



The Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Global Cultural Studies, South Asia Institute (Columbia University), The Consortium for Critical Interdisciplinary Studies (Barnard College),
in collaboration with the Free Rohingya Coalition, present

The International Conference on Protection and Accountability in Burma

Barnard College, Barnard Hall,
James Room, 4th Floor,
Columbia University, 3009 Broadway,
New York, NY 10027

February 8, 2019 (9 am – 5 pm); February 9, 2019 (9 am – 1:30 pm)

(Registration Required)

Background

About the Free Rohingya Coalition

www.freerohingyacoalition.org

We are a global network of Rohingya activists and friends of Rohingyas who share common concerns about Myanmar's on-going genocide and the need for Rohingya survivors to play an active role in seeking a viable future for their group.

The philosophy governing our coalition rests on the single strategic and moral principle: Rohingya activists must play genuine leadership roles in seeking a peaceful end to Myanmar's persecution of their own people while international friends of Rohingyas contribute in any substantive way conceivable towards that end. We intend to optimize on the strengths of both circles.

FRC strives to secure a safe homeland in the ancestrally Rohingya region of N. Arakan or Rakhine State *within* the Union of the Republic of Myanmar where Rohingya people can live as free and equal Myanmar citizens.

About the Conference

Against the backdrop of the completely stalled efforts at repatriating Rohingyas from Bangladesh to their country of origin, Myanmar, which the UN Fact Finding Mission officially recognized as a member state with an 'ongoing issue of genocide', the conference is designed to call the world's attention to, and educate the international public at large about, the twofold need of protection and accountability which Rohingya genocide survivors and other ethnic and religious minorities such as Kachin, Shan, Karen, Myanmar Muslims, etc. demand and deserve. To that end, the conference brings together leading Rohingya campaigners, renowned genocide scholars, engaged international law practitioners, UN officials, and international friends of Rohingyas.

Organisational Co-Sponsors

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Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa, Canada

Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO)

(Genocide) Documentation Center – Cambodia

Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice, Liberation War Museum of Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Genocide Watch, USA

University of Southern California Shoah Foundation, USA

Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, Rutgers University, USA

Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Destination Justice, France

Peace People, Belfast, N. Ireland

Montreal Holocaust Museum, Canada

Asian Dignity Initiative, Seoul, S. Korea

Agenda: Day 1, Friday, February 8, 2019

Time	Speakers
Day 1, Conference Welcoming Remarks by the Barnard-Columbia Hosts & Special Message from UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar	
09:00 – 09:05	Professor Yvette Christiansë , Department of Africana Studies & English Literature at Barnard College & Interim Chair, Barnard College Council for Diversity & Inclusion
09:05 – 09:15	Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak , University Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University
09:15 – 09:25	Professor Yanghee Lee , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar (<i>videotaped remarks</i>)
Day 1, Panel 1: The Rohingya Voices	
09:25 – 10:00	<p>Chair: Khin Mai Aung, Burmese-American Civil Rights Lawyer and Writer</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Razia Sultana, Author, "Rape by Command" (2017) & Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Women and Children's Affairs</p> <p>Yasmin Ullah, Rohingya Human Rights Network, Canada</p> <p>Tun Khin, Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for International Outreach & President, Burmese Rohingya Organization UK</p>

Day 1, Opening Keynote

10:00 – 10:20

Chair: Tapan Kumar Bose, renowned Indian journalist, writer, documentary maker & former Secretary General of South Asia Forum for Human Rights, New Delhi, India

Keynote Speaker: Professor Elazar Barkan, Professor of International and Public Affairs and the Director of the Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

Time	Speakers
<p>Day 1, Panel 2: How Genocides & Other Atrocities End: Comparative Perspectives</p>	
<p>10:20 – 11:20</p>	<p>Chair: Professor Radhika Coomaraswamy, Member, The International Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, & Lead author of the Global Study on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325, on Women, Peace and Security</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Professor Gregory Stanton, Research Professor, George Mason University & Founding President, Genocide Watch</p> <p>Professor Alex Hinton, UNESCO Chair in Genocide Prevention & Director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights; Professor of Anthropology, Rutgers University</p> <p>Mofidul Hoque, Director, Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice, Liberation War Museum of Bangladesh, Dhaka (editor of The Rohingya Genocide: Compilation and Analysis of Survivors’ Testimonies, 2018)</p> <p>Karen Jungblut, Director of Global Initiatives, USC Shoah Foundation – The Institute for Visual History and Education, University of Southern California</p>
<p>11:20 – 11:40</p>	<p>Refreshments Break</p>
<p>Day 1, Panel 3: Myanmar’s State-Directed Crimes Against National Minorities</p>	
<p>11:40 – 12:40</p>	<p>Chair: Harn Yawnghe, Executive Director, Associates to Develop Democratic Burma, Inc./Euro-Burma Office & Facilitator, Myanmar Peace Talks (2011-15)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>May-Oo Mutraw (LL.M.), Adviser to the Karen National Union (KNU)</p>

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	<p>Esther Htusan, Nieman Fellow for Journalism, Harvard University & AP correspondent in Myanmar (2016 Pulitzer Prize Winner)</p> <p>Aye Aye Dun, PhD Student in Comparative Literature, Brown University & Founder of <i>Saddha</i> or Buddhists for Peace (Burmese American Inter-faith and Inter-ethnic Solidarity Group)</p> <p>Dr. Maung Zarni, Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Strategic Affairs & Fellow, Documentation Center – Cambodia, & co-author of “The Slow Burning Genocide of Myanmar’s Rohingya” (Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal, 2014)</p> <p>Dr. Gianni Tognoni, General Secretary, Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal, Rome, Italy</p>
<p>12:40 – 1:40</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>Day 1, Panel 4: Global Responses to Myanmar’s Ongoing Genocide & Other Crimes</p>	
<p>1:40 – 2:40</p>	<p>Chair: Professor Gregory Stanton, Research Professor, George Mason University & Founding President, Genocide Watch</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Hui Lu, Senior Human Rights Officer, New York Office, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Professor John Packer, Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre & Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution, the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Canada)</p> <p>Professor Michimi Muranushi, Professor of International Politics, Department of Law, Gakushuin University (formerly Imperial College), Tokyo</p> <p>Professor C Abrar, Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</p>

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Day 1, Panel 5: Accountability & Protection	
2:40 – 3:40	<p>Chair: Doreen Chen, Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for International Law, Co-Founder and Director, Destination Justice, and Senior Legal Consultant, Nuon Chea Defence Team, Khmer Rouge Tribunal</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Daniel Taylor, Immigration & Refugee Solicitor and the Plaintiff in the Crimes Against Humanity Case against Aung San Suu Kyi, High Court of Australia</p> <p>Katherine Southwick, former clerk in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), PhD Candidate, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law Visiting Scholar, George Mason University</p> <p>Dr. Azeem Ibrahim, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Global Policy, Adjunct Research Professor, Strategic Studies Institute of US Army War College & author of <i>Rohingyas: Inside Myanmar’s Genocide</i> (Hurst & Oxford University Press, 2016)</p> <p>Professor Nasir Uddin, Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh & the author of <i>The Rohingyas: A Case of “Subhumans”</i> (Oxford University Press, 2019)</p>
3:40 – 4:00	Refreshments Break

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Day 1, Closing Keynote Address with Q & A: A Fact-Based Perspective	

4:00 – 5:00

Chair: Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, University Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University

Keynote Speaker: Professor Radhika Coomaraswamy, Member, The International Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, & Lead author of the Global Study on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325, on Women, Peace and Security

Agenda: Day 2, Saturday, February 9, 2019

Time	Speakers
Day 2, Recap of Day 1 and Roadmap for Day 2	
9:00 – 9:10	Dr. Maung Zarni , Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Strategic Affairs & Fellow, Documentation Center – Cambodia, & co-author of “The Slow Burning Genocide of Myanmar’s Rohingya” (Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal, 2014)
Day 2, Video Address By Angela Davis & the Conference Lecture by Michael W. Charney	
9:10 – 9:25	Chair: Associate Professor John Hubble Weiss , History Department, Cornell University Video Remarks: Professor Angela Davis , Professor Emerita, & Activist, UC Santa Cruz, Former Director of the Feminist Studies Department, & Cofounder of Critical Resistance.
9:25 – 10:00	Professor Michael W. Charney , SOAS, University of London <i>The Misuses of Histories & Historiography by the State in Burma: The Case of Rakhine & Rohingya</i>
Day 2, Panel 1: Global Solidarity	
10:00 – 11:00	Chair: Professor John Packer , Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre & Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution, the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Canada) Speakers: Dolkun Isa , Vice President, Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) & President, World Uyghurs congress, Germany

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	<p>Mabrur Ahmed, Executive Director, Restless Beings, UK-based humanitarian organization with programs in Rohingya refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh</p> <p>Kinam Kim, Director, Attorney-at-Law, Asian Dignity Initiative, Seoul, South Korea</p> <p>Tracey Gurd, Senior Director, Civil and Political Rights and Advocacy, American Jewish World Services (AJWS), USA</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:20</p>	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
<p>Day 2, Special Address: Views from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and ASEAN</p>	
<p>11:20 – 11:50</p>	<p>Chair: Nurul Islam, President, Arakan Rohingya National Organization and Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Policy Affairs</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Tansri Dr. Syed Hamid Albar, Former OIC Special Envoy to Myanmar, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, of Defence and of Home Affairs, Malaysia & Member of Asian Peace & Reconciliation Council (APRC)</p>
<p>11: 50 – 12: 30 The Role of UN Agencies in Rohingya Genocide since 1978</p>	
	<p>Chair: Professor C Abrar, Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</p> <p>Dr. Jeff Crisp, Research Associate, Refugee Studies Program at Oxford University, Formerly Head of Policy Development and Evaluation, UNHCR, former Dir, of Policy & Research, the Global Commission on International Migration (Director of Policy and Research)</p> <p>Tapan Kumar Bose, renowned Indian journalist, writer, documentary maker & former Secretary General of South Asia Forum for Human Rights, New Delhi, India</p> <p>Natalie Brinham, ESRC PhD scholar, Queen Mary University of London School of Law & co-author of “The Slow Burning Genocide of Myanmar’s Rohingyas” (Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal, 2014)</p>

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<p>Day 2, Conference Closing Keynote Address & Concluding Remarks</p>	
<p>12:30 – 1:30</p>	<p>Chair: Dr. Maung Zarni, Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Strategic Affairs & Fellow, Documentation Center – Cambodia, & co-author of “The Slow Burning Genocide of Myanmar’s Rohingya” (Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal, 2014)</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, University Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University</p>