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A Frontline Report on the Humanitarian Crisis in Myanmar

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Following protracted tensions, conflict in Rakhine, Myanmar broke out in August 2017. More than five hundred people were killed, hundreds of Rohingya villages were destroyed, and half of the estimated Rohingya population (more than 500,000) was forced to flee to Bangladesh. This is now considered one of the greatest humanitarian disasters of our time, and this crisis is unfolding during the watch of Nobelist Aung San Suu Kyi.

Roger Normand will share new frontline information on the Rohingya crisis and on the position of Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of Myanmar. Normand is the Founder and Executive Director of Justice Trust, a human rights group that works to advance rule of law in Myanmar.

Roger Normand has over 20 years of experience as a human rights advocate and scholar. While at Harvard Law, he co-founded the Center for Economic and Cultural Rights (CESR), which focuses on health, housing, education, and work as human rights. Normand was Asia-Pacific Director for the International Commission of Jurists from 2008–2011. He has taught law and justice at Columbia University and Lahore University, and published widely on issues of rule of law.

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