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Dr. Mohammad Shamsuzzaman

Co-authored an article titled, "Understanding Students' Perceptions and Abilities of Second Language Writing in English across Disciplines at the Tertiary Level in Bangladesh" in *Mextesol Journal*

https://www.mextesol.net/journal/index.php?page=journal&id_article=425922



Dr. Nazia Manzoor

Moderated a panel titled "Spivak on 'The Burden of English' and the Situation of 'The Implied Reader': A Philosopher's Interrogation" as part of the SHSS Faculty Seminar series. She was also a discussant at a panel titled, "Women, Literature, Culture and Resistance" at the "5th International Conference on Literature, Language, Culture and Crises."



Ms. Musharrat Hossain

Presented a paper titled, "Private universities, Public protests: Spatial negotiations of the July Uprising" at the "9th Bangladesh Studies Network Conference."



Dr. S.M. Rubyat

Presented a paper titled, "Need for Discipline Construction and Talent Cultivation in the Field of Sinology Research in Bangladesh" at the "2nd South Asian Sinologists Conference."



Ms. Sayma Ahmed

Published a research paper titled, "Decolonizing English Language Pedagogy by Adopting a Postmethod Framework to Empower Bangladeshi Educators and Learners" in the Proceeding of the "22nd Asia TEFL International Conference"

<https://liga.crru.ac.th/liga/uploads/news/-file/news202506160137501750055871.pdf>
<https://www.asiatefl2024.org/>

01

The Department of English and Modern Languages hosted a departmental workshop titled, "What Now? FAQs Every New EAP Teacher Encounters."



02

The Department of English and Modern Language organized the discourse series lecture titled, "Chronotopic Linguistic Landscapes and Indigenous Voices from Bangladesh: Students Dismantling the Autocratic Government in the Mass Uprising of 2024," with Dr. Shaila Sultana

03

Cultural scholar, writer, and curator Kashfia Arif presented her paper titled "Jesters and Princes: The Illusion of Power in Machiavelli's *La Mandragola*" at the Colloquium Series organized by the Department of English and Modern Languages





**Professor Mahbubur
Rahman**

Delivered the keynote address in the national seminar titled, "Democracy in Bangladesh: Crisis and Pathways Forward."



**Professor Norman
K. Swazo**

Delivered a presentation titled, "Spivak on 'the Burden of English' and the Situation of 'the Implied Reader': A Philosopher's Interrogation," at the SHSS Faculty Seminar Series.



Department of Law at North South University previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of Bangladesh. Within the framework of this agreement, the Center for Legal Research (CLR), established under the Department of Law, in collaboration with the Center for Migration Studies, submitted a comprehensive written report on June 23, 2025.



Dr. Abdul Wohab

Presented a paper titled, "Graffiti and the Youth Subculture: Secular and Religious Expressions in the July Revolution of 2024" at the "Canadian Sociological Association"



Dr. Jalal Uddin Sikder

Published two op-eds titled, "Iran-Israel conflict: What should Bangladesh do?" and "What is the future of civil society in Bangladesh?" in *Prothom Alo* and *Bangla Outlook* respectively.

<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/k1zneuqccl>

<https://www.banglaoutlook.org/opinion/243747>



Dr. Mohammad Bulbul Ashraf Siddiqi

Co-authored two articles titled, "COVID-19 induced challenges in refugee management: Lessons learned from Rohingya camps in Bangladesh" and "Investigating Awareness and Acceptance of Digital Phenotyping in Dhaka's Korail Slum: Qualitative Study" in *Frontiers in Human Dynamics* and *JMIR Publications* respectively. He also published three op-eds in *Prothom Alo*

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fhumd.2025.1547030.qcc1>

<https://doi.org/10.2196/65530747>



Professor Mohammed Nuruzzaman

Delivered a talk titled, "Iran vs. Israel-US War: Regional and Global Implications" organized by GSSRC. He was also a panelist at a webinar titled, "Israel vs. Iran: What It Means for Bangladesh and the Region" by a YouTube channel based in USA. Additionally, he also appeared live on Ekattor TV channel twice for providing opinion on the Israeli strikes on Iran

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsView101/videos/579844615168881>



Dr. S M Rezwan Ul Alam

Published an abstract titled, "Digital Authoritarianism and Press Freedom in South Asia: A Comparative Study of Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan" for presentation at the South Asia Communication Association. He also appeared on SATV for a panel discussion titled, "Criminalization of the Bangladesh Media: The Way Forward." Moreover, translated the Media Reform Commission's Bangla Report into English



Dr. Soumik Pal

Co-authored a review of the film, "Jaya Aar Sharmin" published in *The Daily Sun*

<https://www.daily-sun.com/post/809652>



Ms. Zarin Tasnim

Represented NSU at the Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Network launch, hosted by East West University and UNESCO Dhaka and also participated in a workshop titled, "Strategies for a Healthy Digital Ecosystem"

01

Media, Communication & Journalism Program hosted a guest lecture where documentary photography, Veejay Villafranca shared his journey and approach to visual storytelling through documentary photography.



02

Asad Sattar, Founder & Creative Director of Arka, visited the Media, Communication & Journalism program at North South University, where he shared his thoughts on the creativity and potential of the department.

03

A guest lecture by Rony Rezaul was organized by Media, Communication & Journalism Program where the leading fashion photographer in Bangladesh offered a masterclass on the aesthetics, lighting, and cultural context of fashion photography in Bangladesh.





04

An artist talk by Arko Datto was organized by Media, Communication & Journalism Program where the international photo artist led an engaging session on the use of color in photography and visual art.

05

A guest lecture by Sumon Sarker was organized by Media, Communication & Journalism Program where the award winning cinematographer discussed cinematography, lighting setups, camera movement, and post-production workflow.



06

The MCJ Program proudly represented North South University at the UNESCO MIL Network Launch. Lecturer Zarin Tasnim and student Kabid Shiam attended the event, which brought together 16 universities to promote media and information literacy.



07

NSU TV, Radio & Digital Lab released the fifth episode of the program, "Coping with NSU 101" where Dr. AKM Waresul Karim discussed on the topic titled, "Budget 2025-26: A Combination of Government Promises and People's Expectations"



08

NSU TV, Radio & Digital Lab hosted a Father's Day special program titled, "They May Not Always Say Much but in Every Breath, Fathers Carry a World of Love and Sacrifice"



Dr. Hasan Muhammad Baniamin

Co-authored an article titled "Intent vs Impact: Ramifications of Digitalization on the Administrative Burden" published in *Public Policy and Administration*. He also co-authored a book chapter titled, "Citizens' Assessment of the Quality of Governance in Sri Lanka" published in the *Routledge Handbook of Public Policy in South Asia*

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/09520767251348541>

<https://shorturl.at/lnh1h>



Professor Ishtiaq Jamil

Co-authored a book chapter titled, "Citizens' Assessment of the Quality of Governance in Sri Lanka" published in the *Routledge Handbook of Public Policy in South Asia*

<https://shorturl.at/lnh1h>

01

SIPG hosted a high-profile book launch and seminar to unveil *Geopolitics and Strategic Shifts in South Asian/Subcontinental Countries*, authored by Brigadier General (Retd.) Sakhawat Hossain, Honourable Adviser to the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Ministry of Shipping, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

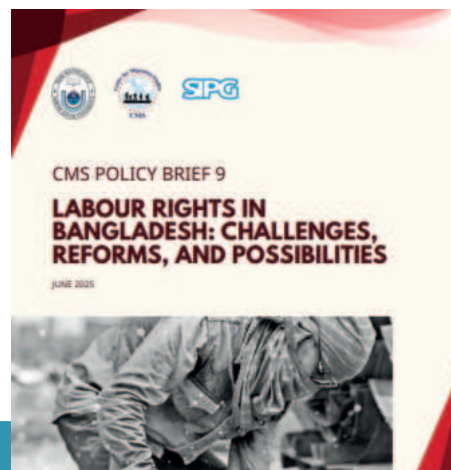


02

SIPG, in collaboration with the Private University Teachers' Association of Bangladesh (PUTAB), hosted a national seminar titled "Democracy in Bangladesh: Crisis and Pathways Forward" at the Syndicate Hall of North South University (NSU).

03

CMS Policy Brief 9 *Labour Rights in Bangladesh: Challenges, Reforms, and Possibilities* was prepared by S M Mashrur Arafin Ayon, K. M. Noor-E-Zannat Nadi under the supervision of Dr. Selim Reza, Coordinator, CMS, North South University.





04

CSCSS Policy Brief titled, “Reassessing Sino-Bangla Relations: Chief Adviser’s Landmark Visit” was prepared by Riyasad Iqbal & Mahmud Bin Morshad under the supervision of Dr. Harisur Rahman, Coordinator, China-South Asia Center for Socio-cultural Studies (CSCSS) of SIPG, North South University.

05

Prof. Sk Tawfique M Haque, Director, SIPG, commented about possible impacts on Asia if the Hormuz Strait is closed due to US attacks on Iran at RTV



06

A seminar titled “Good Practices in Transboundary Water Cooperation: Case Studies and Implications for Bangladesh” was held at the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC), Bangladesh. Md Parvez Hasan Yousuf, Research Associate, SIPG, participated in that seminar.

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01

The SHSS Faculty Seminar was delivered by Dr. Norman K. Swazo, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Office of Research, North South University. on the topic, "Spivak on 'the Burden of English' and the Situation of 'the Implied Reader': A Philosopher's Interrogation"



02

The SHSS Alumni Colloquium featured speakers Anika Afrin, alumna of the Department of English & Modern Languages, Imritra Hossain Elma, alumna of the Department of Law and Syed Shahnawaz Mohsin, alumnus of South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG)



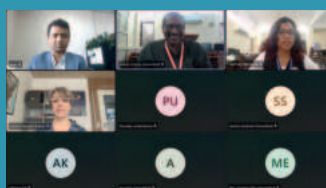
Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam
Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Published an article titled, "Repatriation of the Rohingya through An ICJ Verdict" in the *Washington University Global Studies Law Review*
<https://journals.library.wustl.edu/globalstudies/article/id/9082/>

Published a paper titled, "Commodifying Citizenship: The ECJ Rules Against Malta's 'Golden Passport' Program" in *American Society of International Law Insights*
<https://www.asil.org/insights/volume/29/issue/8/>

Published an article titled, 'The Application of International Law in the Municipal Legal System: A Highly Ad Hoc and Ambivalent Approach in Bangladesh Epitomizing a Broader Hermeneutics Trend?' in the *Oregon Review of International Law*
<https://scholarsbank.uoregon.edu/items/c64d14cd-02f6-4a5f-8fe4-4eea2eb18f93>

Published an article titled, "Reviewing Trade Remedies and Bangladesh and Looking Beyond the LDC-Phase" in the *Bangladesh Journal of Tariff and Trade*
https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5311586



Presented on the topic titled, 'The Kaleidoscopic Legal Framework of Local Government in Bangladesh' as part of the Conference on Three Decades of India's Journey towards Local Self-Governance: Achievements, Challenges and Future Prospects, organised by Centre for Constitutional Studies

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