

2nd International Conference on
The Rohingya Crisis in Comparative Perspective

03-04 December 2020

The two-day virtual conference will bring together scholars, activists, policy makers, humanitarian workers and donors to share their evidence-based findings and actionable experience on the plights and vulnerabilities of Rohingyas and development activities undertaken by national and international authorities. Presenters will showcase their work, which will be interdisciplinary in nature and will cover a range of topics especially targeting the following:

- COVID-19 challenges in the camps
- Natural hazards perspective in the camps
- Rohingya case studies from India, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia
- Comparative perspectives of refugee case studies in the contemporary time
- Rohingya crisis and Bangladesh
- In conversation session with Rohingya activists
- International Court of Justice (ICJ) and justice issues
- Rohingya crisis: documentary, photo exhibition and arts

Sessions – Day 1

3 December 2020, Time: 10:15–11:15 GMT

Inaugural Session

Keynote Speaker



Robert Chatterton Dickson
British High Commissioner
to the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Chief Guest



Masud Bin Momen
The Foreign Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Bangladesh

Co-Chair



Imtiaz Ahmed
Professor of International Relations
Director, Centre for Genocide
Studies, University of Dhaka



Peter Sammonds
Professor, Institute for Risk and
Disaster Reduction, University College
London, UK

Panel discussion on COVID-19 challenges in the camps (11:30–12:30 GMT)

Moderator



Amena Mohsin
Professor of International Relations
University of Dhaka



Meghna Guhathakurta
Executive Director of Research
Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB)



Sara Hossain
Executive Director, Bangladesh
Legal Aid and Services Trust



Asif Munier
Development professional,
human rights activist and
cultural activist



A.K.M. Taifur Rahman
Executive Director of Health
Management BD Foundation

Speaker

Panel discussion on Natural Hazards Perspective (13:30–14:30 GMT)

Speaker



A. S. M. Maksud Kamal
Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)
University of Dhaka



Rashedur M. Rahman
Professor of Electrical and
Computer Engineering, North
South University



Sebastian Kaminski
Structural Engineer in Arup's
Specialist Technology and
Research Team



Akhtar Alam
Research Fellow, UCL Institute
for Risk and Disaster Reduction



Peter Sammonds
Professor, Institute for Risk and
Disaster Reduction, University College
London, UK

Moderator

Rohingya diaspora – case studies from Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia (14:30–15:30 GMT)

Moderator



Kazi Fahmida Farzana
Assistant Professor,
International Relations,
University of Sharjah, UAE



Morad Alsahafi
Associate Professor of Modern
Languages and Literature, King
Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia



Aishwarya Pandit
Associate Professor at Jindal
Global Law School, O.P. Jindal
Global University



Bulbul Siddiqi
Associate Professor of Political
Science and Sociology, North
South University

Speaker

Panel discussion on Human Rights and Refugee Advocacy: Activist Perspectives (15:45–17:00 GMT)

Speaker



Ali Johar
Rohingya Youth Leader
based in India



Lamees Hafeez
Interim Director of Operations
at Muslim Council of Britain



Rahima Begum
Activist, Researcher & Founding
Director of International Human Rights
Organisation Restless Beings



Jessica Field
Lecturer in Humanitarian Studies,
Institute for Risk and Disaster
Reduction, University College London

Moderator

Sessions – Day 2 (4 December 2020)

Panel discussion on Rohingya crisis and Bangladesh (10:00–11:15 GMT)

Speaker



Niloy Ranjan Biswas
Associate Professor of
International Relations,
University of Dhaka



Mohammad Atique Rahman
Assistant Professor of
International Relations,
University of Dhaka



Tanzina Rahman
Research Assistant, Department
of Peace and Conflict Studies,
University of Dhaka



Md Touhidul Islam
Associate Professor of Peace and
Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka

Moderator

In conversation with Rohingya activists (11:30–12:30 GMT)

Co-Moderator



Miwako Hosoda
Professor & Vice President
Seisa University,
Japan



Niloy Ranjan Biswas
Associate Professor of
International Relations,
University of Dhaka



Hla Myint
Rohingya Intellectual Group
Sydney, Australia



Zaw Min Htut
President of Burmese Rohingya
Association in Japan



Yasmin Ullah
Activist and Founder
Rohingya Human Rights
Network, Canada

Speaker

Panel discussion on ICJ & Justice Issues (13:30–14:30 GMT)

Moderator



Imtiaz Ahmed
Professor of International Relations
Director, Centre for Genocide Studies,
University of Dhaka

Speaker



Benoit Préfontaine
High Commissioner of Canada
in Bangladesh, in Dhaka



Arsalan Suleman
Counsel in Foley Hoag's
International Litigation &
Arbitration Practice



Shahidul Haque
Senior Fellow
North South University,
Former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh

Rohingya Crisis: documentary, photo exhibition and arts (14:45–15:45 GMT)

Moderator & Conference Organiser



Bayes Ahmed
Lecturer, Institute for Risk and
Disaster Reduction, University
College London, UK



Edward Lawrenson
Scottish filmmaker and writer
based in London



Mahmud Rahman
Documentary photographer
based in Dhaka

Speaker

Closing Session

(15:45-16:15 GMT)

Speaker



Saida Muna Tasneem
High Commissioner for Bangladesh
to the United Kingdom, Permanent
Representative to IMO

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