

CPLR PhD Seminar One

Encountering the Exclusion of Constitutional Identity of Rohingyas: A Comparative Study

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Registration



Abstract: Rohingyas, the racial minority having distinct ethnic-racial backgrounds in Myanmar, have gone through terrible constitutional and legal crises since the very inception of postcolonial era. Preference to majoritarian Burmans espoused with an 'out-group' nationalism was constitutionally embraced and followed by decolonization. It resulted in the exclusion of constitutional identity to Rohingyas, in particular. This doctoral project will examine how and why Rohingyas were excluded from the identity of people constructed in the constitutional narratives between the 1947 Constitution and the latest 2008 one. Simultaneously, a deeper gaze will be provided to the declining and disharmonic constitutional provisions and relevant citizenship legislations to understand the exclusion of from the ambit of identity. To facilitate this research of exclusion, 'constitutional identity of people' will be theorized and measured decisively. In this connection, a comparative analysis will be embarked to perceive the essentiality of inclusive constitutional identity of people. On top of the arguments against the exclusion of constitutional identity to Rohingyas, a way-forward will be drawn designing the inclusive constitutional identity of people in the new republic of Myanmar, that will inevitably include Rohingyas.



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