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## **Public Law and Human Rights Forum PhD Seminar (I)**

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

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On 16 November 2022, from 5pm to 6pm, the first PhD seminar of the Public Law and Human Rights Forum at the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) was successfully held, with **Md Rabiul Islam** (PhD candidate of CityU) presenting his research paper.

**Dr. Fozia N Lone** (Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the CPLR, CityU School of Law) and **Dr. Daniel Pascoe** (Assistant Professor and Core Member of the CPLR, CityU School of Law), as well as several PhD and LLM students attended the seminar.



Md Rabiul Islam's report focuses on the constitutional identity of Burma's minority Rohingya people. He argues that the Rohingya have been partly excluded from peoplehood in the 1947 constitutions of Burma due to the critical examination and were entirely excluded in both the 1974 and the 2008 constitutions. Md Rabiul Islam seeks to discover and understand the rationale behind the construction of Burma's constitutional peoplehood and, based on comparative research, to design a new inclusive constitutional identity for Burma that includes the Rohingya.

After Md Rabiul Islam completed his 40-minute presentation, there were a 20-minute Q&A session. Finally, Dr Fozia N Lone delivered the closing remarks and thanked the participants.

The Public Law and Human Rights Forum at CityU is committed to providing a platform for academic sharing and networking for PhD students. This PhD seminar is open for submissions on a regular basis, please contact us at [Iwcplr@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:Iwcplr@cityu.edu.hk) with an abstract of your paper and CV.