

**Canadian Conference on Preventing Crimes Against Humanity:  
Lessons from the Asia Pacific War (1931-1945)**

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**MEDIA ALERT**

**Thekla Lit to speak at anti-War Rally; Sunera Thobani to Close Canadian Conference**

Thekla Lit, co-chair of the Canadian Conference on Preventing Crimes against Humanity will address the anti-war rally scheduled for downtown Vancouver on Saturday afternoon, March 22, 2003.

Sunera Thobani, a noted feminist and ant-globalization activist will be a featured speaker in the closing plenary of the Canadian Conference on Preventing Crimes against Humanity. The conference is meeting at the First Nations Longhouse at U.B.C. Thobani will speak at the closing plenary slated to start at 3:30 pm, Saturday.

Conference organizers have arranged to have a parallel rally at the First Nations Longhouse beginning at noon, Saturday. Buses have been arranged to allow conference delegates to attend the downtown rally if they so choose.

In an opening statement to the conference, Lit stated that "the governments of the United States, Great Britain and Australia are engaged in an invasion of Iraq. They do so without the sanction of the United Nations and we believe that they are therefore committing a crime against peace."

Also speaking at the closing plenary is Suh Sung, the co-chair of the International Symposium for Peace and Human Rights in East Asia and one of the leading experts on Korean affairs in Asia. In 1971 Suh was imprisoned and tortured under the old South Korean regime. He was released in 1990.

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