

# The Human Rights Program Presents a student lunch event:

### The Rohingya Refugee Crisis & the Global Call to Action



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## **Wednesday, October 18, 1:15 – 2:45pm**

Roosevelt House, 47-49 E 65th Street (between Park & Madison Avenues), Room 304

**Student Lunch & Dialogue with** 

#### **Phelim Kine**

#### **Deputy Director, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch**

Since August, a military crackdown on the Rohingya population in Burma has driven more than a half a million men, women, and children from their homes in what UN Secretary-General António Guterres has called "the world's fastest developing refugee emergency and a humanitarian and human rights nightmare." The Rohingya, a Muslim ethnic group, have faced violence and discrimination in the majority-Buddhist country for decades, but the recent crackdown has led to an exodus at a pace not seen since the Rwandan genocide. Every day, thousands of Rohingya refugees continue to cross the border into Bangladesh.

Human Rights Watch—which has used both satellite data and on-the-ground reporting to document the scale of devastation and human rights abuses against the Rohingya population—is part of a global coalition of 88 organizations that is calling on UN member states to take urgent action to address this burgeoning crisis.

**Phelim Kine**, Deputy Director of Human Rights Watch's Asia Division, will discuss HRW's findings as well as the global call to action.

Lunch will be served. RSVP <a href="mailto:here">here</a> or email <a href="mailto:hrp@hunter.cuny.edu">hrp@hunter.cuny.edu</a>