

**The Journalism and Media Studies Centre and
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invite you to attend

The Tyrannicide Brief: The Human Rights Story
Geoffrey Robertson, QC

Monday, April 6, 2009

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Theatre 5, Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong

One of the most significant developments of modern times is expanded protection for universal human rights. But where did the notion of universal human rights begin?

Renowned human rights lawyer Geoffrey Robertson traces some of that history to one man, John Cooke, a radical lawyer who in 1649 “made tyranny a crime” as he prosecuted a king for waging war on his own people.

In his book, *The Tyrannicide Brief*, Robertson explains how the trial of Charles I – the first trial of a head of state – was the precursor of modern proceedings against Augusto Pinochet, Slobodan Milosevic and Saddam Hussein. Robertson himself was involved in the cases against Pinochet and Hussein.

Please join Robertson as he discusses his book at the Hong Kong launch of the Chinese-language edition of *The Tyrannicide Brief* (New Star Press).

About the Speaker:

A leading human rights lawyer and a United Nations war crimes judge, Robertson has won landmark rulings on civil liberties from the highest courts in Britain, Europe and the Commonwealth. He has represented writer Salman Rushdie, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN, *The New York Times*, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, among others. His book *Crimes Against Humanity* helped inspire the emerging global justice movement. He is also co-author of *Media Law*, the leading text on media law in the U.K.

Copies of the book will be on sale at the venue.

Registration is not required.

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