

Global Rohingya Initiative Issues Final Call for Abstracts

Jan. 4, 2023 – The New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy is announcing its final call for abstracts for the [Global Rohingya Initiative](#) led by New Lines Director of Special Initiatives Dr. Azeem Ibrahim. Over the past six months, New Lines has issued solicitations seeking short-, mid-, and long-term solutions for the Rohingya focused on the three foundational issues of the crisis: [Policy & Politics](#), [Humanitarian Concerns](#), and [Accountability](#).

“Abstracts have been submitted from around the world, including from the Rohingya community itself. We have been honored to have received such thoughtful contributions to date,” said Dr. Ibrahim. “As we head into the new year and we begin the review process, we are extending the deadline for final abstracts for consideration until Feb. 1. In 2023, the Initiative will build upon its first year with consultations and engagements with stakeholders where these papers will be presented and discussed.”

Interested authors should submit an abstract for consideration that is focused on one of the three foundational issues:

Accountability

Abstracts should examine the interplay of roles and responsibilities of the various relevant actors—including survivors, civil society, national authorities, neighboring states, regional organizations, and international institutions—in pursuing accountability for the atrocities committed against the Rohingya people. Papers can also examine the implications of The Gambia’s case against the military junta of Myanmar; the potential utility of other international accountability mechanisms; the prospects for and implications of state responsibility in addressing and preventing further atrocities; the responsibility of the National Unity Government (NUG) and other Myanmar political actors in securing accountability; and the intersection between accountability efforts around the Rohingya genocide and broader efforts to address impunity in Myanmar.

Policy & Politics

Abstracts should address the underlying political issues and root causes of the Rohingya crisis, including identity, belonging, and security within Myanmar civic and political spaces; identifying potential confidence-building, demilitarization, and security sector reform, community reintegration and resilience, conflict resolution, and legal and governance reform measures; and other necessary political and policy prerequisites for potential durable refugee returns and community reintegration within Myanmar. Papers could also consider the role of the international community and what policy and political mechanisms can be used to address the crisis in the short and long term.

Humanitarian Concerns

Abstracts should focus on Rohingya-specific recommendations for best practices to support the resettlement, integration, and return of Rohingya refugees. Authors should strive for balanced solutions that look at all options, with a focus on the necessary pre-conditions for a safe,

voluntary, and durable return to Rakhine state, including the possibility/necessity 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 close at 5:00 PM EST on February 1, 2023. An honorarium will be provided to authors of selected abstracts upon completion of full papers.

To learn more about the Global Rohingya Initiative and the submission process, please click [here](#).

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