

## Bratislava, Slovakia: China's present ideology - Communism plus Confucianism?

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The event titled "China's present ideology - Communism plus Confucianism?" attracted much attention. Among the audience was also Dr. Marina Čarnogurská, a famous sinologist. She enriched the meeting (26 participants) with her expert knowledge.

During the Cultural Revolution, Confucianism was demonized. Today, it experienced a renaissance. "This is not a contradiction because Confucianism is not a religion; rather, it is a practical guide to how to run a country while adhering to certain ethical principles," explained Barbara Grabner during her lecture. She also highlighted Xi Jinping's family background and why the Chinese Communist Party will hardly deviate from Marx or Mao.

Mentioned was also the tragic arrest of Cardinal Joseph Zen last year and how Christians are monitored and suppressed by the regime. Dr. Čarnogurská thanked UPF and said, "I hope your organization holds more interesting events at the Peace Embassy to enhance mutual interaction over hatred and divisions."

LG Barbara