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## **Photo show at Berkeley Law chronicles the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya from Myanmar and their survival in Bangladesh's refugee camps**

The Human Rights Center at UC Berkeley School of Law presents photographer Chris Beale's exhibition *The Rohingya: On the Edge of Existence, opening October 9, 2018, 5pm, at UC Berkeley School of Law, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boalt Hall.* The stunning show documents the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya from Myanmar and their struggle to survive as refugees in Bangladesh.



The exhibition opens a month after a United Nations fact-finding team concluded that several of Myanmar's top military officials should be prosecuted in an international court on charges of genocide for the forced expulsion of 750,000 Rohingya Muslims to Bangladesh in 2017.

**Photographer Chris Beale** is available to speak about his trips to Myanmar and Bangladesh over the past seven years to photograph the plight of the Rohingya. **Wai Wai Nu**, a leading Rohingya

human rights activist and visiting scholar at UC Berkeley's Human Rights Center, can speak of her imprisonment in Myanmar and her activism once leaving prison. Human Rights Center Faculty Director **Eric Stover**, who has conducted human rights-related research in Myanmar for more than a decade, can speak to the historic and social context that led to the recent ethnic cleansing campaign against the Rohingya.

**For interviews or to arrange a private tour of the photographs**, contact Andrea Lampros, associate director of the Human Rights Center, at 510.847.4469 or 510.643.7215 or by email at [alampros@berkeley.edu](mailto:alampros@berkeley.edu).

**About the photographer:**

Chris Beale is a San Francisco-based photographer whose work focuses on marginalized people and communities. His photographs have appeared in *Roads & Kingdoms*, *7X7*, *Juxtapoz* and *Hamburger Eyes* and have been exhibited in San Francisco, Paris and Bangkok. Visit [chrisbealephoto.com](http://chrisbealephoto.com). Contact Chris at [cbeale1@gmail.com](mailto:cbeale1@gmail.com).

**About the Human Rights Center**

Established in 1994, the Human Rights Center at Berkeley Law uses evidence-based methods and innovative technologies to investigate war crimes and human rights violations worldwide. The center works with Berkeley students to conduct research on a range of human rights issues, including child marriage, sexual violence in armed conflict, human trafficking, the impact of artificial intelligence on child rights, and hate speech against the Rohingya on social media. The center is a recipient of the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions. Visit [hrc.berkeley.edu](http://hrc.berkeley.edu).