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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND MODERN LANGUAGES



On 15 August 2026, the Department of English & Modern Languages hosted the third annual Slam Poetry event at AUDI 801, featuring 12 talented poets.



The Department of English and Modern Languages hosted a Discourse Series lecture titled "From Sound to Silence: Hasan Azizul Huq and the Specter of Partition" on 24 August 2026, at the SHSS Conference Room, featuring Professor Sarker Hasan Al Zayed, Professor of English and Modern Languages at Independent University, Bangladesh.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY



Professor Abdur Rob Khan, Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam and Dr. Mahbubur Rahman

Co-authored a book titled *Rohingya Repatriation: An Elusive or Achievable Agenda?* published by Routledge (Taylor & Francis).

DOI: 10.4324/9781003771890



Dr. Mushfiqul Anwar Siraji

Has been awarded a Global Light Commons (GLC) Micro-Grant – Track 1 to support research on light exposure and its non-visual effects.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY



The Department of History and Philosophy (DHP) hosted the Book Unveiling and Scholarship Ceremony of *Reclaiming Bangladesh: Democracy, Governance, & Nation Building* on 8 August 2026 at AUDI 801.



On 15 August 2026, the Department of History and Philosophy (DHP) organized an immersive heritage walking tour titled “Revisiting Old Dhaka.”



On 18 August 2026, the Department of History and Philosophy (DHP) organized a Founding Class Open House for the newly launched B.S.S. in History & Global Studies (HGS) program at the SHSS Conference Room.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW



Mr. Saquib Rahman

Co-published an article with final year LL.B. student Mr. Ragib Shahriar, titled "The Systematic Misclassification of Workers as Managerial Employees Under Bangladesh Labour Law and Lessons from Singapore," in the *NSU Law Review*. Mr. Rahman also moderated the 11th episode of the 'Business Law Talk' series titled "International Investment Agreements in Bangladesh: Politics Beyond Law," at the Moot Court Room.

<https://nsulawreview.org/archives/24>



01

The Department of Law, in collaboration with the Center for Legal Research (NSU CLR) and the NSU Law & Mooting Society, organized a seminar titled "From Birth to Old Age: Understanding the Right of Social Security" on 6 August 2026 at the Moot Court Room.

02

The Department of Law, in collaboration with NSU CLR, organized a seminar titled "Bangladesh and the Refugee Convention: Through a Socio-Legal Lens" on 13 August 2026 at the Moot Court Room.



03

The Department of Law, in collaboration with NSU CLR and WashU Law, organized a session titled "Artificial Intelligence and the Emerging Global Order: Opportunities, Risks, and the Future of Governance" on 17 August 2026 at the Moot Court Room.



04

The Department of Law, in collaboration with NSU CLR, organized a faculty seminar titled "Theorising Damages Without Loss in the Tort of Negligence" on 24 August 2026 at the Moot Court Room.





Dr. S.M. Rezwan Ul Alam

Published an op-ed on *Prothom Alo* titled “ক্ষমতা ও গণমাধ্যমের সম্পর্ক কতটা পরিবর্তন হলো,” and another op-ed on *The Daily Shomoyer Alo* titled “গণমাধ্যমের সবচেয়ে বড় সুরক্ষা তার বিশ্বাসযোগ্যতা” respectively. Dr. Alam also participated in a talk show titled “গণমাধ্যম এখন: কতদিনে কমিশন” on Channel i News.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_6QCN4ZIBM
<https://surl.li/teujxu>
<https://surl.li/jqjvqb>



Dr. Soumik Pal and Ms. Nusrat Islam

Presented a paper titled “The Careers That Could Have Been: The ‘Unseen and Unheard’ Women in Bangladeshi Film and Television Industries” in the second seminar of the MCJ Research Talk Series.



Ms. Zarin Tasnim and Ms. Mittika Anan Rahman

Presented a paper titled “Privacy, Consent and the Ethics of Children in Monetised Family Content on Bangladeshi Social Media” in the second seminar of the MCJ Research Talk Series.





Dr. Shariful Islam Imshiat

Appeared as a live guest on a program called *Sokaler Bangladesh* by Jamuna TV, where he discussed the topic "গণমাধ্যম ও বাংলাদেশ" (Media and Bangladesh).



Ms. Nahaly Nafisa Khan

Published an op-ed titled "The Politics of Biopics: Revisiting the AL Regime's Propaganda Films," on *Dhaka Stream*.

<https://www.dhakastream.net/politics/politics-biopics-revisiting-al-regimes-propaganda-films-197739>



On 12 August 2026, the Department of Media, Communication and Journalism (MCJ) hosted a research talk featuring faculty presentations on gender exclusion and female displacement in Bangladeshi film and television, as well as child privacy and ethics in monetised social media content, at the SHSS Conference Room.



01

MCJ arranged a special screening of *Chitra Nodir Paare* by Ekushey Padak Laureate filmmaker Mr. Tanvir Mokammel at AUDI 801.

02



Two-time Bangladesh National Film Award winner Mr. Sameer Ahmed, a filmmaker, editor, and ad maker, and FTII Pune graduate, delivered a guest lecture for MCJ students at NSU.



03

MCJ hosted Day 2 of the “Masterclass on Film and Cultural Production” featuring the screening of *The University of Chankharpul*, directed by Mr. Akash Haque at AUDI 801.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY



Dr. M Jashim Uddin

Moderated the high-level national dialogue organized by CPS, titled “Securing Bangladesh’s Future: Rethinking National Security in a New and Changing Era,” at NSU Syndicate Hall. Dr. Uddin also delivered the introductory remarks at CPS’s international webinar titled “Nothing About Us Without Us: The Rohingya Voice in the Search for Repatriation.” He was further interviewed by *Daily Jugantor* regarding recent conflicts among student organizations.

<https://www.jugantor.com/tp-firstpage/1137017>



Dr. Anas Ansar

Served as the editor of a special issue of the International Quarterly for Asian Studies (IQAS) titled *Youth Movements Against Authoritarianism in Asia* and co-authored an article titled “A Visual Manifesto: Political Graffiti in Bangladesh’s July 2024 Uprising,” published in IQAS. Dr. Ansar also authored two articles in *The Daily Star*.

<https://surl.li/ushwpm>

<https://surl.li/uywfhs>

<https://surl.li/vvrygv>

<https://doi.org/10.11588/iqas.2026.1.28574>



Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi

Published one op-ed in *Prothom Alo* and three op-eds in *Dhaka Stream* respectively. Dr. Siddiqi also moderated two national-level roundtables and attended one as a panelist. He further attended an interview on Channel 71 on the Rohingya Crisis and participated in a short interview by *The Daily Star*. He also delivered a lecture on “Chinese Pathways of Modernization and Its Implications for Bangladesh” at Independent University, Bangladesh.

<https://surl.li/mujnzg>

<https://surl.li/wxjxti>

<https://surl.li/sswimh>

<https://surl.li/gpebjo>

<https://surl.li/nrqftv>

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY



Dr. Jalal Uddin Sikder

Participated in three talk shows including Ekattor TV's *Ekattor Journal* to discuss the ongoing migrant crisis in Spain, *Ekattor Business* to provide an important message regarding Malaysia's labour market, and RTV's গণতন্ত্রের সংলাপ. Dr. Sikder also published two op-eds in *Prothom Alo* and *The Daily Star* respectively. He was also featured in an article on Malaysia's labour market on *Deshkal News*.

<https://surl.li/kklidj>
<https://surl.li/jeemyz>
<https://surl.li/jgnwhj>
<https://surl.li/hybuiiz>
<https://surl.li/oiixmj>



Dr. Abdul Wohab

Has been appointed as the Campus Point of Contact for the Millennium Fellowship Program at NSU. Dr. Wohab has also been welcomed as an Associate Member of the MCN Civic Learning Council.



Dr. Noor Mohammad Sarker

Served as a Panel Chair in an international conference titled "First Decolonizing Law and Criminology Conference in Bangladesh," held at Daffodil International University.



Mr. Muhammad Zahidul Islam Miaji

Co-authored a research article titled "Socio-Economic Determinants Influencing Malnutrition Among Urban Slum Children in Dhaka" in *Ecology of Food and Nutrition*, published by Taylor & Francis.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/03670244.2026.2716754>



The Center for Peace Studies (CPS) at North South University (NSU) convened an international webinar titled “Nothing About Us Without Us: The Rohingya Voice in the Search for Repatriation,” on 25 August 2026 to commemorate the 9th anniversary of the Rohingya genocide.



On 03 August 2026, the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) at NSU convened key defense strategists, policy experts, and academic leaders at the Syndicate Hall for a high-level national dialogue titled “Securing Bangladesh’s Future: Rethinking National Security in a New and Changing Era.”



Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque

Co-authored an op-ed with Mr. Simon Mohsin titled "China Is Helping, Not Squeezing, Poorer Nations' Industrial Development," in *City News Service*. Professor Haque also shared his analysis on the Rohingya crisis in a talk show hosted by Desh TV News.

<https://surl.li/bmcioc>
<https://youtu.be/qftEX-fXJ60?si=UOAHZdtwaH8ivH4I>



Dr. Ishrat Zakia Sultana

Published an op-ed titled "রোহিঙ্গা প্রত্যাবাসন: প্রশ্নবিদ্ধ নতুন কমিটি" in *Daily Amar Desh* and co-authored another op-ed titled "Is There Any Possibility for Rohingya Repatriation?" in *The Dhaka Tribune* respectively.

<https://surli.cc/argqpt>
<https://surl.li/njlrvm>



Dr. Selim Reza

Published an op-ed titled "নারী কর্মীদের বিদেশ যাওয়া কমে যাচ্ছে কেন" in *Prothom Alo*.

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/pefsw3b8s2>



Professor M.A. Rashid

Published an op-ed titled "How Bangladesh's Youth Reclaimed the Nation's Democratic Spirit," in *The New Nation*.

<https://ep.dailynewnation.com/2026/08/05/>



The Center for Migration Studies (CMS) at NSU published its latest policy brief titled "Future of Bangladesh-Malaysia Labour Migration: Policy Priorities and Strategic Opportunities".



CMS at NSU hosted CMS Research Talk 7 titled “Reverse Bargaining Power: Migrant Agency in Choosing Destinations Under Global Labour Shortages” on 6 August 2026.



CMS at NSU organized the CMS Research Talk 8 titled “A Near Outlook of the Portuguese Labour Market: Prospects and Challenges for Bangladeshi Workers” on 13 August 2026 at the SIPG Conference Room.



CMS at NSU organized CMS Policy Talk-1 titled “The Migration Ceiling Paradox: How Western Paternalism Drives Shadow Markets, High Costs, and Policy Deadlock” on 25 August 2026, at the SIPG Conference Room.



North South University (NSU) and the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding at NSU on 27 August 2026. The collaboration will be implemented primarily through SIPG.



SIPG, NSU, and CEE jointly organized the National Seminar on “Transboundary Water Sharing Issues and Padma Barrage” on 30 August 2026 at the Syndicate Hall.



North South University (NSU) and Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 31 August 2026.

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The NSU SHSS Alumni Colloquium Summer 2026



On 3 August 2026, the NSU SHSS Alumni Colloquium Summer 2026 was held at the SHSS Conference Room, featuring presentations by SIPG alumnus Mr. Abu Naser on “Climate Change Impacts on Education in Hatiya Island, Bangladesh” and Department of Law alumnus Mr. Sajid Hossain on “Bangladesh’s GDPR Moment?” The session was chaired by Professor Norman K. Swazo, Professor of Philosophy, Department of History and Philosophy. Dr. Nazia Manzoor, Chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages, served as the discussant, and Ms. Samila Nowshin, Lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy, served as the moderator.

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The NSU SHSS Study Circle



On 20 August 2026, a book discussion on *The Range of the Year: A Riverine History of Empire Across China, India, and Southeast Asia* was held at the NSU SHSS Conference Room, featuring Dr. Mohammed Abdul Baten, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology, NSU. The event was moderated by Mr. Md. Lokman Hussain, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, NSU.



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

On 28 August 2026, an invited virtual lecture titled “Contemporary Challenges and the Future of Public International Law” was delivered by Professor Md. Rizwanul Islam, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, North South University. The lecture was organized by the Feni University Law Mooting Society (FULMOS).

Members



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