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Spring Flowers
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MYANMAR
February 5-12, 2022

Format: virtual and in-person (in Indianapolis, Indiana)

CALL FOR PAPERS
Submission deadline: December 21, 2021

The National University of the Union of Myanmar (NUUM)-Global Campus, in collaboration with its partners, is organizing an international conference with the objectives of:

1. Promoting critical analysis and a deeper understanding of the challenges Myanmar is currently facing
2. Identifying challenges and opportunities for responding in a unified way to the conflict in Myanmar
3. Fostering dialog and debate among stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, including elected MPs and government officials of Myanmar, INGOs, CSOs, human rights groups, media, academics, etc.

The program will include:
- Keynote speech
- Expert panels
- Panel presentations of academic papers
The full program is forthcoming.

Expert panels are expected to cover the following topics: humanitarian assistance, the Civil Disobedience Movement and civil war in Myanmar, provision of public goods and services, health, education, constitutional and institutional reform, and the role of the international community in change in Myanmar.

We are inviting scholars and researchers to submit papers to present in panel sessions. Topics for papers and panels may include but are not limited to the following, in the context of Myanmar:

1. Business and economy
2. Environment, land, and natural resources
3. Society and culture
4. Gender and equity
5. Law and governance
6. Education
7. Public health
8. Climate change
9. Conflict and peace
10. Diversity and inclusion
11. Human rights and political freedom
12. Borderlands
13. International relations

**Guidelines for submission of abstracts:**

- Abstracts must be 200-250 words in length, in English
- Abstracts should be submitted to springpapers@umyanmar.org
- The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 21, 2021
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be given by December 31, 2021

Full papers will be 5,000-10,000 words in length, in English. The deadline for submission will be January 25, 2022.

Conference website, co-hosts, registration, etc. to be announced later.
About BACI

The Burmese American Community Institute (BACI) is a non-profit organization founded in 2011 that provides educational and vocational support to the Burmese community in greater Indianapolis. BACI supports community members regionally, nationally, and globally through strategic partnerships and advocacy.

About NUUM

The National University of the Union of Myanmar (NUUM) was established in July 2021 under the auspices of the Burmese American Community Institute in consultation with its partners and stakeholders, especially with diverse groups of people in Myanmar. It currently offers six certificate programs to Myanmar students through online courses taught by instructors from Myanmar as well as friends of Myanmar from around the globe. In addition to providing teaching and learning opportunities, NUUM contributes to reform efforts and building systems for future democratic institutions, serves as a hub for academic research, scholarship, and intellectual inquiry, and generates ideas for innovations and policy debate, in support of democracy in Myanmar.