

CURRICULUM VITAE Mr/Maung Zarni

- Contact: Tel: +44 (0) 771 047 3322
Email: fanon2005@gmail.com Blog: www.maungzarni.net
Facebook: Maung Zarni (Oxford City); Twitter: @drzarni
- Present Position: **Non-Resident Research Fellow**, *Sleuk Rith Institute, Permanent (Genocide) Documentation Center of Cambodia, 66 Sihanouk Blvd. Phnom Penh, Cambodia*
- Previous Positions: **Visiting Lecturer in Racism & Violence (in collaboration with Professor Amartya Sen)**, *Harvard Medical School, USA (2014-15)*
Visiting Senior Research Fellow, *Center for Democracy and Election, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2013-15)*
Associate Professor of Asian Studies, *University Brunei Darussalam (2012) (Resigned over censorship)*
Research Fellow (2009-2011) (in collaboration with Professor Mary Kaldor) *Civil Society and Human Security Research Unit, Department of International Development, London School of Economics, UK*
Visiting Research Fellow (under the mentorship of Professor Emeritus Barbara Harriss-White), *Department of International Development, University of Oxford (2006-09)*
Visiting Fellow, *Institute of Education University College London, 2005*
Founding Executive Director, *Institute for Community and Institutional Development – Burma (2001-2005)*
Assistant Professor of Teacher Education (tenure track), *National Louis-U., Chicago, 2000-01 (Left academy to do human rights activism full-time)*
Founding Coordinator, *The Free Burma Coalition (1995-2004)*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Racism, Violence and Genocide; Imperialisms, Capitalism and Revolutions; Social Media and Non-Formal Education; Global Warming

EDUCATION

- 1998 **PhD, University of Wisconsin at Madison, USA**
Thesis entitled "Knowledge, Control and Power: The Politics of Education in Burma under Military Rule, 1962-88"
Advisor: Michael W. Apple
Major: Curriculum and Instruction (with concentration on Sociology of Knowledge and Policy Studies) {academic program ranked #1 in USA for the past quarter century}
- 1991 **MA, University of California at Davis, USA**
Thesis entitled "Content of Elementary Science Textbooks: A Comparative Study"
- 1984 **BSc, University of Mandalay, Burma** Major:
Chemistry; Minor: Physics

SPECIAL TRAINING

- 2004 Political Negotiations, United States Institute of Peace
- 2001 & 2002 The Rockefeller Next Generation Leadership Fellows Program
- 1996, 98, & 2005 Numerous training on Media and Communications (San Francisco, New York, Washington, & London)

POSITIONS IN ACTIVISM, NON-PROFIT AND CONSULTING (VOLUNTARY AND PAID)

- 1989-present **Public speaker** on human rights, minority rights, & social movements
- 2006-present **Commentator** (I have offered my expert commentaries on the current affairs of Burma, particularly on democratization and minority persecution on virtually all major networks including BBC, Sky, Channel Four, CNN, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, France 24, ASEAN TV, Al Jazeera English and Arabic Programmes, Bloomberg, as well as regional networks in Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore.
- 2013-17 **Founder-Educator**, The OSF-funded Multiculturalist Education Program, a civil society initiative which brings quarterly batches of Buddhist monks, Muslim activists, Christian Clergymen and Ethnic Minority Youth from Burma to Thailand and Cambodia where they receive sensitivity training on racism, religious violence international human rights, and movement building
- 2005-2009 **Country Advisor** (on civil society Development in Burma)

	The Heinrich Boell Foundation, South East Asia and Thailand Office, Chiang Mai, Thailand
2001-2005	Founding Executive-Director , Inst. for Community and Institutional Development - Burma, capacity building program for Burmese dissidents in exile, Berkeley, California
1995-2004	Founder & Director , Free Burma Coalition, one of the then pioneering, OSI/OSF-funded human rights campaigns on the Internet devoted to Burma's pro-democracy opposition movement, nominated by the then Open Society Institute President Aryeh Neier for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Human Rights (1998).
1993-94	Undergraduate Teacher Education Coordinator , Science Education Scholars Program, School of Education, U. of Wisconsin at Madison
1985-88	English Teacher , Mandalay, Burma

MAJOR CONFERENCES ORGANIZED AND/OR CHAIRED

2018	Organizer , The Berlin Conference on Myanmar Genocide
2017	Initiator & Co-organizer , Dhaka Conference on Ending Myanmar's Slow Burning Genocide of Rohingyas
2017	Initiator & Organizer , Permanent People's Tribunal on Myanmar's State Crimes against Rohingyas and Other Ethnic Groups (Queen Mary University of London International State Crimes Initiative and University of Malaya Law Faculty)
2016	Principle Organizer & Chair , The Oxford Conference on Myanmar Democratic Transition and Rohingya Persecution, U. of Oxford, 27 May 2016
2015	Principle Organizer & Co-Chair , The Oslo Conference to End Myanmar's Persecution of the Rohingya, The Norwegian Nobel Institute, 26 June 2015
2014	Co-Organizer (with Professor Amartya Sen in the Chair), The Plight of the Rohingya, Harvard Global Equality Initiative Conference, Harvard University, 3 November 2014
2013	Organizer and Chair , London Conference on Myanmar's Destruction of the Rohingya, London School of Economics, April 2013

- 2012 **Organizer and Panellist**, LSE Rule of Law Roundtable with Aung San Suu Kyi, Sir Geoffrey Nice, Christine Chinkin, Mary Kaldor and Nicola Lacey, 19 June
<http://www.securityintransition.org/events/the-rule-of-law-paneldiscussion-with-aung-san-suu-kyi/>
- 2010 **Organizer and Panelist**, Aljazeera-LSE Joint Televised Dialogue LIVE with Aung San Suu Kyi, Amarty Sen, Mary Kaldor and Timothy Gatten Ash, LSE, London, 14 December
<http://english.aljazeera.net/programmes/general/2010/12/2010122115315511156.html>
- 2009-2010 **Columnist**, Irrawaddy, Burmese-run influential media outlet, and Transcend Media Services, peace journalism outfit founded by Johan Galtung
- 2007-2010 **Non-government Delegate**, The Shangri-la Dialogue, Institute of International and Strategic Studies, London and Singapore
- 2004-07 **Initiator-Facilitator**, a pioneering Track II negotiation process between the Burmese junta headed by the then Senior General Than Shwe & international organizations, including the International Labour Organization, as well as the governments of UK, USA and Germany designed to encourage strategic engagement with the then isolated Burma, both the generals & the society at large.

AWARDS, HONOURS AND LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016-present **Member**, Board of Advisers, European Centre for the Study of Extremism, Cambridge, UK
- 2016 **Lecturer**, The Annual Owen M. Kupferschmid Memorial Lecture, Holocaust and Human Rights Project, Boston College School of Law, 13 Apr.

<http://lawmagazine.bc.edu/2015/04/scholar-maung-zarni-defines-genocide-in-hhrp-lecture/>
- 2015 **Winner**, "Cultivation of Harmony Award", The Parliament of the World's Religions, the world's oldest Interfaith organization which coined the term "interfaith"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQvrtXngea4>
- 2013 **Member**, Panel of Jury, the Permanent People's Tribunal on Sri Lanka, Bremen, Germany, Dec.
- 2011 **"Top 5" Blogger/Social Networker**, featured in Southeast Asia Globe magazine with circulation in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Burma, February 2011 issue.
- 2004 **Member**, Georgetown Leadership Seminar, Georgetown University, USA (The leadership program is based on international nominations. Its past distinguished alumni include European Commission President José Manuel Barroso and former US Joints Chief of Staff General Peter Pace)
- 2001-03 **Fellow**, Next Generation Leadership, Rockefeller Foundation, USA
(Fellows were chosen from a national pool of nominations from around the United States).
- 1998 **Nominee** (nominated by The Progressive magazine in the US) for the Mario Savio Memorial Award for Human Rights, named after the late icon of Berkeley's Free Speech Movement
- 1996 **USA Today's** front-page profile as a pioneering cyber-organizer
- 1995 **Recipient**, Open Society Institute Supplementary Scholarship Grant (US\$6,000.00)
- 1994 **Recipient**, Aung San Suu Kyi's Prospect Burma Scholarship Program Research Grant (US\$2,000.00)
- 1989-91 **Non-resident Tuition Fellow**, Graduate Division, U. of California Davis

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Books

- _____. *Democracy, Fascism and Buddhist Genocide in Myanmar: Unpopular Essays*
Prothom Alo Press, Bangladesh (forthcoming 2018)
- _____. (Ed.) (2006) *Active Citizens Under Political Wraps: Experiences from Myanmar/Burma and Vietnam*. Berlin: Heinrich Boell Foundation
- _____. (1997) *The Free Burma Coalition Manual: How You Can Help Burma's Struggle for Freedom*. Madison, Wisconsin: The Free Burma Coalition. (Funded by the Open Society Institute)

Journal Articles

- "Reworking the Colonial-Era Indian Peril: Myanmar's State-Directed Persecution of Rohingyas and Other Muslims", (invited research article with Natalie Brinham), *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Fall/Winter, 2017-18
<https://www.brown.edu/initiatives/journal-world-affairs/231-fall%E2%80%93winter-2016-2017/reworking-colonial-era-indian-peril-myanmar%E2%80%93s-state-directed-persecution-r>
- "The Slow Burning Genocide of Myanmar's Rohingya," *Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal*, Spring 2014
(This is the first academic study of the persecution of Rohingyas using the genocide framework based on 3-years research and co-authored with Alice Cowley aka Natalie Brinham). <http://digital.law.washington.edu/dspace-law/handle/1773.1/1377>

Op-Eds

- "Why Aung San Suu Kyi's 'Mandela moment' is a victory for Myanmar's generals", *The Guardian*, 9 November 2015
- "Myanmar Peace for Ethnic Rights," *International New York Times*, 25 September 2015
- "Myanmar's Drive for Peace," *International New York Times*, 3 November 2013

Regular Columns in Bangladesh's National Daily, Prothom Alo (the First Light) at <http://www.prothomalo.com/>

Book Reviews

- _____. (September 2007) Review of *Perfect Hostage: A Life of Aung San Suu Kyi* by Justin Wintle, Hutchinson, 2007, *International Affairs*, Chatham House, pp.1003-4.
- _____. (June 10, 2005) "Savvy Salt of the Earth, Not Cowed" (Review of *Karaoke Fascism: Burma and the Politics of Fear* by Monique Skidmore, U Penn Press, 2004 and *Behind the Teak Curtain: Authoritarianism, Agricultural Policies and Political Legitimacy in Rural*

Burma/Myanmar by Ardeth Maung Thawngmung, Kegan Paul, 2004), *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, p. 29.

Book Chapters

_____ (2015) "Burma's Struggle for Democracy: A Critical Appraisal", in Alex de Waal (ed.) *Advocacy in Conflict: Critical Perspectives on Transnational Activism*, Zed Books. London.

_____ (2013) "Violence in the Name of Buddhism: How the marriage of Burma's Popular Islamophobia and the neo-Fascist State led to the Rohingya Genocide". In Darwis Kudori (ed) *RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY: Discourses and Realities in Africa and Asia. With a Comparative View from Europe. 55 Years after the Bandung AsianAfrican Conference 1955*, Bandung Spirit Book Series, 5 Co-publishers in Asia, Africa and Europe.

_____ (2011) "Orientalization and Manufacturing of 'Civil Society' in Contemporary Burma," in Zawawi Ibrahim (Ed.) *Social science and knowledge in a globalising world*. pp.287-310. Kajang: Malaysian Social Science Association and Petaling Jaya: Strategic Information and Research Development Centre.

_____ (2011) "The Bottom-up Pursuit of Justice: The Case of Two Burmas," in Martin Albrow and Hakan Seckinelgin (Eds.) *Global Civil Society 2011: Globality and the Absence of Justice*. pp. 206-220. Basingstoke, Oxfordshire: Palgrave-Macmillan.

_____ (2010) "An Inside View of Reconciliation: Burma/Myanmar," in Lex Rieffel (Ed.), *Burma/Myanmar: Outside Interests and Inside Challenges*. pp. 52-76. Washington, DC.: The Brookings Institution.

_____ (2007) "Confronting Burma/Myanmar's Security Dilemma: An Integrated Approach to National and Human Security Issues," in Helen James (Ed.) *Civil Society, Religion and Global Governance*. London: RoutledgeCurzon.

_____ (2000) "Resistance and Cyber-communities: The Internet and Free Burma Movement," in Ann DeVaney et al. (Ed.) *Technology and Resistance: Digital Communications and New Coalitions around the World*. pp. 71-88. New York: Peter Lang.

Ni, Zar and Apple, Michael W. (2000) "Conquering Goliath: The Free Burma Coalition Takes Down PepsiCo," in Geoff White and Flannery C. Hauck (Eds.) *CAMPUS, INC.: Corporate Power in the Ivory Tower*. pp.280-290. New York: Prometheus Books.

_____ (1995) "Burmese Culture," in Nicholas Greenwood (Ed.) *Burma: Then and Now*. , pp. 59-67. London: Bradt.

_____ (1993) "Inequality and Education in Burma: An Interdisciplinary Perspective," in Bruce Matthews (Ed.) *Political Economy, Culture and Religion in Burma*. Research Monograph 3. Vancouver, BC: The University of British Columbia Institute of Asian Research.

Commissioned and/or Invited Editorials and Essays and Reports

- "Myanmar's Drive for Peace", *International New York Times*, 3 November 2013.
- "Reforms in Burma: An International Political Economy Perspective", *Kyoto Review*, Spring, 2013
- "What drives Burma's 'sectarian violence' between Buddhists and Muslims: A Grounded Assessment", *Panorama: Insights into Asian and European Affairs*, a bi-annual journal of Konrad Adenaur Stiftung Singapore, 2013
- "Burma/Myanmar: Its Conflicts, Western Advocacy, and Country Impact", *Reinventing Peace*, World Peace Foundation, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, March 2013.
- "Buddhist Nationalism in Burma", *Tricycle*, Spring 2013.
- "Reforms in Myanmar: Hype and Realities", Commentary, *Asian Journal of Public Affairs*, Vol. 5 No. 2, February 2013.
- http://issuu.com/nuskyschool/docs/ajpa_issue_10_final_/1

"What has gone wrong with the Norwegian Peace Initiative in Myanmar and How It May be Fixed", Commissioned Policy Brief, NOREF, Norwegian Foreign Ministry Think Tank, Oslo, Jan 2013

"Growing up a Proud Racist in Burma", *E-International Relations*, 12 Sept 2012
<http://www.e-ir.info/2012/09/12/growing-up-a-proud-racist-in-burma/>

"Review of the Country of Origin Information Report", Commissioned Report, *Independent Advisory Group on Country of Origin*, British Home Office, London, UK, June 2011

"The Academic Perspective: Resolving tensions between detached and engaged research", *LSE Research Magazine*, Spring 2011 at
http://www2.lse.ac.uk/researchAndExpertise/LSEResearchMagazine/RM_3.aspx

"Elections in Burma," Commentary, *The World Today*, Chatham House, Jul 2009
<http://www.chathamhouse.org.uk/publications/twt/current/>

"Loving Kindness Will Beat the Generals." Commentary, *The Times*, 29 Sept 2007
http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article_e2554123.ece

NGO Reports

_____ (principal author) (October 2004) "Common Problems, Shared Responsibilities: Citizens' Quest for Reconciliation in Burma/Myanmar," A Free Burma Coalition Report.

SELECT LECTURES, PUBLIC TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Islamophobia and Genocide: The Tragic Case of the Rohingya Muslims.", a keynote address, at the conference on "Contextualizing Islamophobia: Its Impact on Culture, Politics, and International Relations," Istanbul Zaim University, Istanbul, Turkey, 6-8 April 2018

"The Berlin Conference on Myanmar Genocide," Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin, Germany, 26 February 2018

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, "Myanmar's Genocide and Failures of the International Community," 6 February 2018

The Oxford Union Genocide Panel, "Genocide: Why we let it happen", Oxford University, 29 January 2018

The Islamic Human Rights Council of UK, Genocide Memorial Day, "Bosnian and Myanmar Genocides", London, 21 January 2018

School of Oriental and African Studies, U. of London, "Myanmar's Slow Burning Genocide: Ethnic Persecutions and Violence amidst Aung San Suu Kyi's "Democratic" Transition, (co-organized by STAND UK and Lawyers Without Borders Student Division at SOAS, 19 January 2018

"Dhaka Conference on Ending the Slow Burning Genocide of Rohingyas by Myanmar," University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 29 November 2017

"Myanmar Genocide", a public lecture, the Institute for the Research of Genocide Canada, U. of Toronto Mississauga Campus, Canada, 24 November 2017

"Rohingyas in Peril", The Keynote Address, Toronto City Council, Chamber Halls, Toronto, Canada, 23 November 2017

"Myanmar Genocide of Rohingyas", a genocide panel discussion, Carleton University, Ottawa, 21 November 2017

"Rohingya in Peril: Crisis in Myanmar", public lecture, The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, 21 November 2017

"Myanmar's Slow Burning Genocide of Rohingyas", public lecture, co-organized by The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, the International Relations program, and the Development Studies, Brown University, 20 November 2017

"Justice for the Rohingya: the World Must Act," A public dialogue with University Professor of Humanities Gayatri Chakraborty Spivak, (organized by Columbia Students for Justice in the Palestinians), Columbia University, New York, 17 November 2017

Myanmar's Genocide of Rohingyas, co-organized by Christ's College Davidson Nicol Politics Society and STAND UK, Christ's College, Cambridge University, 15 November 2017

"Myanmar's Democratic Transition: A Critical Appraisal", Association of Asian Studies Conference, Seoul University, S. Korea, 24-27 June 2017 (participation cancelled for passport renewal).

"Myanmar's Unfolding Genocide under Aung San Suu Kyi's Watch: The Rohingya and Human Rights", Glasgow Human Rights Network, the University of Glasgow, 5 December 2016.

"Saddling South Asia and South East Asia: Burma/Myanmar & Her Concentric Fictions", Conference entitled "WHAT IS SOUTH ASIA? LOCATING THE REGION IN SOCIAL SCIENCES", South Asia Research Cluster, Wolfson College, Oxford, 24 May 2016

"Assessing Myanmar's Democratic Change against Rohingya Persecution", Workshop on *The Role of External Actors in South Asian Political Change; Dilemmas of Interests Versus Values*, hosted by the Rising Democracies Network of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and India's Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, 15 February 2016.

"Myanmar's Genocide of the Rohingya", Special Session, Bandung +60 Asia-Africa Academic Conference, Bandung, Indonesia, 30 October 2015

"The Role of Religious Leaders in Preventing Genocides and Atrocity Crimes," A Plenary, The Bi-Annual Conference of the Parliament of the World's Religions, Salt Lake City, Utah, United States of America, 17 Oct 2015

"Should We Give Up Ending Wars? A Blueprint for Ending Wars." A Plenary, The Bi-Annual Conference of the Parliament of the World's Religions, Salt Lake City, Utah, United States of America, 16 Oct 2015.

"What happened to the peace and democratization process in Burma?" Special Event, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden, 10 February 2015

"Anti-Muslim Violence in the Name of Buddhism", 55th Anniversary Bandung Spirit Book Launch, Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City, Davao del Sur, Mindanao, 19 June 2013

(Participant), *Buddhist-Muslim Dialogue*, International Network of Engaged Buddhists, Bangkok, 17 June 2013

"Mass Violence against Burma's Rohingya: A genocide that the West doesn't want you to call a genocide", Plenary Speaker, *A Burma Genocide Awareness Convention*, Los Angeles, California, 9 June 2013

"Ethnocide and Genocide of the Rohingya in Burma", Faculty of Social Sciences Public Lecture, History Department, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17 May 2013

"Violence in the Name of Buddhism in Burma", the inaugural webcast public panel discussions, Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand, Bangkok, with Ajan Sulak Sivaraksa and Myo Win, 9 May 2013

"Understanding democratic transition: A Critical View", Invited Lecture, Forum for Asian Studies, Department of Political Science, the University of Stockholm, Sweden, 3 May 2013

"Burma: A Case Study", Seminar on Western Advocacy in Conflict: Methods, Impacts and Ethics, World Peace Foundation, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, 28 February – 1 March 2013

"Burma's Reforms: Hype and Realities", General Conference of the World League for Democracy, Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan), 22-23 January 2013

"The Plight of the Rohingya: Half Century of Human *In*-Securities," the 10th Inter-ASEAN Universities Conference, National University of Singapore and University of Brunei, Brunei, 10-12 December 2012

"The Plight of the Rohingya", International Conference on the Plight of the Rohingya, Perdana Global Peace Foundation, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17 September 2012

"Burma's Democratic Transition and Minorities", Institute of Human Rights, Columbia University, New York, USA, 14 September 2012

"A Critical Perspective on Policy and Public Communication," the II Communications Policy World Summit, Quito, Ecuador, 13-15 April 2011

"Burma's Military-led 'Democratic' Transition to a Twilight Zone," Conference on Democratization in Burma (Myanmar) and Implications for the World Today, Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi, India, 3-4 March 2011

"At the Crossroads", LSE-Al Jazeera English Live Dialogue with Aung San Suu Kyi, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, 14 Dec 2010 (for the edited 24-minutes program broadcast on Al Jazeera English click on <http://english.aljazeera.net/programmes/general/2010/12/2010122115315511156.html>). (with Robert E. Kelley, former IAEA WMD Inspector), "Burma's Nuclear Ambition and its Implications in the ASEAN Context", 6th International Senior Diplomatic Training Course, KEMLU (Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Jakarta, 27 October 2010

(with Robert E. Kelley), "Burma's March towards Nuclear Power: How Far from Reality?" Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand, Bangkok, 26 October 2010

"Democratic Transition in Myanmar/Burma: Prospects and Problems," Law Faculty, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, 20 October 2010

"Burma and the General's Election: Will it Improve Human Rights and Economic Development?", Burma Refugee Organization, Amnesty International Malaysia, Strategic Information and Research Development Centre (SIRD), and Malaysiakini, Kuala Lumpur, 19 October 2010

"Burma's Transition to Twilight Zone," Forum on Transitions in South East Asia, Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 5 October 2010

"Human Insecurity: Inter-state Migrants and Refugees from Burma," Symposium on South East Asian Security (SSEAS):Non-Traditional Security Issues (NTS), US State Department and Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 12-14 September 2010

"Rural-Urban Tensions, Violence & Conflict Transformation: Thailand in Global Comparative Perspective." Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 26-27 August 2010

"Burma/Myanmar's Nuclear Question and Election Dynamics: Implications for ASEAN and Beyond", Burma Update Series, Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 28 July 2010

"Regressive Globalization: The Case of Burma," LSE Summer Course on Civil Society and Globalization, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, 7 July 2010

"Shifting Grounds in Burma/Myanmar? Dilemmas & Opportunities for the International Community," Clingendael Asia Studies, the Clingendael Institute of International Affairs, The Hague, The Netherlands, 17 June 2010

"The post-'election' Future of Burma," The George Orwell Prize Burma Forum, The Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival, Oxford, UK, 26 March 2010

"Burma's 2010 Elections: Domestic and International Implications," Chatham House and All-Chatham House and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Human Rights Group(PHRG),UK House of Commons, London, 23 March 2010

"Myanmar/Burma -Domestic Developments and International Responses," Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 22 March 2010

"*Framing the Burma Problem*," MSc International Relations Course, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, 2 March 2010

"2010 Elections and Prospects for Democratic Change in Burma," Burma Forum, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 24 February 2010

"Delivering Justice: Bottom-Up Approaches," International Workshop on Global Civil Society and Justice, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, 7-9 January 2010

"Myanmar/Burma: Outside Interests, Inside Challenges," Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, 30 October 2009

"A New Engagement Approach to Burma: Scrutinizing the US Policy Shift and its Implications to the EU," A Seminar, Swedish Riksdagen (Parliament), Stockholm, Sweden, 26 October 2009

(discussant) "BURMA: The Long Shadow of the Military Junta, Tan Sri Razali Ismail," LSE IDEAS Southeast Asia International Programme lecture, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, 6 October 2009

"Burmese in Europe: Promoting Partnership for Transition in Burma," Burma Center Prague, Prague, Czech Republic, 15-16 September 2009

(with Professor and Lord Anthony Giddens in the chair), "Opening Up Illiberal Regimes: Do Media and Communications Matter?," Center for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK, 19 May 2009

"Scholarship, Leadership and Activism: A Burmese Experience," Oxford University PPE Society, The Oxford Union, Oxford, UK, 26 January 2009

Seminar on Natural Resources in Conflict and the Role of the United Nations, Heinrich Boell Foundation and Global Witness, New York, USA, 18-20 February 2008

"Company Responsibilities in Countries with Human Rights Challenges," European

Council on Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability in collaboration with Business Humanitarian Forum, Geneva, Switzerland, 7-8 February 2008

"BBC World Service and BBC World Parliamentary Briefing on Burma, House of Commons," London, UK, 15 January 2008

"Framing Burma/Myanmar", Asia Colloquium, University of California -Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, Berkeley, California, USA, 14 November 2007

"The Legal and International Implications of the Situation in Myanmar", 1.30 hrs Webcast, Global Forum on Peace and Security, New York University-National University of Singapore Law Program, 6 November 2007

"Feeling Morally, Thinking Strategically," Foreign Policy Studies Colloquium, Stanford University, 9 November 2007

"Repression and Protest in Myanmar: What is To Be Done?," A panel discussion cosponsored by UC-Berkeley South East Asian Studies, Stanford University South East Asia Forum and Asia Society, Stanford, California, 18 October 2007

"DFID Assistance to Burmese Internally Displaced People and Refugees on the ThaiBurma Border," House of Commons International Development Committee, London, UK, 12 June 2007

Respondent (with Sir Adam Roberts in the chair), "Can Good Methods Overcome Difficult Circumstances? Generalizing the Conditions for Successful Civil Resistance", paper by Dr Peter Ackerman, President of the Freedom House, Conference on 'Civil Resistance and Power Politics, St Antony's College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 15-18 March 2007

"Outlook for Myanmar in 2007", Regional Outlook Forum, Institute of South East Asian Studies, Singapore, 3-4 January 2007

"Active Citizens under Political Wraps: Experiences from Myanmar/Burma and Vietnam", the Institute of South East Asian Studies, Singapore, ISEAS, Singapore, 5 January 2007

"Burma/Myanmar: The Elephant and Six Blind Men", Myanmar Society, School of Oriental and African Studies University of London, London, UK, September 2006 Guest Speaker, "Orientalism and Burma/Media", Friends of Le Monde Club, London, UK, November 2006

"Thinking Politics Sociologically: Engaging with the State and Society in Vietnam and Myanmar/Burma", at the roundtable entitled Societal and Political Change in Vietnam – An Instructive Example for Myanmar?, Heinrich Boll Foundation and the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany, 31 March -1 April 2006

"Confronting Burma's Security Dilemma: An Integrated Approach to National and Human Security Issues," International Conference on Civil Society, Religion and Global Governance, The National Institute of Social Sciences and Law, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 1-2 September 2005

"Researching Educational Change in 'Under-Developed' Societies Affected by Ethnic Conflicts: Lessons from Burma Studies," Open Seminar Series 2004-05, University of London Institute of Education, London, UK, 19 May 2005

“Nationalism, Education and State Building in Burma,” Southeast Asian Studies Program, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, UK, 5 May 2005

“The Role of International Community in Burma’s Democratization,” Asia-Europe Center, Sciences Po, Paris, France, November 2004

“Advancing the Cause or Fueling the Conflict: International Community and Burma’s Political Deadlock,” A Seminar on Burma sponsored by the Olaf Palme International Centre and the College of Malmo, Malmo, Sweden, 26 November 2004

“Prospects for Democratic Change in Burma,” Bi-Annual Meeting of the Association of Burma Studies, Northern Illinois University, USA, 23-24 October 2004

“Reflections on the Burmese Democracy Movement,” Burmese Refugee Scholarship Program Annual Retreat, Office of International Studies, Indiana University at Bloomington, USA, 1 August 2004

“Political Progress in Burma,” University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT, USA, 29 March 2004

“Leveling the Playing Field in Burma: A Critical Reflection,” The Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance/IDEA, Stockholm, Sweden, 20 September 2003

“Prospects for Social Change in Burma,” Center for South East Asian Studies, University of Munster, Munster, Germany, 18 September 2003

“Education and New Generation Leadership in Burma,” University of London Institute of Education, London, UK, 27 November 2002

“The State of Education in Burma and Prospects for Change,” International Conference on Burma Studies, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, 22-24 September 2002

“Burma’s Need for Human Resource Renewal,” Center for Poverty Studies, the University of Philippines-Dilimann, Quezon City, Philippines, August 2001

“Human Rights and Democracy in Burma,” Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, USA, 3 December 2000

“The Plight of Burmese Scholars under Present Military Rule,” Scholars-at-Risk, University of Chicago Human Rights Program and McArthur Foundation, Chicago, IL, USA, 5-7 June 2000

“Higher Education and Pro-Democracy Movement in Burma,” Higher Education for Peace, University of Tromso and Norwegian Council on UNESCO, Tromso, Norway, 4-6 May 2000

“The United States Policy toward Burma: The Sanctions Debate,” ARCO Forum of Public Affairs, Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA, 12 April 2000

“The Role of Students in Burmese Politics,” The Hague Appeal for Peace, Civil Society Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands, 11-15 May 1999

(with Prof. Charles Ogletree in the chair), “The Internet at the Millennium and the Politics of Inclusion,” The Second International Harvard Conference on Internet and Society, Cambridge, MA, USA, 26-29 May 1998

"The Internet and Free Burma Movement: Resistance and Cyber-communities." Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL, USA, March, 1997

"The Nationalization of Education in Burma: A Radical Response to the Capitalist Development?" Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, CA, USA, 18-22 April 1995

"Burma's 1988 Uprising and the Bloody Crackdown", Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA, Fall 1993

"Schooling and Resistance in Burma," Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Boston, MA, USA, March 1994.

"Inequality in Burmese Education: An Inter-disciplinary Perspective," Northwest Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Canada, June 1993