Call for Papers: New Perspectives on the Rohingya Crisis
Humanitarian Responses
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The New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy is calling for original research papers examining key issues related to the Rohingya crisis, with a focus on identifying sustainable short-, medium-, and long-term solutions. This second call for papers is centered on responses to humanitarian issues, including refugee returns and resettlement. This call for papers is a series, with a previous call focused on policy and political issues, and a future call on the subject of accountability.

With the recent U.S. determination that Myanmar's military committed crimes against humanity and genocide against the Rohingya, the international community is once again focused on this community. Bangladesh, notably, has hosted more than 1 million Rohingya refugees — after several decades of hosting hundreds of thousands — and the humanitarian situation in the camps remains dire. Other countries in the region and far beyond are hosting hundreds of thousands more Rohingya refugees. A small number of refugees have returned from Bangladesh to Myanmar on their own or left the camps through irregular migration, but organized efforts to facilitate refugee returns have foundered. Even before the February 2021 coup, the failure to meaningfully consult the Rohingya themselves ensured that talks on returns between Bangladesh and Myanmar achieved little. While these talks are technically ongoing, the discussions have faced additional strong resistance both from the Rohingya and the international community since the military takeover. Over the past year, the political reality of the situation has fed growing frustration with the lack of security and unmet educational, livelihoods, health care, and housing needs in the camps, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Papers should explore themes related to recommendations for best practices to support the resettlement, integration, and return of Rohingya refugees. Papers should focus on balanced solutions looking at all options, with a focus on the necessary pre-conditions for a safe, voluntary, and durable return to Rakhine state, including the possibility of an international presence to secure and administer a safe zone.

Submission process:
Authors should initially submit an abstract, no longer than one page, outlining the research topic, thesis, theoretical approach, and methodology to the stated problem. Authors may also submit additional background information on themselves, including a *curriculum vitae* and a bibliography of relevant research or publications. The New Lines Selection Committee will review each submission and notify selected authors that they have been chosen to move forward with full papers. Abstract submissions will open on Aug. 25, 2022, and will close at 5 p.m. EST on Sept. 29, 2022. An honorarium will be provided to authors of selected abstracts upon completion of full papers.

Guidelines:
- Abstract submissions should be no longer than one (1) page, in 12 point Times New Roman, single spaced. Those selected will be required to submit a final paper between ten (10) to twelve (12) pages in length.

- Abstracts may be submitted by single or multiple authors. **Preference will be given to Rohingya authors.**
- Papers should be written for an audience of interested non-experts, avoiding jargon and technical language. Papers should be formatted, including reference notations, using the APA style, and submitted as an editable Word document (.doc or .docx).
- Each submission may include the author's Curriculum Vitae (CV) and bibliography.
- Authors may be requested to present their papers or otherwise engage with impacted communities and/or communities of practice. New Lines may publish selected papers.

Questions and final submissions should be sent to the attention of Emily Prey: eprey@newlinesinstitute.org