

**Brown Bag Lecture **
Beyond Humanitarian Aid: Is there a role for civil society to resolve refugee crises?
A case study of Rohingya refugees

By Palash Kamruzzaman
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According to the UNHCR (2022), almost 90 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide. This is an alarming figure but the forecast on refugees and displacement is rather bleak as it is estimated that by May 2022, more than 100 million people will be forcibly displaced worldwide by persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order. Officially, there are 27.1 million refugees and 83% of them are hosted in low and middle income countries. In theory, although several international treaties and conventions (e.g. UN Declaration of Human Rights, Global Refugee Compact etc.) mention the rights and wellbeing of the refugees, the reality is most often refugees are living a substandard life in congested makeshift camps. While humanitarian support from wide ranging actors play an important role in providing some basic needs support, international aid or humanitarian assistance by no means can offer a dignified and sustained solution to the refugee crises. Based on his research experiences, in this Brown Bag Lecture, Palash Kamruzzaman will focus on the Rohingya refugee crisis as a case study and share his views on the potential role(s) of civil society towards a dignified and sustained solution to the crisis.

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