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Dr. Nazia Manzoor

Published an article titled, "The *Orna's* Secular Aesthetics and the Cultural Politics of Selfhood in Contemporary Bangladesh" in *Feminist Studies*, published by Feminist Studies, Inc.

<https://doi.org/10.1353/fem.2026.a987002>



Ms. Nasrin Pervin

Participated as a plenary speaker at the Mid-West University Multidisciplinary International Conference (MUMIC-2026) in Nepal, on 25th April.



Ms. Farhana Islam Tani

Published a short story titled, "Marie Antoinette" in the literary magazine *Kitaab*.

<https://kitaab.org/2026/04/05/short-story-marie-antoinette/>



The Department of English and Modern Languages organized a Colloquium Series Lecture titled, "Problematizing the Craft of Academic Writing: Theory versus Practice," presented by Dr. Mohammad Shamsuzzaman.



The Department of English and Modern Languages held the closing ceremony of the inaugural Certificate Course in Creative Writing. The ceremony featured thoughtful reflections and live poetry recitations by talented students.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY



Professor Norman K. Swazo

Published a research article titled, "The Prescience of D. F. Jones's Colossus: Anticipating the AI Threat for Nuclear Weapons Command and Control" in *Peace Research: The Canadian Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies*.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/371699768_Anticipating_the_AI_Threat_for_Nuclear_Weapons_Command_and_Control

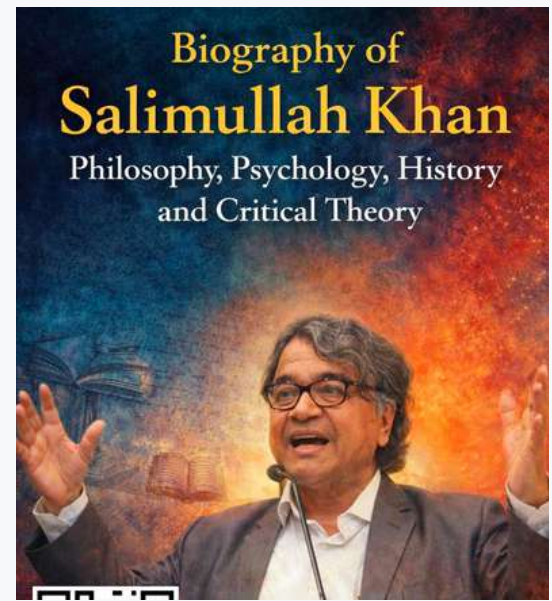
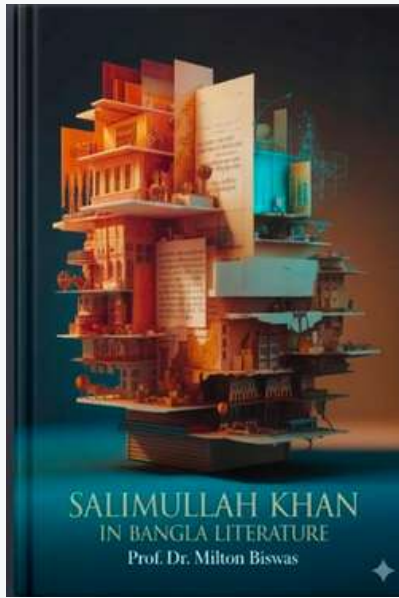


The Department of History & Philosophy (DHP), in collaboration with Jagannath University, organized a seminar titled, "Operation Searchlight and the Beginning of the Liberation War of Bangladesh," centered on the theme "In Search of Authentic Narratives of History."



A special joint seminar titled, "Implementing the July Charter: Constitutional Reform or Amendment?" was conducted by DHP and PSS. Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, Chair of the Department of History and Philosophy, moderated the session.

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Two recent publications have highlighted the intellectual legacy and scholarly contributions of Professor Salimullah Khan of the Department of History & Philosophy (DHP). The books are *Salimullah Khan in Bangla Literature: Poet, Theorist, Translator—Deconstruction, Modernity and Intellectual Controversy* by Professor Dr. Milton Biswas and *Biography of Salimullah Khan: Philosophy, Psychology, History and Critical Theory* by Mr. S.M. Nazmuz Sakib respectively.



Students of the MA in History & Asian Studies (MAHAS) program in the Department of History & Philosophy explored the rich historical and cultural landscape of Sylhet during a study tour.

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Professor Dr. Ishtiaque Ahmed

Published an op-ed titled, "HKC Certification Can't Substitute for the Basel Convention," in *The Maritime Executive*.

<https://maritime-executive.com/editorials/op-ed-hkc-certification-can-t-substitute-for-the-basel-convention>



Mr. Saquib Rahman

Moderated an engaging session as part of the 'Business Law Talks' series titled, "Personal Injury Laws: Practice in Canada and Gaps in the Tort Law of Bangladesh" in the Moot Court Room.



The Center for Legal Research (NSUCLR), hosted an engaging session titled, "Intellectual Property in Sports: Exploring Opportunities and Challenges in Bangladesh" in celebration of World IP Day.



The Center for Legal Research (NSUCLR), in collaboration with the UNODC, hosted the Closing and Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the Certificate Course on "Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants."



The Department of Law at North South University successfully organized a guest lecture titled, “Refugee Law in Practice: Legal Frameworks, Protection, and UNHCR’s Role.” The lecture was delivered by Saleh Mohammad Shafi, Protection Officer at UNHCR.



A public lecture titled, “Asylum under International Refugee Law and in South Asia: A Comparative Analysis” was successfully organized by the Bangladesh Center for Refugee Law Studies in collaboration with NSUCLR. The session was delivered by Dr. Simon Behrman, Associate Professor at the University of Warwick.



On the National Legal Aid Day (NLAD) 2026, graduate and undergraduate students from the Department of Law, North South University proudly participated in the National Legal Aid Fair and Symposium.



Mr. Gazi Nafis Ahmed

Organized and moderated a special session titled, "From Witness to Memory: A Conversation on Photojournalism Across Generations." The session was covered by *Channel i*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SI9u46Lis2k>



The Department of Media, Communication, and Journalism (MCJ) held a guest lecture titled, "From Idea to Impact: The Journey of an Advertisement." Esteemed guests Ashiq Alam (director) and Sumon Sarker (cinematographer) joined the session.



The Department of Media, Communication, and Journalism (MCJ) supported a seminar titled, "Strengthening Journalist Safety and Media Freedom."

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MCJ organized a workshop titled, "News Presentation Free Workshop," aimed at developing students' communication skills, confidence, and audience engagement techniques.

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MCJ arranged an insightful session on "Algorithm, Attention, and Self."



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MCJ organized a guest workshop titled "Fundamentals of Studio Lighting," providing students with hands-on experience in photography and visual production.

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MCJ students explored Old Dhaka through a curated heritage walk, and students from the Television & New Media (TNM-201) course visited Sreemangal as part of an educational trip.



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY



Dr. Md. Bulbul Siddiqi

Published four op-eds including, “বাংলাদেশের উচ্চশিক্ষায় অগ্রাধিকার কী হওয়া উচিত”, “প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা সংস্কারের পথে অন্তরায় কী”, “পয়লা বৈশাখ ও আমাদের পরিচয়ের সংগ্রাম” and “সংস্কার ও অধ্যাদেশ বিতর্ক এবং বিএনপির অবস্থান নিয়ে কিছু প্রশ্ন” in *Prothom Alo*. Dr. Siddiqi also attended a discussion event on the Rohingya crisis on *Ekattor TV*.

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/r6t1644wro>
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/xe7d0dz07>
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/2m5qxu247m>
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/rjwkh4r4ii>



Dr. Mohammed Nuruzzaman

Published an op-ed titled, “Iran War and the Bankruptcy of Bangladesh Foreign Policy,” in *Middle East Monitor*.” Professor Nuruzzaman also delivered a speech on “Iran War: Power Shift in the Middle East and a New Regional Order”, organized by Center of Governance Studies at Jahangirnagar University.

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20260417-iran-war-and-the-bankruptcy-of-bangladesh-foreign-policy/>



Dr. Anas Ansar

Published a research report titled, “From Screens to Streets: Decoding Bangladesh July 2024 Gen-Z Uprising” with the Heinrich Böll Foundation’s Global Unit for Democracy and Human Rights. Dr. Ansar also published an op-ed titled, “পূর্ব ও মধ্য ইউরোপ: বাংলাদেশি অভিবাসনের অচেনা করিডর” in *Prothom Alo*.

<https://www.boell.de/en/2026/04/07/screens-streets>
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/fd1ci3t6cs>



Dr. Jalal Uddin Sikder

Published two articles titled, “Amid an Uncertain Middle East, Bangladesh Must Rethink Its Migration Strategy” and “Virtual Migration: A New Path for Bangladesh’s Digital Future” in *The Daily Star*. Dr. Sikder also published four op-eds in *Prothom Alo* and participated in a discussion titled, “মধ্যপ্রাচ্য যুদ্ধ, ঝুঁকিতে শ্রমবাজার” on NEWS24.

<https://tinywebs.site/OCpvrG>
<https://tinywebs.site/JVxU6g>
<https://tinywebs.site/cqCoIj>
<https://tinywebs.site/OGm5E7>
<https://tinywebs.site/eQLaih>
<https://tinywebs.site/lhJeLi>
<https://tinywebs.site/CNXbBx>

Dr. Sayeed Mehmood, Associate Professor of Natural Resources Economics at Ohio State University, USA, presented a talk titled, “The Political Economy of the Endangered Species Act” at the monthly seminar of the Department of Political Science and Sociology.





Mr. Mohammad Sufiur Rahman

Published an op-ed titled, "Recalibrating Bangladesh-India Relations: Restoring Trust, Dignity and Fairness" in *Prothom Alo*.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/opinion/op-ed/gfm9g5muv>



Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque

Co-authored a book chapter titled, "Ecological Governance of the Padma and the Teesta Rivers for Sustainable Development in Bangladesh," with Md. Parvez Hasan Yousuf, Former Research Associate at SIPG, in *Fluid Phenomena* by Brill Academic Publishing.

<https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004758100-016>



The South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) at NSU, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), successfully organized a three-day capacity development training titled, "Monitoring and Evaluation for Public Policy: Evidence, Accountability, and Learning in Practice."



Dr. S. M. Rezwan Ul Alam, Chair of the Department of Media, Communication and Journalism at NSU, along with students from the 12th batch of the Master of Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) program under SIPG, participated in the 6th South Asian Conference on Public Policy and Governance, held on 9–10 April 2026 at the Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC), Nepal.



The China–South Asia Center for Socio-Cultural Studies (CSCSS), SIPG, North South University, organized a research talk titled, “Decolonizing the Mind: Relevance of Confucian Thoughts in Bangladesh,” delivered by Dr. S. M. Rubyat.

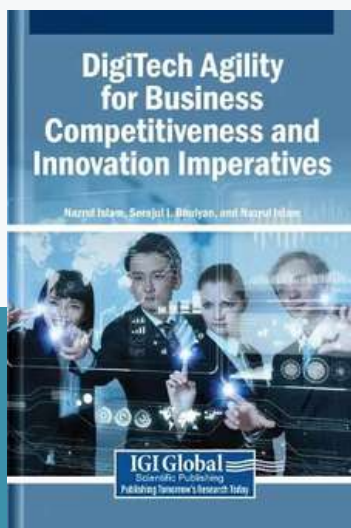


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Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University, visited RUDN University in Moscow, Russia, on 16 April 2026, to strengthen institutional collaboration.

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Mahmud Bin Morshad, current EMPG student at SIPG and Program Officer at the Department of Political Science and Sociology (PSS), published an article titled, “Why the World’s Best Intelligence Agencies Fail in Iran” in *Bangla Outlook*.



SIPG Research Associate Mumtaheenah B. Jashim co-authored a book chapter titled “Smart Strategies: Leveraging AI and Emerging Technologies for Business Expansion,” published by IGI Global Scientific Publishing.

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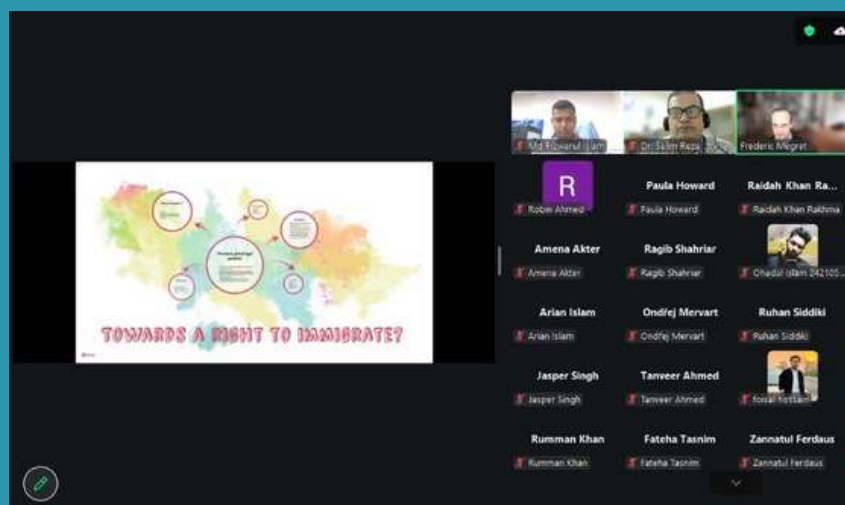
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The SHSS Distinguished Lecture Series titled, “Singapore’s Experience and Role in International Law” was delivered by Mr. Mitchel Lee, Chargé d’ Affaires, High Commission of the Republic of Singapore in Dhaka.



The SHSS Distinguished Webinar Series titled, “Towards a Right to Immigrate?” was delivered by Professor Frédéric Mégret, Professor of Law at McGill University.

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The SHSS Study Circle titled, “On the Category of “Human”: Reflections on Giorgio Agamben’s *Remnants of Auschwitz: The Witness and the Archive*,” was delivered by Dr. Nazia Manzoor, Chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages.



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The SHSS Faculty Seminar Series titled, “Rabindranath Thakur’s Unfinished Project - Letters from Russia: Key to Nation-building through Education, Rural Development and Technology for the Future of Bangladesh,” was delivered by Professor Halimur Rashid Khan, Director, IQAC.

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The SHSS Alumni Colloquium Series featured presentations from Ms. Sonan Tabindah, Mr. Tausif Akib Khan and Mr. Muhaimin Al Moyeed. The session was moderated by Ms. Irtifa Zaman, Lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy.



The SHSS Graduate Colloquium Series featured presentations from Mr. Asif Mahmud, Mr. Abdullah Naquib, Ms. Rifa Sanjida and Mr. Parvez Hasan Yousuf. The session was moderated by Ms. Samila Nowshin, Lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy.

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Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam
Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences



Presented an invited keynote paper titled, “Intersection of Different Branches of International Law: Parochialism Trampling Refugee Rights,” at University of Chittagong.



Delivered an invited lecture titled, “State Responsibility for Genocide: The Case of Palestine” at the 12th Winter School on “Learning from Genocide towards Peace and Justice,” organized by the Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice (CSGJ), Liberation War Museum.

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