

China in the World: Implications for Development

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Firoze Manji, a Kenyan with more than 30 years experience in international development, health and human rights, is Director of Fahamu, a pan-African organization committed to using information and communications technologies to support the struggle for social justice in Africa (<http://www.fahamu.org>). He is editor of the prize-winning *Pambazuka News*, produced by a pan-African community of some 500 citizens and organizations - academics, policy makers, social activists, women's organizations, civil society organizations, writers, artists, poets, bloggers, and commentators (<http://www.pambazuka.org>).

He has previously worked as Regional Representative for Health Sciences in Eastern and Southern Africa for the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Nairobi; Chief Executive of the Aga Khan Foundation (UK) and Africa Program Director for Amnesty International.

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Charles Burton received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1987 after studies at Cambridge University in England and three years at Fudan University in Shanghai in the late '70s. He is the author and editor of books and articles about China and North Korea.

His scholarly work has focused on issues of economic and social justice in Northern Asia, addressing the fundamental question of how to alleviate poverty and to realize human rights in the context of repressive structures of political power and cultural legacies at cross purposes to liberal norms. This question is further complicated by the pressures that external actors including multilateral institutions such as the United Nations, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization exert on the domestic political, economic and social institutions of developing nations. His expertise in these matters has led to being seconded by Brock University to the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to serve as Political Affairs Counsellor at the Embassy of Canada in China twice, from 1991-93 and 1998-2000. On his most recent diplomatic posting he also had responsibility for analysis of North Korean affairs. He continues to consult for the Department of Foreign Affairs and other agencies on Canada's policy to China and to North Korea.