



For the last 50 years, the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan government in exile and the international Tibet support movement have sought an end to the suffering of the Tibetan people and to achieve, if not full self-determination, then at least some degree of freedom for them. During this time period the world has changed in many dramatic ways. In particular, the rise of China as a world power, the economic interests of the West in China, and the time factor all seem to work against the Tibetan aspirations. At the same time, the changing consciousness in China, developments in international law, and the persistent clout and efforts of the Tibet movement may provide improved opportunities to make progress. Dr. Van Walt will discuss recent developments, including the International Court of Justice's ruling on Kosovo, and explore current challenges and future opportunities for the Tibetan people.

*Challenges and Opportunities for **Tibet** in a Changing World*

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