

# Film screening: "Complicit"

Evening session (parallel)

27 November

18:15-19:45

Organized by Think-Film Impact Production & COMPLICIT Associate

**Brief description:** The documentary follows the intimate journey of Chinese migrant worker Yi Yeting, a benzene-poisoned victim-turned-activist who takes on the global electronic industry. While struggling to survive his own work-induced leukemia, he brings his fight against benzene from his hospital room, where he helps other workers, to Silicon Valley and the international stage. Yi's efforts, along with the support of others, ultimately contribute to Apple banning two of the most toxic chemicals, benzene and n-hexane, in its final assembly. Against huge odds, Yi directly confronts corporate and government interests, while empowering and inspiring the people around him.

**Key discussion questions:** The film explores global brands' social responsibility and consumers' role, while offering an in-depth look into love, family, Chinese culture, and the people sacrificing everything to make a difference. The screening is followed by a panel discussion with experts and seeks to ask tough questions with regards to labour safety and overall factory conditions in overseas factories. We will present a roadmap to strengthen international response based on intergovernmental cooperation.

## **Speakers:**

- Danielle Turkov Wilson & Dr Dwayne Menezes (moderators)
- Guillaume Long UN Ambassador of Ecuador
- Baskut Tuncak UN Special Rapporteur for Chemicals and Toxic Substances
- Susan Mathews OHCHR Human Rights Officer, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division
- Alejandro Gonzalez Good Electronics

#### Format:

- Documentary screening
- Panel 1: What can Governments do to enforce existing multilateral agreements? + Q&A
- Panel 2: Roadmap to strengthening international standards through intergovernmental cooperation + Q&A

## ANNEX. SPEAKERS SHORT BIOS.

**Danielle Turkov Wilson** (Moderator)

#### **Co-Director of Think-Film Impact Production**



Danielle has prominently worked in the political/NGO sector as a policy advisor at the European Union on international relations amidst prominent international leaders. Danielle's extensive human rights and social justice experience as Founder and Director of Active International Consulting sparked her vision for change to reform the mediums that are used to empower socio-political progress. Danielle has also always been involved in the arts, having brought her personal artistic interests into the realm of political advocacy. Her primary human rights and social justice experience as Founder and Director of Active International Consulting has provided ample experience in the political/NGO sector. She currently works as a policy advisor for a European Parliament Intergroup liaising with the European External Action Service, she was instrumental in setting-up the PRISM network, a UK & EU-wide consortium of think-tanks and universities researching into the causes and consequences of radicalisation. Danielle has further led Youth Interfaith Dialogue and addressed the refugee crisis through the lens of design-thinking. It was the footwork of these projects which sparked her vision for change to reform the mediums that are used to empower socio-political progress, through Think-Film Impact Production. The mission has since been to develop a campaigning strategy to distribute and create social and political awareness which creates a lasting impact that goes beyond screening rooms and cinemas. Danielle views their films as visual policy briefs that not only make rational, fact-based claims but also propel emotional, lasting narratives. Recent credits include Associate Producer of the Oscar-shortlisted, Emmy-nominated film My Enemy, My Brother (2015) and its feature-length version My Enemy, My Brother (2017); the American film COMPLICIT (2017) set in China; Venezuelan-based film La Soledad (2016) and the South African film The Number (2017).

**Dr Dwayne Menezes** (Moderator)

**Co-Director of Think-Film Impact Production** 



Dwayne has long pursued a career at the intersection of academia, policy, social enterprise and the arts. He is the Founder and Director of two London-based international foreign policy think-tanks -Human Security Centre (HSC), which addresses current and emerging threats to human security worldwide, and Polar Research and Policy Initiative (PRPI), which is primarily dedicated to the Arctic and Antarctic regions. At present, he is also the Head of the Secretariat of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Yemen in the UK Parliament; Associate Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London; and Honorary Fellow at the UCL Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction at University College London. Until recently, Dwayne also served as Consultant to the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth; Principal Consultant to the European Parliament Intergroup on the Freedom of Religion or Belief; Research Associate to a UN Special Rapporteur; and on the Managing Committee of the UK Polar Network. He has also been Principal Coordinator of PRISM, an EU-wide consortium of think-tanks and universities researching into the causes and consequences of radicalisation, and the Governor of a Church of England School in West London. Dwayne read History at the LSE and the University of Cambridge, graduating from the latter with a PhD in History. He has also held visiting/postdoctoral research fellowships at the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford; the Centre on Governance and Human Rights (CGHR) at the University of Cambridge; and Heythrop College, University of London. Dwayne is also committed to the creative industries and has been Associate Producer of the Oscarshortlisted, Emmy-nominated film My Enemy, My Brother (2015) and the forthcoming film COMPLICIT(2017).

His Excellency Mr. Guillaume Long

**Ambassador and Permanent Representative** 



Ambassador Long is an Ecuadorian politician and academic, who has previously served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Human Mobility and Minister of Culture and Heritage. Ambassador Guillaume Long holds a Ph.D. from the UCL Institute of the Americas, a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of London, and a Bachelor Degree (Hons) in History from the School of Oriental and African Studies.

Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes



Mr. Baskut Tuncak was appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Council in June 2014, and assumed the mandate in August 2014. Baskut is an international lawyer, specializing in laws and policies on the management of toxic chemicals. He is currently a senior researcher at the Raul Wallenberg Institute in Sweden. Previously, Baskut was a visiting scholar at American University Washington College of Law and a senior attorney with the not-for-profit Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL). Prior to his legal career, he worked as a synthetic chemist with pharmaceutical, biotechnology and synthetic biology companies. He has served in various advisory roles to both governmental and non-governmental initiatives.

Alejandro González

GoodElectronics



Alejandro is the international coordinator of the GoodElectronics Network — a network of civil society organizations and individuals that are concerned about human rights and sustainability issues in the global electronics supply chain. Alejandro is a human rights lawyer with extensive experience in strategic corporate research, capacity building and advocacy in Mexico, the Netherlands, Tanzania, Argentina and Colombia. He practiced in the non-profit sector as well as in law and accounting firms. He previously worked as a Business and Human Rights expert and senior researcher at PODER, an NGO focusing on corporate transparency and accountability. At PODER, he coordinated an ex-ante, community-driven human rights impact assessment concerning a mining project in a rural area in Mexico. He has also worked as a human rights protection officer in high-risk countries, working closely with human rights defenders and communities.

#### **Susan Mathews**

#### **OHCHR**

Susan is a human rights officer at The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has a long career working in Human Rights. She is currently based in the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division.