

International Conference on  
**Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions**  
North South University  
Dhaka, Bangladesh  
July 27-28, 2019

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The influx of a large number of Rohingya population into Bangladesh over last few years has become a critical concern for both the host and international communities. Many of the incidents of forced displacement and migration remain underexplored or understudied, leaving searches for sustainable solutions to those issues at a dearth. The multifarious issues associated with the Rohingya influx into Bangladesh such as social, cultural, political, legal, health and environment require a comprehensive understanding to develop a durable solution for overcoming the crisis.

From both humanitarian and national security perspectives, it is imperative that if the on-going mechanisms function properly, the displaced Rohingya people would get their rights back. The rights don't necessarily mean only the repatriation of those who have been displaced but also ensuring their citizenship rights and living in their land with all fundamental rights and dignity. On the other hand, Bangladesh has been bearing a heavy burden of a huge Rohingya population. In such a context, the questions remain: How long will these displaced and stateless people stay in their temporary shelters in Bangladesh? What are the prospects of a safe repatriation of Rohingya people? Will Myanmar take them back and give their rights and allow them to live with dignity? How significant is the local and global response to this crisis? Does the Rohingya crisis pose a direct threat to national and regional security? What are the socioeconomic challenges both host and the Rohingya communities face in the shelter areas? What types of health hazards may arise in the Rohingya camps? How vulnerable are the women and children in these camps? What are the environmental impacts in the camp areas? How can the on-going peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts lead to a durable conflict resolution?

In order to develop sustainable solutions to the Rohingya displacement crisis, both the intellectual and the development community need to find answers to the above questions. At present, it is evident that an immediate solution is far from a reality, as on-going negotiations have been futile and the repatriation of the dislocated Rohingya population to Myanmar has not been forthcoming. Considering this uncertainty, both the host and Rohingya communities may face further complex situations, where some of the options may not be effective at all. Therefore, a rigorous and comprehensive analysis of all the facets of the Rohingya crisis is essential in order to find a practical solution before it is too late.

Under this backdrop, Center for Peace Studies (CPS) and the Department of Political Science and Sociology (PSS), North South University (NSU), Dhaka, Bangladesh are organizing an international conference on **“Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions”** on **July 27-28, 2019** in collaboration with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

## **CONFERENCE THEMES**

The conference committee is inviting papers from scholars, researchers and graduate students across the globe to critically assess the whole issue and to develop sustainable policy recommendations in the broader thematic areas outlined below. However, the conference committee may consider papers that focus on the Rohingya crisis but fall outside of the following thematic areas:

- Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution
- National and Regional Security
- Socio-cultural Problems and Dimensions

- Economic Impacts
- Physical and Mental Health Issues of Rohingya people
- Environmental Impacts and Remedy
- Legal Issues Associated with Rohingya Crisis
- Rohingya Language, Literature, and Culture
- Rohingya Identity and Historical Perspectives
- Gender and Vulnerability

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

A 300-word paper abstract, along with a short biography of 200 words, should be submitted by **April 30, 2019**. Abstracts should be written in English using Times New Roman font and submitted in MS Word doc/docx format. Notifications on decisions about acceptance of paper abstracts will be given by **May 15, 2019**. Selected papers will be published in an edited book and a peer-reviewed journal. The papers should be properly referenced with APA style.

Please visit [www.northsouth.edu/rohingya.2019](http://www.northsouth.edu/rohingya.2019) for abstract submission and other information regarding the conference.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Abstract Submission	April 30, 2019
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	May 15, 2019
Early Bird Registration Deadline	May 30, 2019
Regular Registration Deadline	June 15, 2019
Deadline for Full Paper Submission	July 15, 2019

### REGISTRATION FEE

Developed Countries	Early Bird	USD 100
	Regular	USD 200
Developing Countries	Early Bird	USD 50
	Regular	USD 100

Notes:

\* Registration fees will cover meals (lunch and tea) and materials during the conference. Registration fee does not include accommodation.

\*\* Participants from developing countries may apply for registration fee waiver, which will be determined by conference committee.

\*\*\* Graduate/Doctoral students may apply for registration fee waiver, which will be determined by conference committee.

\*\*\*\* Limited number of travel grants will be provided to deserving candidates based on merit of the paper, for which participants need to apply using the Travel Grant Request Form available on the conference website.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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