

**THE BERLIN CONFERENCE**  
**ON**  
**MYANMAR GENOCIDE**  
**(To be webcast LIVE)**  
**26th February 2018**

The conference aims to inform the German civil society and European public about the on-going genocide of Rohingya people in Myanmar/Burma. It is hoped that the conference will be able to help influence public opinion, which in turn will demand that the EU leaders take their shared political and human responsibility to make the call: “Never again!” a reality.

The conference categorically rejects the view that only a UN-authorized tribunal can decide whose collective sufferings and which acts of violence and destruction amount to genocide. Five independent academic and legal studies of Myanmar’s persecution and plight of the Rohingya - including the Permanent Peoples Tribunal on Myanmar, the United State Holocaust Memorial Museum, Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic at Yale Law School, the International State Crime Initiative of Queen Mary University of London and the Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal of the University of Washington School of Law - have arrived at a single common conclusion: There is “mounting evidence of a genocide” against the Rohingya!

**Registration: 08:30 – 09:00**

**Welcome Remarks by Convenor and Host**

**9:00 – 9:10**

**Prof. Dr. María do Mar Castro Varela**

Professor of Pedagogy and Social Work, Alice Salomon University,  
Berlin

**Opening Remarks by**

**Margarete Bause**, Member of Deutscher Bundestag (The Greens)

& Full Member, the Commission on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid

9:10 – 9:15

**Laetitia van den Assum**, Former Ambassador of the Netherlands  
Member of the Advisory Commission for Rakhine State (2016-2017)  
(videotaped remarks from Africa)

09:15 – 09:20

### **Keynote Address I**

**09:20 – 09:40**

**Prof. Dr. Rainer Schulze**

Professor Emeritus in Modern European History, University of Essex,  
Colchester, United Kingdom

& Founding Editor, The Journal of Holocaust in History and Memory

### **Keynote II**

**09:40 – 10:05**

**Professor Yanghee Lee**

UN Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in Myanmar (2014- 1  
Feb. 2018), Professor of Child Psychology and Education,  
Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul

& Founding President of the International Center for Child Rights  
Foundation, Republic of Korea

(via Skype from Seoul with Q and A)

### **PANELS** *[All panels are plenary]*

#### **Panel I**

**Rohingyas speak for themselves**

**10:05 – 11:00**

Chair: **Chowdury Abrar**, Professor of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Ro Nay San Lwin**, renowned citizen-journalist who runs Rohinger Blogger site

**Dr. Ro Hla Kyaw**, Rohingya medical doctor and Chair, European Rohingya Council, The Netherlands

**Sultana Razia**, Rohingya lawyer, teacher and researcher, Chittagong, Bangladesh

**Ro Tun Khin**, Rohingya engineer and President of Burmese Rohingya Organization UK

*Refreshments Break 11:00 – 11:20*

## **Panel II**

### **Burmese for an Inclusive, Multiculturalist Society**

**11:20 – 12:15**

Chair: **Harn Yawngwe**, Executive Director

Euro-Burma Office/ADDB Inc., Canada

### **Aye Aye Dun**

Ph.D. student in English with a focus on Asian American,

postcolonial, and religious studies, Brown University

& co-founder of Saddha: Buddhists for Peace, Burmese American interfaith and interethnic solidarity group

**Khin Mai Aung**, civil rights lawyer and writer, New York

**Ko Aung**, former political prisoner, founding member of the All Burma Federation of Student Union in 1988

& Visiting Fellow, London South Bank University Department of Law

***Lunch Break 12:15 – 13:30***

**The Genocide Roundtable**

13:30 – 14:25

*Chair:* **John Packer**, Associate Professor of Law, Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa & former legal adviser to the 1st UN Special Rapporteur to Myanmar in 1992

**Gianni Tognoni**, Physician and General Secretary,

The Permanent Peoples Tribunal Secretariat, Rome

**Penny Green**, Professor of Law and Globalization & Director of International State Crime Initiative, Queen Mary University of London

**Dr Maung Zarni**, Burmese activist, scholar, & “Enemy of the State”  
Genocide Documentation Center of Cambodia/The Sleuk Rith Institute

**Mofidul Hoque**,

Director, Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice

Liberation War Museum, Bangladesh

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE**

**14:30 – 15:00**

**Irwin Cotler (P.C., O.C.)**

Founder and Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights,  
Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University, former Member of  
Parliament, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

(video-recorded or via Skype, with Q and A)

***Refreshments Break 15:00 – 15:20***

**Panel III**

## **Historical, Human Rights, and International Perspectives**

**15:20 – 15:15**

Chair: **Khin Mai Aung**

**Michael Charney**, Professor of S. E. Asia  
and Military History. SOAS, London

**Karen Jungblut**, Director of Global Initiatives, USC Shoah Foundation,  
University of Southern California

**Chowdhury Abrar**, Professor of International Relations,  
University of Dhaka

& Convener of Dhaka Conference on Ending Myanmar's Slow Burning  
Genocide

**Hon. David Kilgour**, former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific  
& Nobel Peace Prize nominee

### **Panel IV**

#### **European Perspectives**

**15:15 – 16:10**

*Chair:* **Prof. Dr. María do Mar Castro Varela**, Alice Salomon University,  
Berlin

**Prof. Dr. Beate Rudolf**, Director of the German Institute for Human  
Rights and Chairperson of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights  
Institutions (GANHRI)

**Andreas Schüller**, Director of the International Crimes and  
Accountability Program, the European Center for Constitutional and  
Human Rights (ECCHR)

**Dr. Thomas Seibert**, International Director for Human Rights in Turkey,  
Syria and South Asia, medico international, Germany

**Special Session**  
**Scenarios for International Accountability and Justice for  
the Rohingya**

**(via skype from Chicago with Q and A)**

**16:15 – 16:45**

**Ambassador David Scheffer**, U.S. Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues (1997-2001), Mayer Brown/Robert A. Heiman Professor of Law & Director, Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

*Refreshments Break 16:45 – 17:00*

**ROUNDTABLE II**

**Ending Myanmar Genocide: What needs to be done?**

**17:00 – 17: 55**

Chair: **Dr. Maung Zarni**

**Harn Yawngghwe**, Euro-Burma/ADDB Inc.

**Andreas Schüller**, Director of the International Crimes and Accountability Program, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR)

**Mofidul Hoque**, Founding Trustee Bangladesh's National Liberation War Museum

**Dr. Ro Hla Kyaw**, Chair, European Rohingya Council (ERC)

**Kyle Matthews**, Executive Director, The Montreal Institute of Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Canada

## **CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**18:00 – 18:30**

### **Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak**

University Professor in Humanities and Human Rights Activist, Columbia University,  
New York

A quiet procession from Brandenburg Gate to the Memorial for the Murdered Jews of Europe and Candlelight Vigil in memory of victims of all past genocides and crimes against humanity

**Venue:**

**W. M. Blumenthal Academy/Jewish Museum**  
**Fromet-und-Moses-Mendelssohn-Platz 1, 10969 Berlin, Germany**  
<https://www.jmberlin.de/w-michael-blumenthal-akademie>

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