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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](http://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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Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO)

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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

Institute for Comparative Literature and Society

## Agenda: Day 1, Friday, February 8, 2019

Time	Speakers
<b>Day 1, Conference Welcoming Remarks by the Barnard-Columbia Hosts &amp; Special Message from UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar</b>	
09:00 – 09:05	<b>Professor Yvette Christiansë</b> , Department of Africana Studies & English Literature at Barnard College & Interim Chair, Barnard College Council for Diversity & Inclusion
09:05 – 09:15	<b>Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak</b> , University Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University
09:15 – 09:25	<b>Professor Yanghee Lee</b> , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar ( <i>videotaped remarks</i> )
<b>Day 1, Panel 1: The Rohingya Voices</b>	
09:25 – 10:00	<b>Chair: Khin Mai Aung</b> , Burmese-American Civil Rights Lawyer and Writer  <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Razia Sultana</b> , Author, "Rape by Command" (2017) & Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Women and Children's Affairs <b>Yasmin Ullah</b> , Rohingya Human Rights Network, Canada <b>Tun Khin</b> , Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for International Outreach & President, Burmese Rohingya Organization UK
<b>Day 1, Opening Keynote</b>	
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Chair: Tapan Kumar Bose</b> , renowned Indian journalist, writer, documentary maker & former Secretary General of South Asia Forum for Human Rights, New Delhi, India <b>Keynote Speaker: Professor Elazar Barkan</b> , Professor of International and Public Affairs and the Director of the Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University
<b>Day 1, Panel 2: How Genocides &amp; Other Atrocities End: Comparative Perspectives</b>	
10:20 – 11:20	<b>Chair: Professor Radhika Coomaraswamy</b> , 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  <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Professor Gregory Stanton</b> , Research Professor, George Mason University & Founding President, Genocide Watch <b>Professor Alex Hinton</b> , UNESCO Chair in Genocide Prevention & Director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights; Professor of Anthropology, Rutgers University <b>Mofidul Hoque</b> , 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) <b>Karen Jungblut</b> , Director of Global Initiatives, USC Shoah Foundation – The Institute for Visual History and Education, University of Southern California
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Refreshments Break</b>
<b>Day 1, Panel 3: Myanmar's State-Directed Crimes Against National Minorities</b>	
11:40 – 12:40	<b>Chair: Professor Michael W. Charney</b> , SOAS, University of London <b>Speakers:</b> <b>May-Oo Mutraw</b> (LL.M.), Adviser to the Karen National Union (KNU)

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	<p><b>Esther Htusan</b>, Nieman Fellow for Journalism, Harvard University &amp; 2016 Pulitzer Prize Winner, Burma</p> <p><b>Aye Aye Dun</b>, PhD Student in Comparative Literature, Brown University &amp; Founder of <i>Saddha</i> or Buddhists for Peace (Burmese American Inter-faith and Inter-ethnic Solidarity Group)</p> <p><b>Dr. Maung Zarni</b>, Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Strategic Affairs &amp; Fellow, Documentation Center – Cambodia, &amp; co-author of <i>Essays on Myanmar Genocide of Rohingyas: An Anthology</i> (RMMRU, University of Dhaka, 2019)</p> <p><b>Dr. Gianni Tognoni</b>, General Secretary, Permanent Peoples' Tribunal, Rome, Italy</p>
12:40 – 1:40	Lunch Break
<b>Day 1, Panel 4: Global Responses to Myanmar's Ongoing Genocide &amp; Other Crimes</b>	
1:40 – 2:40	<p><b>Chair: Professor Gregory Stanton</b>, Research Professor, George Mason University &amp; Founding President, Genocide Watch</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Hui Lu</b>, Senior Human Rights Officer, New York Office, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p><b>Professor John Packer</b>, Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre &amp; Neuburger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution, the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Canada)</p> <p><b>Professor Michimi Muranushi</b>, Professor of International Politics, Department of Law, Gakushuin University (formerly Imperial College), Tokyo</p> <p><b>Professor C Abrar</b>, Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh</p>
<b>Day 1, Panel 5: Accountability &amp; Protection</b>	
2:40 – 3:40	<p><b>Chair: Doreen Chen</b>, 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><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Daniel Taylor</b>, Immigration &amp; Refugee Solicitor and the Plaintiff in the Crimes Against Humanity Case against Aung San Suu Kyi, High Court of Australia</p> <p><b>Katherine Southwick</b>, 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><b>Dr. Azeem Ibrahim</b>, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Global Policy, Adjunct Research Professor, Strategic Studies Institute of US Army War College &amp; author of <i>Rohingyas: Inside Myanmar's Genocide</i> (Hurst &amp; Oxford University Press, 2016)</p> <p><b>Professor Nasir Uddin</b>, Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh &amp; the author of <i>The Rohingya: A Case of "Subhumans"</i> (Oxford University Press, 2019)</p>
3:40 – 4:00	Refreshments Break
<b>Day 1, Closing Keynote Address with Q &amp; A: A Fact-Based Perspective</b>	
4:00 – 5:00	<p><b>Chair: Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak</b>, University Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker: Professor Radhika Coomaraswamy</b>, Member, The International Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, &amp; Lead author of the Global Study on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325, on Women, Peace and Security</p>

## Agenda: Day 2, Saturday, February 9, 2019

Time	Speakers
<b>Day 2, Recap of Day 1 and Roadmap for Day 2</b>	
9:00 – 9:10	<b>Dr. Maung Zarni</b> , Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Strategic Affairs & Fellow, Documentation Center – Cambodia, & co-author of <i>Essays on Myanmar Genocide of Rohingyas: An Anthology</i> (RMMRU, University of Dhaka, 2019)
<b>Day 2, Video Address By Angela Davis &amp; the Conference Lecture by Michael W. Charney</b>	
9:10 – 9:25	<b>Chair: Associate Professor John Hubble Weiss</b> , History Department, Cornell University <b>Video Remarks: Professor Angela Davis</b> , Professor Emerita, & Activist, UC Santa Cruz, Former Director of the Feminist Studies Department, & Cofounder of Critical Resistance.
9:25 – 10:00	<b>Professor Michael W. Charney</b> , SOAS, University of London <i>The Misuses of Histories &amp; Historiography by the State in Burma: The Case of Rakhine &amp; Rohingya</i>
<b>Day 2, Panel 1: Global Solidarity</b>	
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Chair: Professor John Packer</b> , Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre & Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution, the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Canada) <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Dolkun Isa</b> , Vice President, Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) & President, World Uyghurs congress, Germany <b>Mabrur Ahmed</b> , Executive Director, Restless Beings, UK-based humanitarian organization with programs in Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh <b>Kinam Kim, Director</b> , Attorney-at-Law, Asian Dignity Initiative, Seoul, South Korea <b>Tracey Gurd</b> , Senior Director, Civil and Political Rights and Advocacy, American Jewish World Services (AJWS), USA
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>Day 2, Special Address: Views from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and ASEAN</b>	
11:20 – 11:50	<b>Chair: Professor C Abrar</b> , Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh <b>Keynote Speaker: Tansri Dr. Syed Hamid Albar</b> , 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)
<b>11: 50 – 12: 30 The Role of UN Agencies in Rohingya Genocide since 1978</b>	
	<b>Chair: Professor C Abrar</b> , Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh <b>Dr. Jeff Crisp</b> , 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) <b>Tapan Kumar Bose</b> , renowned Indian journalist, writer, documentary maker & former Secretary General of South Asia Forum for Human Rights, New Delhi, India <b>Natalie Brinham</b> , 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)
<b>Day 2, Conference Closing Keynote Address &amp; Concluding Remarks</b>	
12:30 – 1:30	<b>Chair: Dr Maung Zarni</b> , Free Rohingya Coalition Coordinator for Strategic Affairs & Fellow, Documentation Center – Cambodia <b>Keynote Speaker: Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak</b> , University Professor in the Humanities, Columbia University

## SPEAKERS' Bios

### C R Abrar (Bangladesh)

C R Abrar is Professor of International Relations at the University of Dhaka. He is the Coordinator of the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU). He is a leading figure in championing the cause of Rohingya refugees and the citizenship rights of the camp dwelling Urdu speaking community in Bangladesh. Abrar is the founding member of the Committee for the Protection of Fundamental Rights. He contributes regularly to prominent English national dailies on rights issues and migration.

### Tan Sri Dr. Syed Hamid Albar (Malaysia)

Dr. Syed Hamid Albar had been a Member of Parliament. He was appointed various ministerial positions, including Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Minister of Defence, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Home Affairs. He has held important positions in several banks and organizations. He is the former Special Envoy to Myanmar, appointed by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He is passionately engaged with global humanitarian issues. Dr. Albar is the Council Member of the Asian Peace & Reconciliation Council (APRC) and was the founder of HUMANITI Malaysia, an NGO involved in humanitarian work in Malaysia and ASEAN, particularly in Myanmar. Dr. Albar is also actively involved in the academic world. Currently, he is an Adjunct Professor in Asia e University, Kuala Lumpur.

### Mabrur Ahmed (UK)

Co-Founders and Co Director of international human rights movement Restless Beings, a British charity and alternative news agency. Restless Beings has changed the way in which grassroots organisations can raise awareness and make tangible holistic change for some of the most vulnerable and needy - in the spirit of borderless global one-ness.

Mabrur has led this organisation with its unique voluntary led structure, refreshing campaigns and creative approach. RestlessBeings has successfully attracted changemakers from across the world and secured powerful partnerships which have enabled the organisation to deliver work that is often difficult in volatile environments.

Mabrur Ahmed has been one of the spearheading Rohingya experts for the international Rohingya campaign. From facilitating mainstream media into Burma (Channel 4, Al Jazeera, CNN & BBC ), releasing unseen footage, contributing towards emergency relief across Asia, leading social media pressure towards Burmese govt and military and presenting the Rohingya issue at the House of Lords to impact on policy for the UK and EU governments - Mabrur Ahmed has been passionately championing the rights of the Rohingya for a decade now.

### Ms Khin Mai Aung (USA)

Khin Mai Aung has practiced American civil rights, immigrant rights, and education law for over 15 years, including most recently at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and currently works in civil rights policy and enforcement for New York State. She moved to New York City from San Francisco to battle anti-Muslim profiling and discrimination in the city's public schools after the September 11, 2001 attacks, and has done significant work with Southeast Asian refugees (including from Myanmar) across the United States.

She has written about Myanmar's Rohingya genocide in the Huffington Post and the Buddhist blog Lion's Roar, and it is her goal to promote a balanced and fair narrative based on fact and reason about that crisis, as well as about civil rights and ethnic justice in Myanmar more broadly. In addition to the Huffington Post, her writing has appeared in the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Salon, Hyphen, and other outlets.

Ms. Aung was born in Yangon, Myanmar, and is a Buddhist of Bamar and Rakhine descent. She left Myanmar as a child, immigrated to the United States via Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and grew up primarily in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law where she was an editor at both the California Law Review and Asian Law Journal, and received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She currently resides in Brooklyn, New York.

### Elazar Barkan (USA)

Elazar Barkan is Professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, Director of SIPA's Human Rights and Humanitarian Policy Concentration, and Director of Columbia's Institute for the Study of Human Rights.

Professor Barkan is also founding Director of the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation (IHJR) in The Hague. Professor Barkan served on ISHR's board of directors before becoming ISHR's co-director in 2007 and director in 2008. Previously, Professor Barkan served as chair of the History Department and the Cultural Studies Department at the Claremont Graduate University, where he was the founding director of the Humanities Center. Professor Barkan is a historian by training and received his PhD from Brandeis University in Comparative European History and BA from Tel Aviv University.

His research interests focus on human rights and on the role of history in contemporary society and politics and the response to gross historical crimes and injustices. His human rights work seeks to achieve conflict resolution and reconciliation by bringing scholars from two or more sides of a conflict together and employing historical methodology to create shared narratives across political divides

and to turn historical dialogue into a fundamental tool of political reconciliation. A recent pertinent article: "Historians and Historical Reconciliation," (AHR Forum) American Historical Review, (October 2009). Professor Barkan's other current research interests include refugee repatriation, comparative analysis of historical commissions, shared sacred sites, and the question of human rights impact, specifically with regard to redress and transitional justice.

#### Tapan Kumar Bose (India)

Tapan Bose is an independent documentary filmmaker, human rights and peace activist, author and regular contributor leading journals and news magazines in India, Nepal and Pakistan. He has done extensive research on issues of forced migration, lack of institutional protection for refugees and statelessness in South Asia. He has authored several books, monographs and articles on issues of forced migration, lack of institutional protection for refugees and statelessness in South Asia and on the failure of the states and society to protect religious and other minorities in the countries of South Asia. He co-authored and edited the SAGE Series on Human Rights Audits of Peace Processes in South Asia (2015) which includes field based studies on Northeast: India, CHT: Bangladesh, Baluchistan: Pakistan and Madhesh: Nepal. His latest publication is "Blood Censored: When Kashmiris became the Enemy" (2018), Yoda Press, New Delhi.

His has made several award-winning documentaries on human rights and democratic issues. His award winning documentaries on human rights and democratic issues include An Indian Story (1982) on the blinding of under trial prisoners in Bhagalpur and the nexus between landlord, police and politicians and Beyond Genocide: Bhopal Gas Tragedy (1986). His film 'Behind the Barricades; Punjab' (1993) on the state repression in Punjab, as with the earlier cited films, was banned and after a long legal struggle was shown. His latest film is 'The Expendable People', (2016) a passionate appeal for justice for the tribal peoples of India, cheated, dispossessed, pauperised and criminalized in their forest homes, made to pay the price for extractive development.

He was the Secretary General of South Asia Forum for Human Rights, a unique public forum in South Asia for regional dialogues advocacy campaigns teaching and research. He is the co-founder of Pakistan-India Peoples' Forum for Peace and Democracy in 1994, The Other Media, Founder President of Mahanirvan Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, Member of Board of Trustees of Equal Rights Trust, London, and South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre. He is an active member of Citizen's Initiative on Kashmir since 1990.

### Natalie Brinham (UK)

Natalie Brinham (also known as Alice Cowley) is an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) PhD researcher at Queen Mary University of London researching statelessness and state crime. She has worked for many years in NGOs in the U.K. and Southeast Asia on forced migration, trafficking and statelessness in both frontline service provision roles and research and advocacy roles. This included four years working as a research and advocacy consultant for the London-based Equal Rights Trust on a multi-country project on the human rights of stateless Rohingya. She co-authored a three-year study on "The Slow-Burning Genocide of Myanmar's Rohingya" for the University of Washington School of Law (Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal, Spring 2014) with Maung Zarni. Again with Maung Zarni, she co-authored a historical study of Rohingya persecution entitled "Colonial Era-Indian Peril: Myanmar's State-directed Persecution of Rohingyas and Other Muslims," *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, (Winter 2017/2018). She holds an MA from UCL Institute of Education and a BA (Honours) from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

### Michael W. Charney (UK)

Michael W. Charney is a professor of military and imperial history specialising in South East Asia in both the premodern and modern periods. He received his PhD from the University of Michigan in 1999. After two years as a postdoctoral research fellow with the Centre for Advanced Studies at the National University of Singapore (1999-2001), he joined SOAS. He was a project professor with the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia at the University of Tokyo (2012-14). published monographs on warfare in the premodern South East Asian region (*Southeast Asian Warfare, 1300-1900*, 2004), the rise of monastic, military, and ministerial elites and their impact on the religious and intellectual life of the precolonial Burmese kingdom (*Powerful Learning: Buddhist Literati and the Throne in Burma's Last Dynasty, 1752-1885*, 2006), and a history of the twentieth century in Burma before and during the lengthy period of military rule (*A History of Modern Burma*, 2009). He has also co-edited four volumes and am currently co-editing a fifth, focused on early modern South East Asian warfare. His most recent work focuses on the role of railways in war, premodern warfare across the Indian Ocean world, and South East Asia during the Cold War. He serves as a member on both the SOAS Board of Trustees and the Academic Board of the school.

### Doreen Chen (France)

Doreen Chen is a human rights lawyer, the Coordinator for International Law with the Free Rohingya Coalition, and the former Lead Prosecutor of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal on Myanmar. She currently serves as the International Co-Lawyer for Nuon Chea, the senior-surviving leader of the Khmer Rouge, in his genocide trial before the UN-backed Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Ms. Chen is also the co-founder and co-director of the NGO Destination Justice, which works on rule of law, access to justice, and access to information.

Admitted as a lawyer in Australia and Cambodia, Doreen holds a Master of Laws from Columbia University and degrees in law as well as government and international relations from the University of Sydney. She has lectured widely on human rights and international law issues.

### Yvette Christiansë (USA)

Yvette Christiansë is Professor of Africana Studies and English Literature at Barnard College. She is the author of *Toni Morrison: An Ethical Poetics* (Fordham University Press 2013). For some twenty-seven years, she has been researching the stall in a pursuit of complete European and American abolition of African slavery that resulted in almost a century of contest over the fates of Liberated Africans—those who were freed from the holds of slave vessels between 1807 and into the early years of the Twentieth Century. Her research has taken her to archives in the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, in the USA and within Africa.

Christiansë is an award winning poet, novelist, and librettist. Her collections include *Impredehora* (published in South Africa by Kwela Books/Snail Press 2009) and *Castaway* (Duke University Press, 1999). Her novel acclaimed first novel, *Unconfessed*, was published in the United States, South Africa, and The Netherlands (Other Press, 2006; Kwela Books, 2007; Querido, 2007).

Together with Syrian-born, Polish-citizen composer Zaid Jabri, she and co-librettist (and anthropologist, filmmaker) Rosalind Morris of Columbia University, have been working since 2012 to bring to life the English translation of Abdulrahmin Munif's *Cities of Salt* (translated by Peter Theroux). On 22 July 2015, the Royal Opera House showcased three scenes and an intermezzo as part of the Shubbak Festival.

### Jeff Crisp (UK)

Dr Jeff Crisp is an expert on refugee, migration and humanitarian issues. He has held senior positions with UNHCR, where he was Head of Policy Development and evaluation, as well as Refugees International (Senior Director for Policy and Advocacy) and the Global Commission on International Migration (Director of Policy and Research). He has also worked for the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues, the British Refugee Council and Coventry University. Dr Crisp has first-hand experience of refugee situations and humanitarian operations throughout the world and has published, lectured and broadcast extensively on refugee-related issues.

### Radhika Coomaraswamy (Sri Lanka)

Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy is a lawyer by training and a civil society member of the Constitutional Council, formerly the Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission (2003-2006) and the Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (1984-2006). She has worked as the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women (1994-2003), and as Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (2006-2012). In 2014, Ms. Coomaraswamy was appointed by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon as lead author on the Global Study on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325, on Women, Peace and Security. As an academic, she is a Global Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law. She received her B.A. from Yale University, her J.D. from Columbia University, an LL.M. from Harvard University and honorary PhDs from Amherst College, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, the University of Edinburgh, University of Ulster, the University of Essex and the CUNY School of Law, amongst others.

### Angela Davis (USA)

Angela Y. Davis is known internationally for her ongoing work to combat all forms of oppression in the U.S. and abroad. Over the years she has been active as a student, teacher, writer, scholar, and activist/organizer. She is a living witness to the historical struggles of the contemporary era.

Professor Davis's political activism began when she was a youngster in Birmingham, Alabama, and continued through her high school years in New York. But it was not until 1969 that she came to national attention after being removed from her teaching position in the Philosophy Department at UCLA as a result of her social activism and her membership in the Communist Party, USA. In 1970 she was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List on false charges, and was the subject of an intense police search that drove her underground and culminated in one of the most famous trials in recent U.S. history. During her sixteen-month incarceration, a massive international "Free Angela Davis" campaign was organized, leading to her acquittal in 1972.

Professor Davis's long-standing commitment to prisoners' rights dates back to her involvement in the campaign to free the Soledad Brothers, which led to her own arrest and imprisonment. Today she remains an advocate of prison abolition and has developed a powerful critique of racism in the criminal justice system. She is a founding member of Critical Resistance, a national organization dedicated to the dismantling of the prison industrial complex. Internationally, she is affiliated with Sisters Inside, an abolitionist organization based in Queensland, Australia that works in solidarity with women in prison.

Like many educators, Professor Davis is especially concerned with the general tendency to devote more resources and attention to the prison system than to educational institutions. Having helped to popularize the notion of a "prison industrial

complex,” she now urges her audiences to think seriously about the future possibility of a world without prisons and to help forge a 21st century abolitionist movement.

During the last twenty-five years, Professor Davis has lectured in all of the fifty United States, as well as in Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and the former Soviet Union. Her articles and essays have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, and she is the author of nine books, including *Angela Davis: An Autobiography*; *Women, Race, and Class*; *Blues Legacies and Black Feminism: Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, Bessie Smith, and Billie Holiday*; *The Angela Y. Davis Reader*; *Are Prisons Obsolete?*; a new edition of *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*; and *The Meaning of Freedom*.

Former California Governor Ronald Reagan once vowed that Angela Davis would never again teach in the University of California system. Today she is Distinguished Professor Emerita in the History of Consciousness and Feminist Studies Departments at the University of California, Santa Cruz. In 1994, she received the distinguished honor of an appointment to the University of California Presidential Chair in African American and Feminist Studies.

#### Aye Aye Dun (USA)

Aye Aye Dun is a writer and Ph.D. student in English at Brown University. Her research interests include critical race, postcolonial, Asian American, and gender and sexuality studies. She is a founder of Saddha: Buddhists for Peace, a Theravada Buddhist-inspired interfaith solidarity platform.

#### Tracey Gurd (USA)

Tracey Gurd is American Jewish World Services (AJWS)'s Senior Director of Civil and Political Rights and Advocacy. She oversees AJWS's multi-faceted response to the Rohingya crisis, and is responsible more generally for leading a \$4.5 million grant-making portfolio focused on democracy and justice in 11 countries in Asia, Mesoamerica and Africa. Tracey also directs AJWS's advocacy work to promote U.S. and global laws and policies that advance human rights. Prior to joining AJWS in 2016, Tracey spent 12 years at the Open Society Foundations. For a decade, she monitored international war crimes trials and directed the advocacy for OSF's public interest law arm, the Open Society Justice Initiative. In her last two years at OSF, she oversaw initiatives to integrate artists and young people into human rights work across its foundations, as well as to help fledgling organizations start up. Originally from Australia, she was a policy analyst at both the Australian Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet and at the Australian Embassy in Budapest. Tracey started her professional career as a journalist. She holds a Masters of Public International Law, Human Rights, and International Humanitarian Law from the University of Melbourne, where she was also a research fellow on comparative constitutional law. She graduated from the Australian National University with a combined arts and law bachelor's degree.

Alex Hinton (USA)

Alexander Hinton is Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, Founder and Director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights, and UNESCO Chair on Genocide Prevention at Rutgers University. He is the author or editor of a dozen books, including, most recently, *Man or Monster? The Trial of a Khmer Rouge Torturer* (Duke, 2016) and *The Justice Facade: Trials of Transition in Cambodia* (Oxford, 2018).

In recognition of his research and scholarship, Professor Hinton has received a number of honors and awards. The American Anthropological Association selected Hinton as the recipient of the 2009 Robert B. Textor and Family Prize for Excellence in Anticipatory Anthropology “for his groundbreaking 2005 ethnography *Why Did They Kill? Cambodia in the Shadow of Genocide*, for path-breaking work in the anthropology of genocide, and for developing a distinctively anthropological approach to genocide.”

Professor Hinton was listed as one of “Fifty Key Thinkers on the Holocaust and Genocide” and is a past President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars (2011-13). Professor Hinton has received fellowships from a range of institutions and, from 2011-12, was a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. Most recently, Professor Hinton was a convener of the international “Rethinking Peace Studies” (2014-16) and “Critical Transitional Justice” (2017-2019) initiatives and, in March 2016, served as an expert witness at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. He has been invited to speak on six continents across the globe.

Webpage: <https://sasn.rutgers.edu/about-us/faculty-staff/alex-hinton>

Mofidul Hoque (Bangladesh)

Mofidul Hoque, author and cultural activist, has written 15 books on history, liberation studies, arts, and genocide studies. He is the Director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice, and is a recipient of the Bangla Academy Literary Prize and the national award Ekushey Padak. In 1996 he along with seven other Trustees established the Liberation War Museum, a private museum that became a people’s institution. Along with memorialization work, the museum also aims to uphold truth and justice.

Esther Htusan ( Burma )

Esther Htusan (Myanmar) is the first Neiman Fellow from Burma at Harvard who is studying conflict, inequality and injustice and their impact on Myanmar and the surrounding region.

She is an ethnic Kachin from the northernmost part of Myanmar. After graduating from the Kachin State University and experiencing civil war in the region, she moved to Yangon to study English and political science. In 2012, Htusan began her

journalism career by working as a freelance producer, fixer and translator for international news agencies covering the parliamentary by-elections.

In 2013, Htusan joined the Associated Press as a reporter. Since then, she has been relentlessly pursuing stories about human rights abuses in Myanmar following a half-century of dictatorship. She has reported on the plight of the Rohingyas, who are Muslims living in the Rakhine state in the country's western shore but are denied Myanmar citizenship.

Htusan was a member of the Associated Press investigation team that looked into forced labor in Southeast Asia's fishing industry. Her compassion and resourcefulness in reporting led to some of the most powerful images the world has seen about modern day slavery, including men in a cage on a remote Indonesian island. Htusan helped interviewed forced laborers who spoke of abuses at the hands of their captains and begged the journalists to tell their families back home that they were still alive. Her team's work won 2016 Pulitzer Prize in Public Service.

#### Azeem Ibrahim (UK)

Dr. Azeem Ibrahim completed his PhD from the University of Cambridge followed by fellowships At Oxford, Harvard and Yale.

Dr Ibrahim has been researching the Rohingya crisis for over half a decade and is the author of "Rohingyas: Inside Myanmar's Hidden Genocide" (Hurst : 2016) which was the first comprehensive book on the topic.

To undertake research for his book, Dr Ibrahim made numerous trips to Myanmar and Bangladesh over a number of years. He has also published op eds on the topic in the New York Times, Washington Post, Daily Telegraph, Newsweek, CNN, Foreign Policy and many others.

#### Dolkun Isa (Germany)

Dolkun Isa is a former student-leader of the pro-democracy demonstrations at Xinjiang University in 1988. He founded the Students' Science and Culture Union at the university in 1987 and worked on programs to eliminate illiteracy and to promote science and to lead other students in East Turkestan. He was then dismissed from university but completed his physics degree via independent study, and went on to receive a Master's degree in Politics and Sociology from Gazi University in Turkey and a degree in Computer Science in Munich, Germany. After enduring persecution from the Chinese government, Isa fled China in 1994 and sought asylum in Europe, and became a citizen of Germany in 2006.

In November 1996, he played an important role in establishing the World Uyghur Youth Congress in Germany and served as Executive Chairman and President. In April 2004, he also played an important role in the establishment of the World Uyghur Congress through the merger of the East Turkestan National Congress and the World Uyghur Youth Congress and was elected General Secretary. He has since

been presenting Uyghur human rights issues to the UN Human Rights Council, European Parliament, European governments and international human rights organizations. Dolkun Isa is the current President of the World Uyghur Congress.

Isa was also the leader of the students demonstration on 15 June 1988 and was expelled from the university in September, 1988 after four months of house arrest and a six hour-long dialogue with government officials about the students' demands. Following this, he operated a small business and travelled to various cities in China and East Turkestan to collect information about the Chinese government's Uyghur policy between 1988 and 1990. From 1990 to 1994, he learnt English and Turkish at Beijing Foreign Language University, and engaged in copying and distributing relevant Uyghur history books to the Uyghur community. In 1994, he was forced to leave China and fled to Turkey, where he received his Master's Degree in Political Science from Gazi University in Ankara. He then founded the Eastern Turkestan Youth Union and served as the Chairman during his time in in the country.

Dolkun Isa has consistently advocated for the rights of the Uyghur people and has raised the issue in the United Nations, the institutions of the European Union and in individual states. He has worked to mobilize the Uyghur diaspora community to collectively advocate for their rights and the rights of the Uyghur population in the Uyghur Autonomous Region in China. He was recognised for his efforts in raising awareness of the human rights situation facing the Uyghur people and for calling for greater democracy and freedom in China by receiving the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation's Human Rights Award on 30 March 2016. In 2017, he was elected as the Vice-President of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisation (UNPO), of which the World Uyghur Congress is a member. In this capacity, he works with other marginalised or unrepresented peoples to collectively strive for democracy, freedom and respect for basic human rights

Karen Jungblut (Germany)

Karen Jungblut, Director of Global Initiatives, oversees and manages a global portfolio of partnerships for the USC Shoah Foundation. She has been in charge of expanding the existing Visual History Archive of 50,000 Holocaust survivor and witness testimonies, with video testimonies of survivors of genocides and crimes against humanity. She led the acquisition and collection of testimonies from survivors and witnesses of the Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, the Cambodian Genocide, Armenian Genocide, Guatemalan Genocide, and the Nanjing Massacre, including the documentation of more current events of mass violence. With the Shoah Foundation since 1996, Karen has led an international and multilingual staff to successfully index the existing archive, as well as headed the production and piloting of USC Shoah Foundation's program Dimensions in Testimony, a collection of interactive biographies that enable people to have conversations with pre-recorded video images of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses to genocide.

Kinam Kim (Republic of Korea)

Kinam Kim is a lawyer and activist in Republic of Korea. Kinam co-founded Asian Dignity Initiative in 2016 to support human rights victims in conflict areas. His focus is on documenting human rights violation in conflict areas.

In particular, Kinam has been documenting on Rohingya massacres since 2017. He has interviewed Rohingya survivors in Cox's Bazar in February 2017 and published the report "Leave, you're not our nationals." He is handling the three year Rohingya documentation project with researchers at the camp since 2018 with an aim to collect and preserve evidence admissible to the future criminal tribunal—international or domestic. In January 2019, Kinam and his colleagues published eight reports on massacres occurred in respectively Tulatoli, Chut Pyin, Maung Nu, Gudar Pyin, Dar Gyi Zar, Koe Tan Kwak, Done Paik, and Inn Din villages. The project is expected to produce the total of 50 reports until 2020. Kinam has contributed to the Korean media about the Rohingya genocide, and campaigned with Korean civil society members.

Kinam Kim is also a member of Lawyers for a Democratic Society, a human rights lawyers group in Korea. He is currently chairing International Solidarity Committee and his primary interest is in submitting individual communication to the UN human rights treaty bodies.

Tun Khin (Burma)

Tun Khin was born and brought up in Arakan State, Burma. His grandfather was a Parliamentary Secretary during democratic Period of Burma. Although well-established and respected, alongside a million other ethnic Rohingya, Tun Khin was not recognized as a citizen of Burma. He is one of the founder members and current President of Burmese Rohingya Organization UK which has been a leading voice for Rohingya people around the world. Tun Khin is also one of the founder members and International Coordinator of Free Rohingya Coalition (FRC).

Tun Khin is the first Rohingya who spoke Rohingya Genocide at US Congress in 2010. Tun Khin has briefed officials on the Genocide committed against Rohingya populations at the British Parliament, Swedish Parliament, Morocco Parliament, Canada Parliament, European Union Parliament, US Senate, US Congress, State Department, the UN Indigenous Forum in NY and the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Tun Khin has been a featured speaker on Rohingya's rights for the BBC, Sky News, CNN, Al Jazeera and many other outlets. He has also published opinion pieces in the Huffington Post, Democratic Voice of Burma, Mizzima Burmese Medias. Aljazeera, the Diplomat, Huffington Post, British independent newspaper.

Tun Khin was graduated with civil engineering from London. He received a leadership award from Refugees International Washington DC in April 2015 for his relentless effort working on Rohingya crisis.

Yanghee Lee (Republic of Korea)

Ms. Yanghee Lee is a professor at Sungkyunwan University. She is highly recognized nationally, regionally, and internationally for her expertise in human rights and served as member (2003-2013) and chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (2007-2011). She has also served as chairperson of the Meeting of Chairpersons of Treaty Bodies (2010-2011).

Nationally, Professor Lee currently serves on the Advisory Committee of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea. She is the founding President of International Child Rights Center. In 2009, she received the Order of Civil Merit, the highest recognition given to a civilian for her work in human rights.

Regionally, she actively takes part in Asia Pacific debates and actively participates in ASEAN Human Rights Discussions in areas of children and armed conflict and human rights within the context of migration.

Internationally, Professor Lee is recognized for her work as member and chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child. She has taken an active role in the Strengthening of Treaty Body System Process, including the Dublin Process. Of importance, her efforts in reopening the discussions on the need for a communications procedure for children which ultimately led to the adoption of a 3rd Optional Protocol are recognized.

She earned a B.S. Degree from Georgetown University, M.ED. and Ph.D. from University of Missouri-Columbia. She has published numerous articles and books on human rights and children's rights.

Ms. Hui Lu (United Nations)

Ms Hui Lu is Chief of Intergovernmental, Outreach and Programme Support Section, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Michimi Muranushi (Japan)

Michimi Muranushi is Professor of International Politics with the Department of Law at Gakushin University, Tokyo.

His academic interests include war, genocide, refugees, human rights, North Korea, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar, the Middle East, and central Africa. His most recent article on the Rohingyas is "The Kofi Anan Report and the Transformation of Myanmar: the Possibility of Fraud in Myanmar's Policies toward the Rohingya in 2017" (Gakushuin Review of Law and Politics, spring 2018).

One of his recent works is a study with his students on the tragic issues of North Korean refugees and the persecuted Rohingyas from Myanmar.

He visited the IDP camp in Sittwe in 2016, central Rakhine in 2017 and Cox's Bazar camps in winter 2017.

In Tokyo, he regularly holds in-depth discussions about the situation of Myanmar and pushes the Japanese foreign ministry to pursue more critical policies towards Myanmar.

He showed the Japanese viewers the footage he shot inside the Sittwe camp when he talked in a T.V. news program. Two projects he works on, related to Myanmar, are (1) interviewing and reading the writings of the Japanese Asianists before and during World War II who worked along with the anti-colonialist movement, such as Subhas Chandra Bose, (2) writing a basic English textbook for Rohingya children, available free online so that they can better express themselves their thought across the border, despite their increasingly dehumanizing situation.

He has been affiliated with various universities including the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and the Research Institute for Peace and Security, Japan, and held visiting professorships at Shanghai Institute of International Affairs, Fudan University, and Beijing University.

He received Bachelor of Law (Public Law) from University of Tokyo, M.A in International Relations and Ph.D. in International Politics from Yale University.

#### May-Oo Mutraw (Burma)

(Ms) May-Oo Mutraw, a Karen born and raised in Burma, holds a Master of Laws degree (LL.M) from Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington where she read public international law. Former Snyder International Law Research Scholar at University of Cambridge, May Oo has long been one of the most vocal advocates for human rights, particularly for women and children in armed conflict. She has also been a part of the ceasefire and peace process in Burma since 2012, a senior advisor to the EAOs during NCA negotiation process in 2015 and was with the Joint Peace Fund since its inception until last June in Burma. Prior to that, May-Oo studied constitutional law and federalism while heading the Burmese Community Center for Education in Indiana, USA as its executive director.

Throughout her work-life, May Oo typically focuses her interest in democratic development and peace in a nation engaging in internal armed conflicts. At Indiana University Maurer School of Law, she worked with the Center for Constitutional Democracy (CCD) as a Research Fellow. During her time with the CCD, May-Oo worked to advise the Burma democracy movement on constitutional issues.

#### John Packer (Canada)

John Packer is Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre and Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution in the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa (Canada). He previously taught at the Fletcher School

(Tufts University, USA) and the University of Essex (UK), held Fellowships at Cambridge and Harvard Universities, and has lectured at academic and professional institutions around the world. Over his 30-year career, he was an inter-governmental official for 20 years (UNHCR, ILO, OHCHR, UNDP, OSCE) and has advised numerous governments, communities and other actors in over fifty countries. In 2012-2014, he was the Constitutions Expert on the UN's Standby Team of Mediation Experts. The focus of his research and practice is at the inter-section of human rights (including minority rights) and security, notably conflict prevention and quiet diplomacy, international mediation, transitional arrangements, and Institutional developments at domestic and multilateral levels.

#### Katherine Southwick (USA)

Katherine Southwick is a Visiting Scholar at George Mason University's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. She is a Doctoral Candidate in Law at the National University of Singapore, where her dissertation research relates to rule of law in divided societies. Katherine's commentary on the Rohingya crisis has appeared in media and scholarly outlets, and she has advocated for effective international responses in the U.S. Congress. Before returning to graduate study, Katherine worked for a decade on human rights, humanitarian advocacy, and legal reform in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Islands. For three and a half years, she worked for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) in Washington DC and the Philippines on programs relating to judicial reform, anti-trafficking in persons, and the ASEAN human rights system. In 2008, she was the Robert L. Bernstein Fellow at Refugees International in Washington DC, where she carried out research and advocacy on the global problem of statelessness. She has also clerked for a federal district judge and practiced international arbitration. She has worked in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser, and for human rights organizations in India and Uganda. Katherine grew up in Africa, and holds a B.A. and a J.D. from Yale University.

#### Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (USA)

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak is University Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University. She has a first class B.A. (English Honors) from the University of Calcutta (1959) and a PhD in Comparative Literature from Cornell University (1967). Her books are *Myself Must I Remake* (1974), *Of Grammatologie* (1976; translation with critical introduction of Derrida's *De la grammatologie*), *In Other Worlds* (1987), *Outside in the Teaching Machine* (1993), *A Critique of Postcolonial Reason* (1999), *Other Asias* (2003), *An Aesthetic Education* (2013), *Readings* (2014). She has won the Kyoto Prize (2012), and the Padma Bhushan (2013). She holds twelve honorary doctorates. "Can the Subaltern Speak?" has become a worldwide classic.

## Gregory Stanton (USA)

Gregory H. Stanton is the Founding President and Legal Director of Genocide Watch. He is the Research Professor in Genocide Studies and Prevention at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution of George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia, USA. From 2003 to 2009, he was the James Farmer Professor in Human Rights at the University of Mary Washington, in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Dr. Stanton founded Genocide Watch in 1999, was the founder (1981) and director of the Cambodian Genocide Project, and is the founder (1999) and Chair of the International Campaign to End Genocide, the world's first anti-genocide coalition. From 2007 – 2009, he was the President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

Dr. Stanton served in the State Department (1992-1999), where he drafted the United Nations Security Council resolutions that created the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Burundi Commission of Inquiry, and the Central African Arms Flow Commission. He also drafted the U.N. Peacekeeping Operations resolutions that helped bring about an end to the Mozambique civil war.

In 1994, Stanton won the American Foreign Service Association's prestigious W. Averell Harriman award for "extraordinary contributions to the practice of diplomacy exemplifying intellectual courage," based on his dissent from U.S. policy on the Rwandan genocide. He wrote the State Department options paper on ways to bring the Khmer Rouge to justice in Cambodia.

After leaving the State Department in 1999 to found Genocide Watch, Stanton was deeply involved in the U.N.-Cambodian government negotiations that brought about creation of the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, for which he drafted its internal rules of procedure and evidence.

From 1999 to 2000, Stanton served as Co-Chair of the Washington Working Group for the International Criminal Court. In 2000, Dr. Stanton published a proposal to establish an Office for Genocide Prevention at the UN. With other members of the International Campaign to End Genocide, he met with UN officials to lobby for the proposal. In 2004 in Stockholm, Secretary General Kofi Annan announced the creation of the Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide.

Before he joined the State Department, Stanton was a legal advisor to RUKH, the Ukrainian independence movement, work for which he was named the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America's 1992 Man of the Year. He was the Chair of the American Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division Committee on Human Rights and a member of the A.B.A.'s Standing Committee on World Order Under Law.

## Razia Sultana (Bangladesh)

Razia Sultana is a Rohingya lawyer, researcher and educator specializing in trauma, mass rape and trafficking of Rohingya girls and women. She is Rohingya, born in Maudaw, Rakhine state and now practices law in Bangladesh. She has been

working with Rohingya women and girls in the refugee camps in Bangladesh documenting the stories of women and girls who fled Myanmar, and has published two reports, one in 2017, and most recently, one in February 2018, exposing the widespread and systematic use of sexual violence during 'clearance operations' against the Rohingya. She is a Senior Researcher with Kalandan Press, a coordinator of the Free Rohingya Coalition, Director of Arakan Rohingya National Organization's women section and the founder of Rohingya Women Welfare. Ms. Razia was selected to represent civil society at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Sexual Violence in Conflict on 16 April 2018.

#### Daniel Taylor (Australia)

Daniel Taylor practices as a refugee lawyer in Sydney. Through his work he has developed a relationship with members of the Rohingya refugee community both in Australia and internationally.

During the most recent genocide in Myanmar in 2017 reports were being received by Rohingya in Australia of the killings of their family members by the Myanmar Army. Family members of the victims and Rohingya and Burmese exile activists wanted to take legal action against the Myanmar authorities and leader. However most of the community still have family members in Myanmar or Bangladesh refugee camps who may be subject to retaliation by the Myanmar authorities. He enlisted the help of leading members of the legal fraternity in Australia and lodged an application in the Melbourne Magistrates Court seeking charges to issue against Aung San Suu Kyi, for Crimes Against Humanity perpetrated against the Rohingya people. The matter is currently being fought out in the High Court of Australia.

#### Gianni Tognoni (Italy)

A medical doctor by profession, Gianni Tognoni is General Secretary of the Rome-based Permanent Peoples' Tribunal.

#### Nasir Uddin (Bangladesh)

Nasir Uddin is a cultural anthropologist based in Bangladesh, and Professor of Anthropology at Chittagong University. Currently, he is working as a Research Consultant with the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at SOAS, University of London. Uddin studied and carried out research at the University of Dhaka (Bangladesh), Kyoto University (Japan), the University of Hull (UK), Delhi School of Economics (India), Ruhr-University Bochum (Germany), VU University Amsterdam (the Netherlands), Heidelberg University (Germany), the London School of Economics (UK), SOAS of London University, and the University of Oxford (UK). Uddin has been doing research on the Rohingya people living in the borderland of Bangladesh and Myanmar for more than two decades. His research interests include refugees, statelessness, and citizenship; deterritoriality of identity and transborder

movements; indigeneity and identity politics; notions of power and the state in everyday life; borderlands between Bangladesh and Myanmar; the Rohingyas; the Chittagong Hill Tracts; and South Asia more general. His latest edited books are *Life in Peace and Conflict: Indigeneity and the State in the Chittagong Hill Tracts* (Orient BlackSwan, 2017), *Indigeneity on the Move: Varying Manifestation of a Contested Concept* (Berghahn, 2017 [co-edited with Eva Gerharz and Pradeep Chakkarath]) and *Deterritorialized Identity and Transborder Movement in South Asia* (Springer, 2018 (co-edited with Nasreen Chowdhory)). His forthcoming ethnography is *The Rohingya: A Case of "Subhuman"* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

Yasmin Ullah (Canada)

Yasmin Ullah is a Rohingya refugee born in Northern Rakhine state of Myanmar, during the time that genocide has been brewing in the region. She fled to Thailand in 1995 along with her parents and remained a stateless refugee in Thailand until 2011. She currently serves as the President of Rohingya Human Rights Network, a non-profit group led by activists across Canada in advocacy and public awareness in the plight of Rohingya. Yasmin is currently residing in Vancouver and completing her undergraduate degree in political science. She is also actively involved in creating a more accessible mosques and places of spirituality to those with special needs through her work in co-directing HAMDA (Helping All Muslims with Different Abilities).

John H. Weiss (USA)

John H. Weiss is associate professor of History at Cornell University. Episodes of the Nazi genocide recounted to me when I was a child by my father, a Berlin-based attorney for the Department of Justice, 1945-1947, led me later to seek the guide to answering life's important questions in the study of history, which I saw as an exercise in moral philosophy informed by both comprehensive narrative and analytic social science. After Army service I considered the Foreign Service, but finally chose graduate work in history, where my interest in modern European political history expanded to include problems in social history. Explaining changes in social stratification in the last two centuries occupied research on the formation of a new professional category in France, the study of systems of ranks and grades in public service administrations, the development of labor unions and other solidarity groups, and the demographic dynamics of bureaucracies.

Much of the scholarship dealing with these matters tended to treat technological change as a prime mover. I thus added the social history technology to my teaching and research, spending the following years in a critical examination of technological determinism, in seminars taught at Cornell, Paris, and Seoul. I also served as part of a team developing a nationally marketed middle school curriculum on technology and society.

Teaching at Cornell about the political history of twentieth century Europe, concentrating in the latter years on World War II and the Cold War, proved also a fruitful source of research problems, as did serving as director of the Institute for European Studies. I pursued questions dealing with the conduct and legacy of the European Resistance movements, where I was able to use video and written documents from cinematic/video sources, something I had advocated since the 1960s when many in the history profession were doubtful that satisfactory methods for such work could be developed.

While teaching and researching these subjects, however, I have pursued a second “career” as an advocate and activist on human rights and humanitarian issues. This began in 1970 when I led for three years a team of volunteers who produced the country’s first nationwide study of small claims courts while also reforming the applicable laws in New York and Massachusetts and conducting experiments in improving the accessibility the courts to unrepresented users. When the genocide in Bosnia began in 1992, I organized a group who coordinated various protest, aid, and public activities, then travelled to Bosnia in the last months of the fighting to bring aid items to the citizens of Bihac and Tuzla. After the war I taught at the volunteer Tuzla Summer University, then formed a research seminar that studied the participants’ representation of the war and genocide. We called ourselves the “Ghostbusters” (Razbijaci Duhova)

When the genocide in Darfur began, I helped form a campus action group and conducted a broader range of activities in support of justice for the perpetrators and aid to the victims, including public education, a bicycle Ride Against Genocide to Ottawa, lobbying, briefings and research reports for National Research Council and State Department personnel, and work with refugees. Work to help the victims of the Sudanese regime then extended to the inhabitants of the Nuba Mountains after 2011.

With the co-teaching of a course on the history and culture of the Balkans in 2000, then courses on genocidal regimes and the history of the United Nations, my previously separate teaching, research and activism began to come together. This process reached a kind of climax when I introduced a course on the history of international humanitarianism and human rights in 2007. This course generates action-research and public education projects dealing with a wide range of subjects. It was also the place where Cornell students started the biographical research that laid the basis for the Hall of Tribute to Cornell Humanitarians, formally inaugurated in April 2015.

Maung Zarni (UK)

Maung Zarni (aka Zarni) is a UK-based exiled Burmese scholar and activist with 30-years of experience in political organizing. He is also a Fellow with (Genocide) Documentation Center – Cambodia (DC-Cam) where he developed and ran a Burmese Genocide Sensitivity program (2013-16) for over 100 Buddhist monks, nuns, inter-faith leaders, human rights activists, writers and artists as an anti-racist response to Burma’s genocide of Rohingyas.

Zarni's co-authored study for the University of Washington School of Law, "The Slow Burning Genocide of Myanmar's Rohingya" (Spring, 2014), alerted the world to an ongoing genocide. With Rohingya refugees Zarni went on to co-found the Free Rohingya Coalition in 2018 which he serves as its strategic adviser. He was a member of the panel of judges at the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal on Sri Lanka and initiated PPT on Myanmar in 2017.

At an early age, Zarni learned community organizing from his businessman-father and educator-mother in Mandalay, during the dictatorship of General Ne Win in the 1970's. He left for the United States on the eve of Burma's 1988 nationwide uprisings. There he worked with Burmese dissidents already in exile and learned progressive politics including environmental and feminist activism from American peers.

In 1995, Zarni co-founded the Free Burma Coalition, the then pioneering Internet-based human rights movement, and spearheaded a successful boycott against Myanmar's military dictatorship. He trained hundreds of American and Burmese activists on strategic thinking.

Zarni was educated at the universities of Mandalay, California (Davis) and Wisconsin (Madison). He earned a PhD in curriculum studies with a thesis entitled "Knowledge, Control and Power: The Politics of Education in Burma under military rule, 1962-88". He counts among his mentors the Wisconsin historian and former US military interrogator of Nazi SS officers, the late Robert Lewis Koehl, and the neo-Marxist sociologist of education Michel W. Apple. As tenure-track assistant professor, Zarni taught sociology and philosophy of education in the US and critical Asian studies in Brunei.

He has held research, leadership and visiting fellowships at different institutions, including the Rockefeller Foundation's Next Generation Leadership, Georgetown Leadership Seminar, Harvard, LSE, Oxford, and University of Malaya. He has written extensively on activism, human security, racism and genocide, published in leading media outlets worldwide and academic journals, appeared on major networks, shared a televised LSE Rule of Law Roundtable with Aung San Suu Kyi, debated with former President of Timor Leste Jose-Ramos Horta on Al Jazeera English, and spoke on genocides at the Oxford Union.

He is the author of two forthcoming books, Myanmar's Enemy of the State Speaks (Prothom Alo Press, Dhaka) and, (with Natalie Brinham), Essays on Myanmar Genocide: An Anthology (University of Dhaka Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit, Dhaka).

He has been vilified and loathed as "national traitor" and "enemy of the state" in his native Myanmar for his opposition to the genocide and his criticism of Aung San Suu Kyi's leadership. In 2015 Zarni was awarded a "Cultivation of Harmony" prize by the Parliament of the World's Religions and was shortlisted for Sweden's Right Livelihood Award in 2017. Bangladesh's national teacher association has called Zarni "the conscience of a Buddhist Burmese society". Named a "Top-Five" blogger in the region by Southeast Asia Globe several years ago, Zarni blogs at [www.maungzarni.net](http://www.maungzarni.net)