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DURHAM, N.H. -- Will a development project in western China funded by the World Bank save thousands of lives, or will it harm Tibet's fragile environment and its people? The project is halfway around the world, but the questions it raises about environmental protection and human rights have widespread concern.

The University of New Hampshire's [Student Environmental Action Coalition](#) presents a forum on "Tibet, China & the World Bank" Wednesday, April 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Memorial Union Strafford Room. Moderated by Steve Curwood, executive producer and host of National Public Radio's environmental program, "Living on Earth," the forum will focus on the core issues of the controversial World Bank project.

The forum will feature three speakers:

- Chansheng Li, research professor in the Complex Systems Research Center at UNH's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space, and former senior official at China's National Environmental Protection Agency.
- Losang Rabgey, a Tibetan scholar, doctoral candidate in anthropology at the University of London, and a member of the International Campaign for Tibet.
- Stuart Leiderman, an expert on environmental refugees and ecological restoration, and a doctoral candidate in UNH's Department of Natural Resources.

The forum was inspired from a class project by UNH environmental conservation students Dave Howland and Jaimee Gould, under the guidance of their professor

Rob Robertson. There is a \$1 admittance fee; UNH students are admitted free.

For more information, contact Howland at 603-868-8975, Gould at 603-674-7183, or Robertson at 603-862-2711.

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