin** founded the NGO No Peace Without Justice which campaigned successfully for the International Criminal Court. Following this success, Mr. Busdachin joined the UNPO as General Secretary in 2003, supporting the organisation and its 55 members in its expanding work.

<http://www.unpo.org/>

### Ulrich Delius

Society for Threatened Peoples

A long-time member and Asia desk officer of the German Society for Threatened Peoples, **Ulrich Delius** possesses expert knowledge on the situation of Kashgar following his active involvement in the society's "Save Kashgar Campaign."

<http://www.gfbv.de/>

### Rebiya Kadeer

World Uyghur Congress

WUC President and author **Rebiya Kadeer** has promoted the human and cultural rights of the Uyghur community in China for decades – her work forcing her into exile. In 2004, she was awarded the Rafto Prize for human rights, and she has recurrently been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

<http://www.uyghurcongress.org/>

### Haiyun Ma

Laogai Research Foundation

Holding a Ph.D. from Georgetown University and being a Senior Researcher at the Laogai Research Foundation, Washington, **Haiyun Ma** has published extensively on China's ethnic groups and has travelled to Kashgar as part of his study of Uyghur culture which began during his time at Beijing's Central University of Nationalities.

<http://www.laogai.org/>

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<http://www.savetibet.org/>

### International Campaign for Tibet

### Henryk Szadziewski

**Henryk Szadziewski** has resided in living areas of the Uyghur community for many years. As the manager of the Uyghur Human Rights Project in Washington DC, he works to promote democracy and human rights in East Turkestan and inform policy makers within the United States.

<http://uhrp.org/>

### Uyghur Human Rights Project

### Mehmet Tohti

Born in Kashgar, **Mehmet Tohti** holds first-hand information regarding the situation of China's Uyghur population. He is the founder of the Uyghur Canadian Association and currently works as the EU Special Representative of the World Uyghur Congress.

<http://www.uyghurcongress.org/>

### World Uyghur Congress

### Suzanne van Haeverbeek

As a historian specialising in art and architecture and as a former Flemish World Heritage Expert, **Suzanne van Haeverbeek** has developed extensive knowledge of international procedure the protection of architectural heritage.

### Former World Heritage Expert

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