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Dr. Nazia Manzoor

Participated as a speaker in the national roundtable titled “Responsible Research and Publication in the Humanities,” hosted by the Department of English and Humanities at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).



Ms. Musharrat Hossain

Moderated a roundtable titled “Encountering Our Present: English Studies Now” at the 2026 International Conference, “Encountering the Human(ities): Anxiety, Storytelling, Futurity,” hosted by the Department of English and Modern Languages at NSU.



Ms. Farhana Islam Tani

Moderated a roundtable titled “Stories of the Entangled World: Writing across Boundaries” at the 2026 International Conference, “Encountering the Human(ities): Anxiety, Storytelling, Futurity,” hosted by the Department of English and Modern Languages at NSU.



Ms. Sara Kabir

Presented a research paper online titled “Haunted Landscapes: Ecological Memory and Environmental Catastrophe in Studio Ghibli’s Animated Fantasies” and chaired a panel titled “Media, Memorialisation and the Construction of Catastrophe” at the International Conference on Disaster Studies: “Narratives, Symbolisms and Responses to Catastrophe,” hosted by Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan.





The Prize-Giving Ceremony of Bakeman’s 4th International Language League was organized by the Department of English and Modern Languages on 10 October 2026 at NSU.



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND MODERN LANGUAGES







The Department of English and Modern Languages at NSU hosted a two-day long international conference titled “Encountering the Human(ities): Anxiety, Storytelling, Futurity,” on 30-31 October 2026, bringing together distinguished national and international scholars, academics, researchers, and students.



The Department of English and Modern Languages, in collaboration with TASLLC, hosted a talk titled “South Asian Feminisms: Negotiating New Terrains in Activism and Academia,” featuring Professor Firdous Azim in conversation with Dr. Nazia Manzoor.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY



Dr. Md. Pervejur Rahaman

Published an article commemorating the 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, titled “Gandhi’s Return to Noakhali,” in *The Daily Star*.

https://www.thedailystar.net/slow-reads/focus/news/gandhis-return-noakhali-4290261



Dr. Ahmed Abidur Razzaque Khan

Presented a research paper titled “Beyond Impact: Decolonizing Development Evaluation through Bengal’s Hydrocultural Knowledge, from Ancient Regional Worlds to Contemporary Communities” at the One-Day International Symposium organized by the Centre for Social Impact, Chanakya University, Bengaluru, India.



Dr. Saleh Md. Shahriar

Published an article in *The Daily Star* titled “How Fazlul Huq’s Krishak Praja Party Reshaped Peasant Politics in Bengal.”

https://www.thedailystar.net/slow-reads/focus/news/how-fazlul-huqs-krishak-praja-party-reshaped-peasant-politics-bengal-4306401



Dr. Mushfiqul Anwar Siraji

Facilitated the participation of the department’s teaching assistants in a research workshop organized by the NSU Library, focusing on academic database searches, literature reviews, and reference and citation management.



Mr. Saquib Rahman

Received a letter of appreciation from the Embassy of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria in Dhaka in recognition of his valuable contribution as a speaker at a conference commemorating the 72nd Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Glorious Algerian Revolution of 1 November 1954, held at Le Méridien Dhaka.



The North South University Center for Legal Research (NSU CLR), in collaboration with UNICEF, organized a seminar on the Children Act 2013 on 15 October 2026 at the Moot Court Room.





NSU CLR and the Department of Law, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), inaugurated the Certificate Course on "Trafficking in Persons & Smuggling of Migrants" on 26 October 2026 at the Moot Court Room.



The North South University Law & Mooting Society (NSULMS), in collaboration with ANUKUL, organized a panel discussion titled "Analyzing the National VAW Survey 2024: Progress, Challenges, and the Road Ahead" on 14 October 2026.



Team "Nirobotar Seshdin" secured the 1st Runner-Up position in the National Legal Drama Competition at NSULMS Law Fest 2026, Season III, organized by the North South University Law & Mooting Society.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA, COMMUNICATION, AND JOURNALISM



Dr. Md. Harisur Rahman

Presented a paper titled “Rethinking Connectivity: Media and Intercultural Collaboration in China–Bangladesh Relations” during his visit to the School of Journalism at Yunnan University, China.



Dr. S.M. Rezwan Ul Alam

Published an op-ed in *Prothom Alo* titled “Constitutional Amendment: The Judiciary Should Be Included in the Definition of the State.”

https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/avyx5429



The Department of Media, Communication, and Journalism hosted a session of the MCJ Research Talk Series, featuring research presentations by Ms. Anika Tahsin, Lecturer, Department of English and Humanities, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), and Mr. Md Shahjahan Hossain, a student of MCJ, NSU, at the SHSS Conference Room.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA, COMMUNICATION, AND JOURNALISM



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Faculty members of MCJ at NSU visited the Department of Journalism, Media & Communication (JMC) at Daffodil International University (DIU).

02

The MCJ104 Photojournalism course held a guest lecture on “Self and Discomfort,” featuring visual storyteller Ms. Farhana Satu.





03

MCJ hosted an engaging guest lecture with Mr. Sadi Mohammad Shahnewaz, Showbiz and Cultural Editor at *The Daily Star*.

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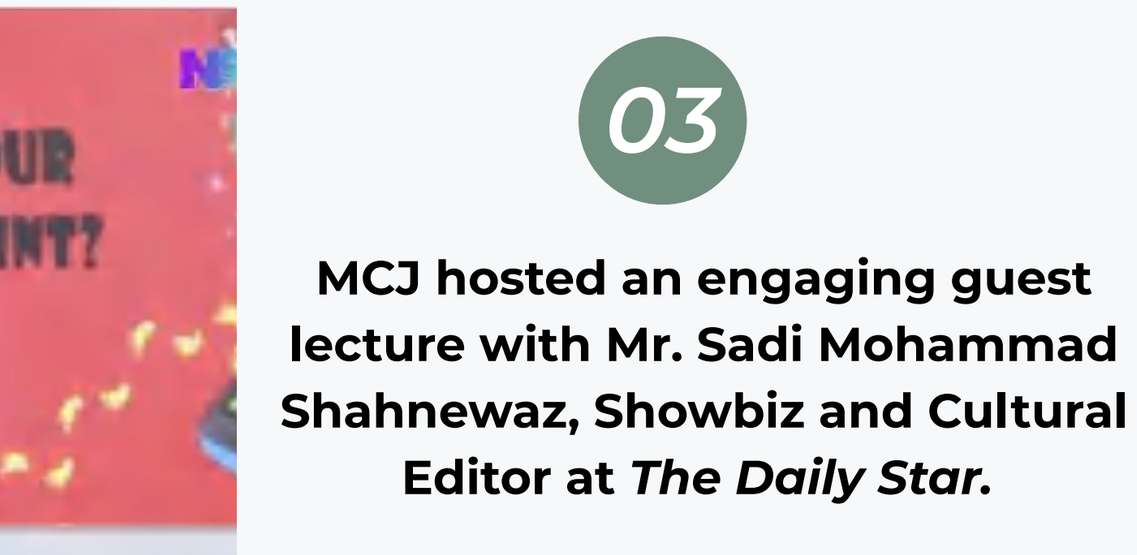
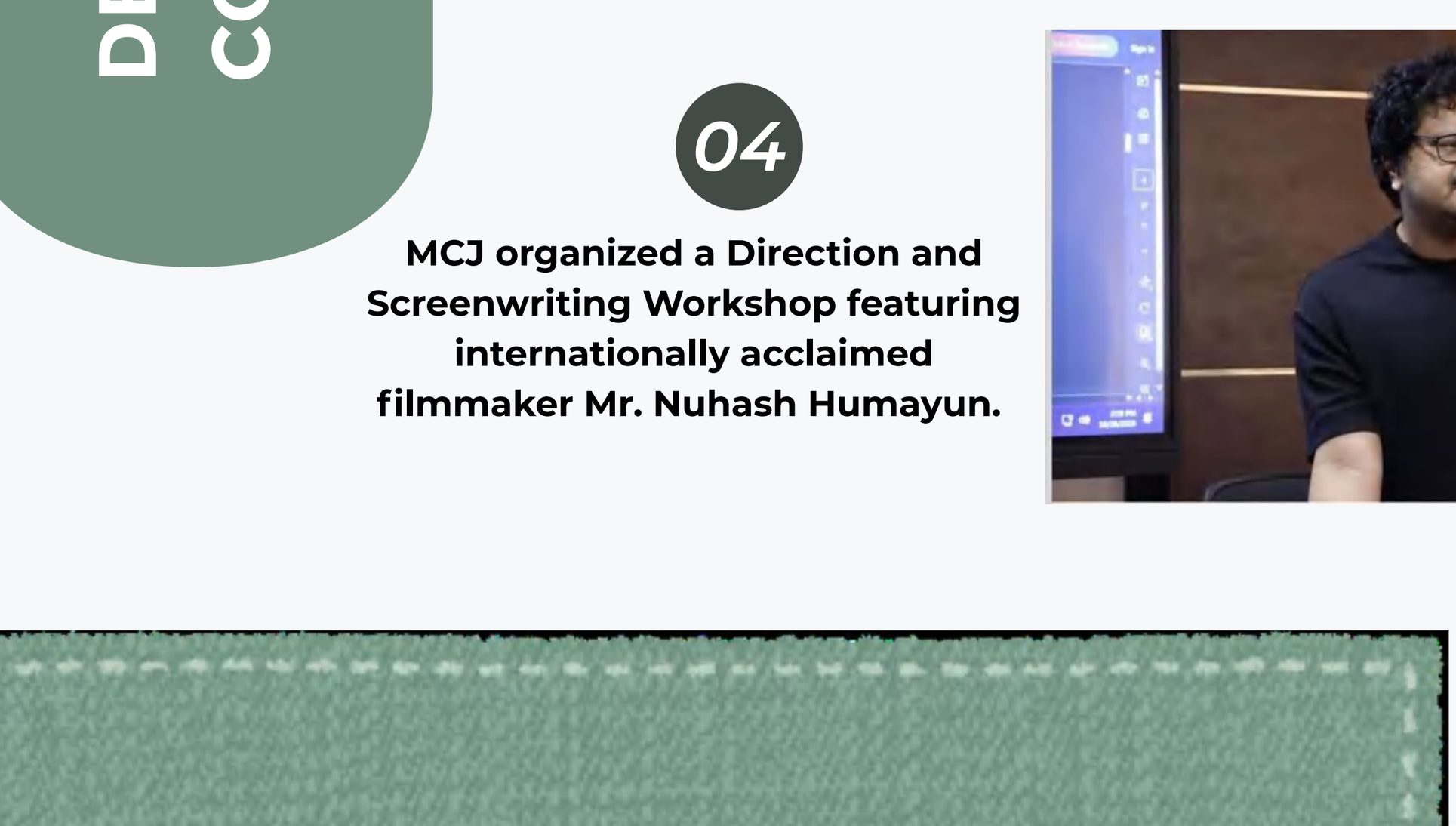
MCJ organized a Direction and Screenwriting Workshop featuring internationally acclaimed filmmaker Mr. Nuhash Humayun.





DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY



Dr. Mohammed Nuruzzaman

Delivered a keynote presentation titled "Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia Relations: Potential and Challenges" at the national seminar titled "From Workforce to Strategic Partnership: Reimagining Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia Relations," jointly organized by BIISS and NSU at the Foreign Service Academy. Dr. Nuruzzaman also published an article titled “Saudi Arabia’s Endless War with the Houthis: What Is the Way Out?” in *Stratheia*.

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Dr. M Jashim Uddin

Published an article titled “তারেক রহমানের জাপান সফর: বাংলাদেশের নীল অর্থনীতির নতুন দিগন্ত” in *The Daily Jugantor*, where he was also featured in an interview. He further participated in the FSDS Seminar titled “Rohingya Crisis: Way Forward Towards Sustainable Repatriation and a Durable Regional Solution” at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka.

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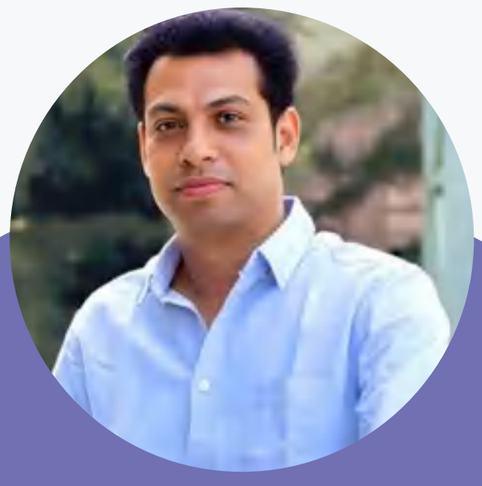

Dr. Jalal Uddin Sikder

Published an op-ed in *Prothom Alo* titled “সরকারে দলীয় আনুগত্য, নাকি রাষ্ট্রের স্বার্থ অগ্রাধিকার পাচ্ছে” and participated in six television interviews and discussions across GTV, RTV, *Prothom Alo*, and Ekattor TV. Dr. Sikder also participated in a media discussion hosted by *The Business Standard*.

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Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi

Delivered a keynote presentation titled “Beyond Connectivity: Bangladesh’s Strategic Approach to the Bangladesh-China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (BCM-EC)” at the 2nd International Conference on China-South Asia Civilization and Connectivity, organized by Yunnan University, China. Dr. Siddiqi also published an op-ed titled “সামাজিক পরিসরে সহনশীলতার অভাব কিসের ইঙ্গিত দেয়” in *Prothom Alo*.

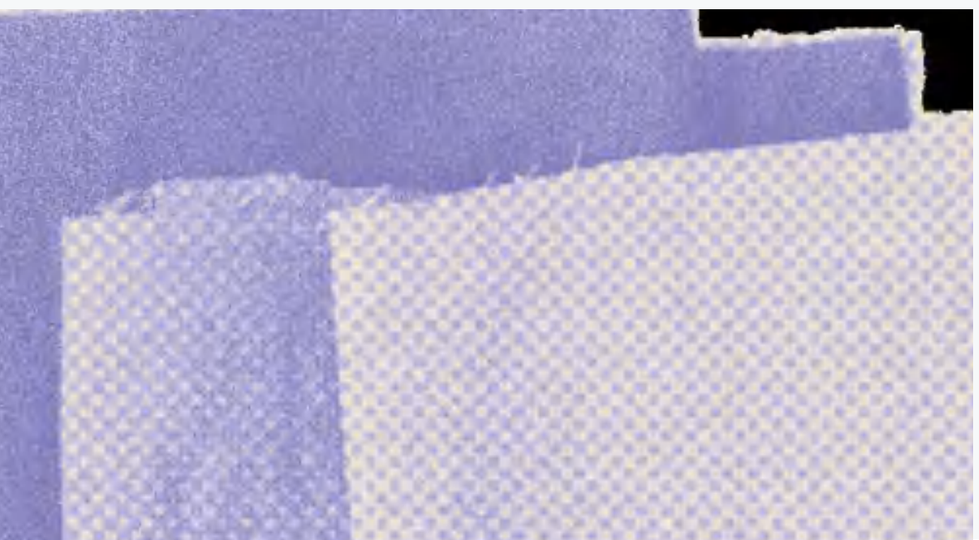
https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/4c68iamwzj



Dr. Shafiqul Islam

Co-authored a research article titled “Work-Family Bidirectional Conflicts and Their Impact on Working Mothers’ Job Satisfaction in Bangladesh,” published in *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* (Springer Nature).

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-026-08564-3





Dr. Nasrin Siraj Annie

Presented a paper titled “Posthuman Security from the Ground: Gendered Anxiety, Risks and Resistance against Coal Mining in Northern Bangladesh” at the 2026 International Conference, “Encountering the Human(ities): Anxiety, Storytelling, Futurity,” hosted by the Department of English and Modern Languages at NSU.



Dr. Noor Mohammad Sarker

Presented a paper titled "Bangladesh’s Pursuit of Multilateralism and its Alignment with China-led Global Platforms: Towards a Greater Strategic Autonomy?" at the 2nd International Conference on China-South Asia Civilization, held in Kunming, China.



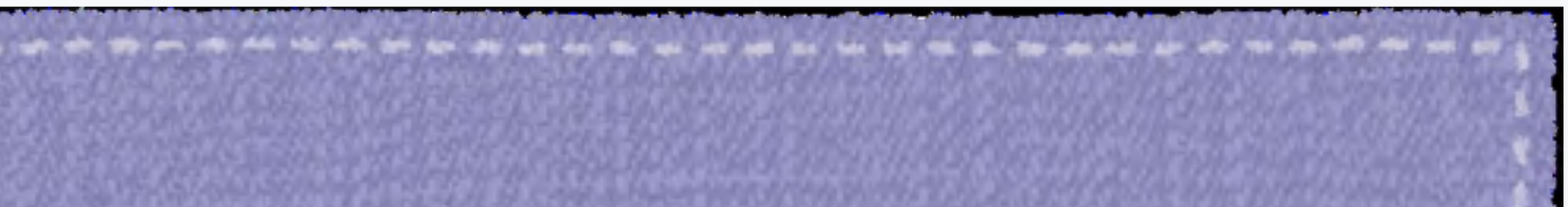
On 14 October 2026, the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) at NSU organized a lecture on “Emotional Intelligence (EI) in Reshaping the Family, Career, and Interpersonal Relationships by Young Professionals.” Major General (Retd.) Ibne Fazal Shayekhuzzaman delivered the keynote speech. The welcome speech was delivered by the Director of CPS, Professor Dr. M Jashim Uddin, and the NSU Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Nasar U. Ahmed, was present as the Special Guest.



On 24 October 2026, Professor Nasar U. Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor of NSU, and Professor Yang Shaojun, Vice President of Yunnan University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Yunnan University's Donglu Campus during the 2nd International Conference on China and South Asia Civilization and Connectivity to launch a 2+1+1 undergraduate program. Under the program, students will have the opportunity to study at Yunnan University for one full academic year.



On 6 October 2026, the Department of Political Science and Sociology at NSU held its monthly seminar titled "Ecocinema and the Political History of Climate Change in Bangladesh: A Study of *Rupsha Nodir Banke* (2020) and *Delupi* (2025)." The seminar was presented by Dr. Soumik Pal, Assistant Professor, and Ms. Nusrat Islam, Lecturer, both from the Department of Media, Communication, and Journalism.





Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque

Participated in an interview for an article published in *Samakal* titled “India’s Election Commission Crisis and Modi’s Challenges.”

https://samakal.com/opinion/article/377654



Dr. Selim Reza

Published four op-eds in *Prothom Alo*. Dr. Reza also participated as a judge at the Dhaka-13 “Governance Solutions Competition” and joined an interview on Ekattor TV titled “দালাল চক্রের দৌরাত্ম্যে সৌদি শ্রমবাজার, বাড়ছে হয়রানি.” He also shared his insights in a report published by *Agamir Shomoy*.

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Mr. Mohammad Sufiur Rahman

Has been elected as a member of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee representing the Asia-Pacific States. Mr. Rahman’s election marks an important international recognition of his expertise and strengthens SIPG’s engagement in global human rights discourse.

https://surl.li/razteu



The Center for Migration Studies (CMS), in collaboration with the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), organized a national seminar titled “From Workforce to Strategic Partnership: Reimagining Bangladesh–Saudi Arabia Relations” on 10 October 2026 at the Foreign Service Academy.



The 2nd International Conference on China–South Asia Civilization and Connectivity, held on 24–25 October 2026 at Yunnan University, Kunming, China, was jointly organized by Yunnan University, China, and NSU, with the China–South Asia Center for Socio-Cultural Studies (CSCSS) and SIPG.



On 12 October 2026, SIPG and the China–South Asia Center for Socio-Cultural Studies (CSCSS), NSU, welcomed a delegation from the Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences (YASS), China, comprising Ms. Zheng Jia and Ms. Fu Hongai, Research Assistants at YASS, for an academic exchange.



Dr. Rizwan Khair, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology and Graduate Program Coordinator at SIPG, and Dr. Mohammad Rezaul Karim of NSU's Department of Political Science and Sociology conducted a session titled "Evidence-Informed Policy Formulation: Process, Actors, and the Political Economy" for participants of the 159th ACAD at BPATC.

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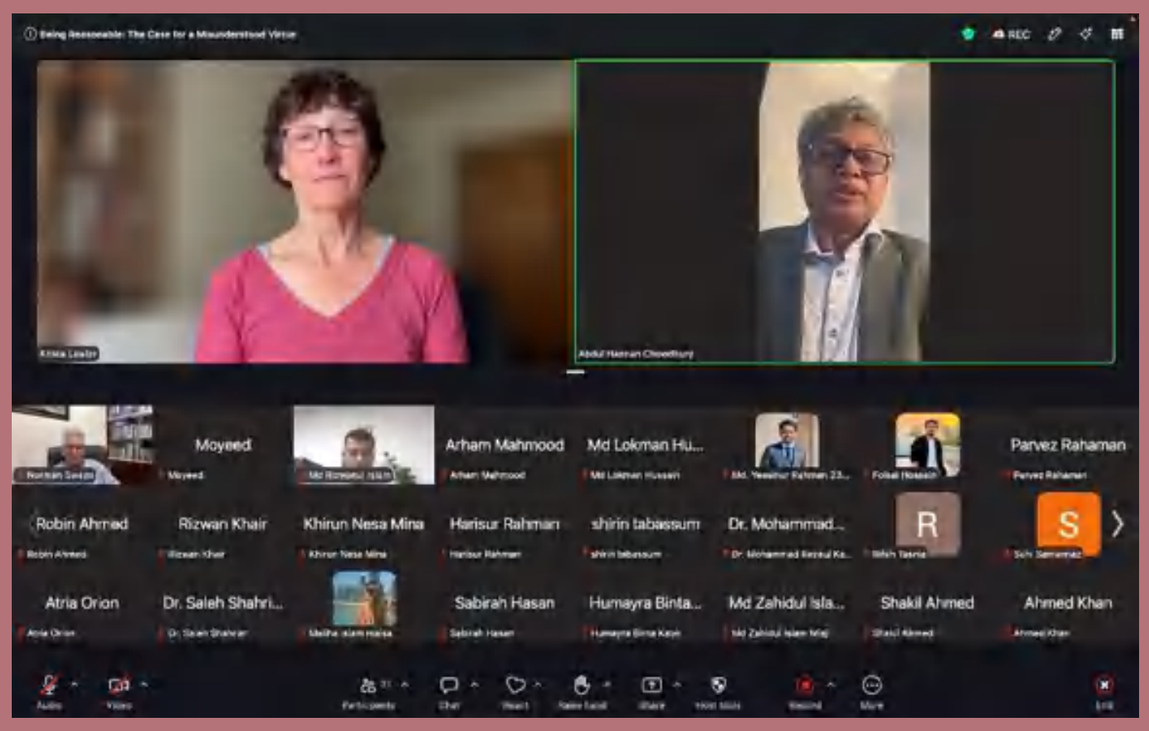
The NSU SHSS Distinguished Webinar Series



On 1 October 2026, a webinar titled "Being Reasonable: The Case for a Misunderstood Virtue" was held, featuring Professor Krista Lawlor, Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University. The session was chaired by Prof. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Professor and Vice-Chancellor, NSU. The event was moderated by Prof. Norman Kenneth Swazo, Professor of Philosophy, NSU.

The NSU SHSS Undergraduate Colloquium Series (Fall 2026)



On 28 October 2026, the SHSS Undergraduate Colloquium Series (Fall 2026) was held at the SHSS Conference Room. It featured presentations by Ms. Noor-E-Ashfia Khan from the Department of English and Modern Languages, Mr. Robin Ahmed from the Department of Law, and Mr. Sarker Sanjid Advan from the Department of Media, Communication, and Journalism. Dr. Md. Pervejur Rahaman, Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of History and Philosophy, NSU, served as the discussant.

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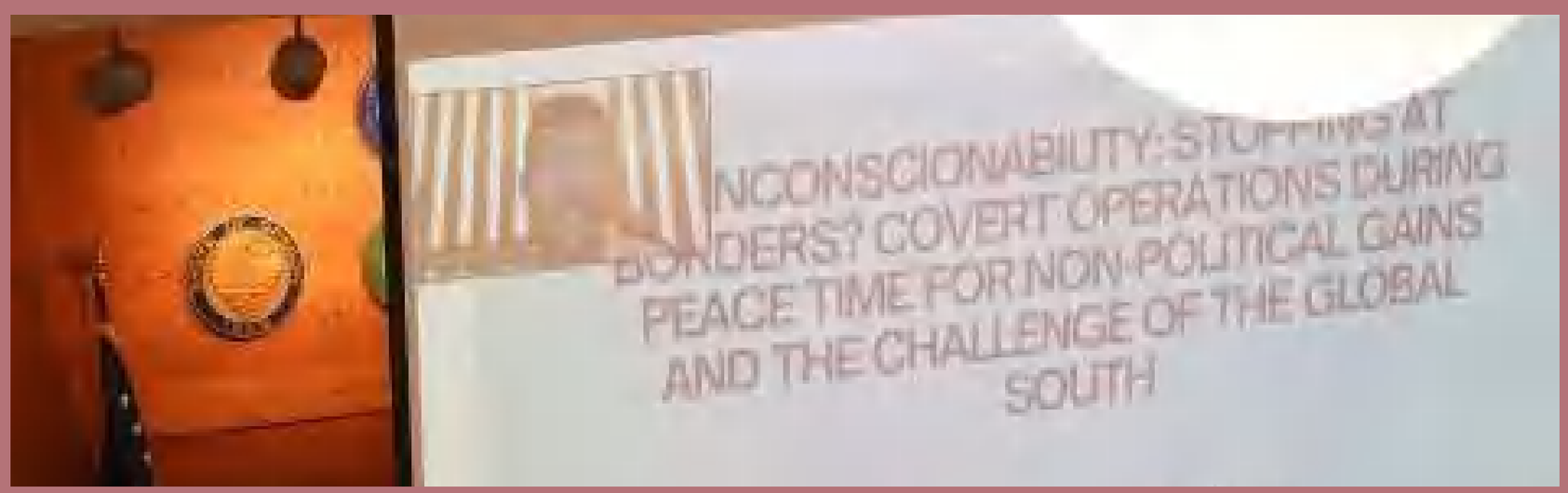
Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam
Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

01



Participated as an invited speaker in a podcast discussion titled "The Rohingya Crisis, Genocide, and Repatriation" as part of the series "Not to Forgive, but to Understand." The discussion was moderated by Dr. Sabah Carrim, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice with a specialization in Genocide Studies, SUNY Brockport.



02

Delivered an invited speech and virtually presented a paper titled "Unconscionability Stopping at Borders? Covert Operations During Peacetime for Non-Political Gains and the Challenge of the Global South" at the 2026 Gonzaga Journal of International Law Symposium, organized by Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, USA.

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03

Participated as a panel member at the 2nd International Conference on "Sovereignty, Humanity and Law in the Contemporary World," organized by the Department of Law, University of Rajshahi. The conference was held at the University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh, on 30-31 October 2026.



04

Participated as a special guest and adjudicator in the final round of the 1st BUBT National Law Olympiad 2026, organized by the BUBT Law Club. The event was held at the International Conference Hall, Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT) on 10 October 2026.

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