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A Tale of Sub-Human: The Rohingyas in Myanmar and Bangladesh

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» **Speaker:**

Nasir Uddin, Professor of Anthropology,
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» **Discussant:**

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THE ROHINGYAS, considered by the United Nations as the world's most persecuted people, have recently experienced unprecedented violence and brutality committed by Myanmar security forces and vigilantes. Following alleged attacks on Myanmar police posts and a military base by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) on August 25, 2017, Myanmar security forces indiscriminately fired on Rohingya civilians, burnt their houses down, raped girls and women, and killed thousands mercilessly in what the United Nations termed as a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing." This state-sponsored violence spurred 600,000 Rohingya to flee to Bangladesh in the past two months. The Rohingyas have experienced intense, ongoing violence because they are non-citizens in Myanmar. In fact, citizenship is a legal status conferred by the state that makes non-citizens a new 'other,' a vulnerable category viewed as less than human being that Uddin refers to as being treated as "sub-human." This talk will focus on the state of Rohingyas in Bangladesh and Myanmar illuminating an intricate relation of statelessness, human rights and the paradox of the "sub-human."

NASIR UDDIN is a cultural anthropologist based in Bangladesh and a professor of anthropology at the University of Chittagong. His research interests include statelessness and refugee studies; human rights and non-citizens; indigeneity and identity politics; the state in everyday life; the politics of marginality and vulnerability; and borderlands and border people, particularly those of Bangladesh and Myanmar, the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and South Asia. His publications include *To Host or To Hurt: Counter-narratives on the Rohingya (Refugees) in Bangladesh* (2012); *Life in Peace and Conflict: Indigeneity and State in the Chittagong Hill Tracts* (2017) and *Indigeneity on the Move: Varying Manifestation of a Contested Concept* (2017). Currently he is working on a new monograph, *the Rohingyas: A Tale of Sub-Human* (2018).

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