Ethnic Conflict and Peace-Building in Myanmar: The Rohingya Crisis and Beyond

Recent reports from Rakhine state in western Myanmar have triggered a debate about whether the government—or more specifically the military—is pursuing a strategy of genocide. Myanmar’s de facto leader, Aung San Su Kyi, denies these charges, claiming that the government is carrying out a counter-insurgency operation. The situation of the Rohingya in Rakhine state raises difficult questions about the relationship between the NLD-led government and the military, and the prospects of a broader peace deal that would encompass minorities in Myanmar’s north and northeast. This roundtable brings together a group of experts to shed light on these developments by considering the history of the ethnic conflict in Myanmar; the broader social and political context; legal issues around citizenship, dispossession, and statelessness; and the wider regional and international context.

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