



JINDAL SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS cordially invites you to the

Panel Presentation & Roundtable Discussion

on

THE ROHINGYA REFUGEE CRISIS: DEBATING THE CHALLENGES

Since 25 August 2017, Burmese security forces have been conducting a campaign of ethnic cleansing against Rohingya Muslims in Rakhine State. Over half a million have fled to Bangladesh and the wider region, with thousands seeking refuge in India. How has this humanitarian crisis come about? What does the region offer in terms of protection? What does the future hold for the Rohingya community? These are some of the challenges to be discussed in this half-day event.

PROGRAMME

Welcome Address

9:45 am – 10:00 am Professor (Dr.) Sreeram Chaulia, Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs

Panel Presentation: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
“REFLECTIONS ON THE ROHINGYA CRISIS”
Venue: Classroom No. 19

- Mr Ali Johar, Rohingya Youth Leader
- Mr. Jaffar Ullah, Rohingya Interpreter for UNHCR-India
- Mr. Maung Abdul Khan, Rohingya Youth Leader
- Ms. Shabnam Naher, Rohingya Translator for UNHCR-India
- Ms. Tasmida Johar, Rohingya Student and Athlete

Roundtable: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
“DEBATING THE LEGAL AND PROTECTION CHALLENGES”
Venue: T2, Conference Room

- Mr Ali Johar, Rohingya Youth Leader
- Ms. Ashvina Patel, PhD Candidate, Southern Methodist University
- Dr. Nehginpao Kipgen, Assistant Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs
- Dr. Vesselin Popovski, Professor and Vice Dean, Executive Director, Centre for the Study of United Nations, Jindal Global Law School

Chair: Dr. Jessica Field, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs

Date: Saturday, 4 November 2017 | Time: 9:45 am – 1:00 pm
Venue: Classroom No. 19 and T2, Conference Room
O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat - 131001

BIOGRAPHIES

Ali Johar: Ali Johar is an active Rohingya Youth Leader working for sustainability in his community. He recently received the “International People's Choice Leader Award” by the IYC, and is a Global Youth Peace Ambassador.

Ashvina Patel: Ashvina Patel is a doctoral candidate at Southern Methodist University in the Department of Anthropology. Her research focuses on issues of human in/security among Rohingya refugees in the context of American resettlement as well as within New Delhi, India as urban refugees.

Jaffar Ullah: Jaffar Ullah is a 1st year Maths student and Rohingya interpreter for UNHCR-India. He is also Co-Founder of Rohingya Human Rights Initiative.

Jessica Field: Jessica Field is an Assistant Professor at JSIA, an Honorary Research Associate at the University of Manchester, and a Research Associate at University College London. Her research focuses on humanitarian effectiveness and refugee protection.

Maung Abdul Khan: Maung Abdul Khan is a Rohingya Youth Leader, a freelance writer and editor at R4R News of the Rohingya Human Rights Initiative. He has been leading the Rohingya Learning Center since 2016. Since graduation from Sittwe University with a B.Sc (Statistics) in 2009, he has focused on teaching and community empowerment.

Nehginpao Kipgen: Nehginpao Kipgen is an Assistant Professor and Executive Director of the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs. He is a Political Scientist whose focus is on Comparative Politics and International Relations.

Shabnam Naher: Shabnam Naher has worked as a Rohingya translator for UNHCR-India.

Tasmida Johar: Tasmida Johar is a keen athlete and is the first Rohingya girl to complete Matriculation in India.

Vesselin Popovski: Vesselin Popovski is Vice Dean of the Law School and Executive Director of the Centre for UN Studies at Jindal Global University. He has worked as a Senior Academic Officer at the United Nations University, a Bulgarian diplomat, Lecturer at the University of Exeter, and a Legal Expert for the EU.

