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Julian Assange

A conversation between John Pilger and Dr Alison Broinowski AM

1900 AEST (7.00pm) Saturday 19 September 2020, via Zoom

On Tuesday 8 September two Australian journalists were rescued by their Government when China attempted to question them on the work of detained journalist Cheng Lei.

In stark contrast and at the same time in the UK, an Australian Journalist is in detention and subject to extradition proceedings where he fights for his life not to be sent to face a 175 year prison sentence in an American prison.

Dr Alison Broinowski AM and John Pilger will speak about this and the progress of the current extradition hearing in London against Julian Assange, the likely outcome and what it means for media freedom and democracy.

John Pilger is an Australian-British journalist and filmmaker based in London. His decades long work in print and film have made him one of the most successful and awarded Australian journalists. He was twice winner of Britain's Journalist of the Year Award, and has won many other awards for his work, including the UN Media Peace Prize, Best Documentary, One World Awards for 'The War on Democracy'. He won the Sydney Peace Prize in 2009.

John met Julian Assange over 10 years ago and has been one of his biggest supporters since. He asked Assange why he started WikiLeaks and Julian replied, "Transparency and accountability are moral issues that must be the essence of public life and journalism."

Dr Alison Broinowski AM is Vice-President of Australians for War Powers Reform. She joined the Australian Foreign Service in 1963 where she remained until 1993, working alternately as an author and Australian diplomat.

Since leaving the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, she has received a PhD in Asian Studies from ANU, and has continued to lecture, write, and broadcast in Australia and abroad on Asian affairs and cultural and political issues and has published 14 books on those subjects. In 2013 she stood as a Wikileaks Party candidate for the Senate in NSW.

Ticket price for this event is AU\$7.

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