



## 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

#### 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



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

Inaugural Session

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



**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

Moderator

Speaker

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



**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  
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London, UK

Speaker

Moderator

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



**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

Moderator

Speaker

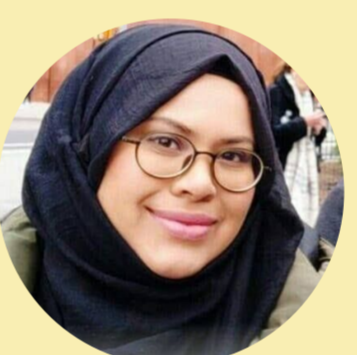
#### Panel discussion on Human Rights and Refugee Advocacy: Activist Perspectives (15:45–17:00 GMT)



**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

Speaker

Moderator

### Sessions – Day 2 (4 December 2020)

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



**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

Speaker

Moderator

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



**Miwako Hosoda**  
Professor & Vice President  
Seisa University,  
Japan



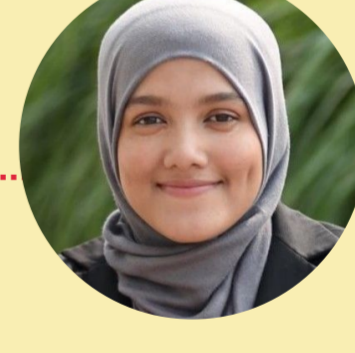
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**Hla Myint**  
Rohingya Intellectual Group  
Sydney, Australia



**Zaw Min Htut**  
President of Burmese Rohingya  
Association in Japan



**Yasmin Ullah**  
Activist and Founder  
Rohingya Human Rights  
Network, Canada

Co-Moderator

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



**Benoit Préfontaine**  
High Commissioner of Canada  
in Bangladesh, in Dhaka

#### Speaker



**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



**Jeremy Corbyn**  
Member of Parliament of the  
United Kingdom



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