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Current Position

May 2019 to Date **Associate Professor** of Anthropology and Sociology
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January 2020 to date **Director of Confucius Institute** at North South University

My Duties I have both teaching and administrative responsibilities at my present workplace. I teach Anthropology and Sociology. As part of my administrative role at the Confucius Institute at NSU, I manage the day-to-day activities of the Chinese language learning program every semester, liaise with various Chinese counterparts of the institute in China, and organise workshops and seminars. I have also been serving as a member of the Department of Political Science and Sociology recruitment committee since 2016.

Feb 2024 to March 2025 **Visiting Professorial Fellow** at the Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Warwick, UK

Courses Taught

1. Introduction to Sociology
2. Introduction to Anthropology
3. Sociology and Anthropology in Development Studies
4. Religion, Society and Culture

Areas of Interests Migration, forced displacement and refugee issues (i.e., Rohingya and other refugees in South Asia), sociology of religion with a particular focus on contemporary Islamic movements (Tablighi Jamaat), poverty and development, tolerance and religious pluralism in Bangladesh, and mental health.

Language English and Bengali as a native speaker

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Education

2008-2014 **PhD Anthropology**
Cardiff University, UK
Thesis Title: The Tablighi Jamaat in Bangladesh and the UK: An Ethnographic Study of an Islamic Reform Movement

Supervisors: Professor Geoffrey Samuel and Dr Santi Rozario

- 2006-2007 **MA Global Citizenship, Identities and Human Rights (Merit)**
School of Sociology and Social Policy, The University of Nottingham, UK
- 2002-2004 **MSS Anthropology (1st Class/Merit)**
Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh
- 1999-2002 **BSS Anthropology (1st Class/Merit)**
Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

Previous Work Experience

- Nov 2023- Dec 2023 **Visiting Associate Professor**
School of Ethnology and Sociology, Yunnan University, China
- August 2015 to April 2019 **Assistant Professor**
Department of Political Science and Sociology, North South University, Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka 1230, Bangladesh
- Sept 2008 to date **Honorary Fellow and Member**
Research Group on the Body, Health and Religion (BAHAR), School of History, Archaeology and Religion, Cardiff University, UK.
- Sept 2012- Jan 2013 **Teaching Assistant**
School of History, Archaeology, and Religion, Cardiff University, UK
- Sept 2008 to Jan 2011 **Research Assistant**
School of History, Archaeology, and Religion, Cardiff University, UK
- Title of the project:**
The Challenge of Islam: Young Bangladeshis, Marriage and the Family in Bangladesh and the UK

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Siddiqi, B. (2025) Exploring the roles and challenges of national development experts on the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh, *Development in Practice*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2025.2457050>

Siddiqi, B. (2024) Islam and social changes among university-going urban youth in Bangladesh, *Contemporary Islam*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11562-024-00559-8>

Kamruzzaman, P., Siddiqi, B., & Ahmed, K. (2024). Navigating the shift in Bangladeshi host community's perceptions towards the Rohingya refugees: A declining sympathy. *Frontiers in Sociology*, 9, 1346011. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2024.1346011>

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Islam, M.M.; Barman, A.; Khan, M.I.; Goswami, G.G.; Siddiqi, B.; Mukul, S.A. (2022) Sustainable Livelihood for Displaced Rohingyas and Their Resilience at Bhashan Char in Bangladesh. *Sustainability* 2022, 14 (10), 6374. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su14106374>

Siddiqi, B. and Khan, N. N. (2022) Social Stigma and Suffering: Perceptions, Practices and Impacts around COVID-19 in Bangladesh. *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal*. V:29
<https://doi.org/10.4000/samaj.8253>

Siddiqi, B. (2022) Challenges and Dilemmas of Social Cohesion between the Rohingya and Host Communities, *Frontiers in Human Dynamics*, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fhumd.2022.944601>

Siddiqi, B. (2022). Can There Be a Peaceful Co-existence of the Host and Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh? *Journal of South Asian Studies*, Volume 2021 Issue 33 Pages 147-152.
<https://doi.org/10.11384/jjasas.2021.147>

Arifin, Z., Siddiqi, B., Hamdun, D., & Rahmi, S. (2021). The Impact of Masturah Program on The Families of Tablighi Jamaat at Temboro Village in Indonesia. *Nazhruna: Jurnal Pendidikan Islam*, 4(1), 136-149. <https://doi.org/10.31538/nzh.v4i1.1128>

Nur, M. and Siddiqi, B (2021) Impact of River Bank Erosion on Women: Case from two Villages in Bangladesh, *Bangladesh Journal of Public Administration*, 29(2), 175-189.
<https://doi.org/10.36609/bjpa.v29i2.220>

Siddiqi, B. (2018) Reconsidering Politics: The Case of the Tablighi Jamaat in Bangladesh, in *Bangabidya: International Journal of Bengal Studies*, V-10, pp. 278-291, Tokyo: Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, (ISSN 2277-7717)

Ilias M., Chowdhury, S. Siddiqi, B., Theobald, S. Ormel, H.; Biswas, S. Jahangir, Y.T.; Sarker, M. and Rashid, S.F.(2015) Exploring the context in which different close-to-community sexual and reproductive health service providers operate in Bangladesh: a qualitative study, *Human Resources for Health*, 13:51 DOI 10.1186/s12960-015-0045-z

Siddiqi, B. (2012) Reconfiguring the Gender Relation: The Case of the Tablighi Jamaat in Bangladesh, in *Culture and Religion*, Vol. 13 (2), pp. 177-192 Special Issue: Finding Muslim Partners, Building Islamic Lives. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14755610.2012.674956>

Siddiqi, B. (2010) 'Purification of Self: *Ijtema* as a New Islamic Pilgrimage, *European Journal of Economic and Political Studies*, 3(SI), Special Issue, pp. 133-150. ISSN 1 307 6000

Books

Siddiqi, B. (2024) *Displacement and Refugee Issues in South Asia: Uncovering the Contested Realities*, Maryland: Lexington Books

Haque, S. T; Siddiqi, B.; & Bhuiyan, M. R. (2023) *The Displaced Rohingyas: A Tale of a Vulnerable Community*, New Delhi: Routledge

Siddiqi, B.; Sultana, I. Z. and Haque, S.T. (2023) *Living in the Time of Covid-19: Perspectives and Realities*, Dhaka: UPL

Siddiqi, B. and Sultana, I. Z. (2021) রোহিঙ্গা শরণার্থী-জীবন: অনিশ্চিত আগামী ও সভ্যতার দায়, ঢাকা: প্রথমা [Bengali, Rohingya Refugee Life: Uncertain Future and the Responsibility of Civilization]

Siddiqi, B. (2019) *Tablighi Jamaat: Bangladesh o Bishwaporishore* (in Bengali), Dhaka: Prothoma [Tablighi Jamaat in Bangladesh and the Global Context]

Siddiqi, B. (2018) *Becoming 'Good Muslim': The Tablighi Jamaat in the UK and Bangladesh*, Singapore: Springer

Book Chapters

Siddiqi, B. (2024) Introduction, in Siddiqi, B. (eds.) *Displacement and Refugee Issues in South Asia: Uncovering the Contested Realities*, Maryland: Lexington Books

Siddiqi, B., Shakur, P., Yousuf, M. P. A., Rahman, H. (2024) Understanding Social Cohesion: Perspectives from the Host and Rohingya Communities, in Bangladesh, in Siddiqi, B. (eds.) *Displacement and Refugee Issues in South Asia: Uncovering the Contested Realities*, Maryland: Lexington Books.

Bhuiyan, M. R. Siddiqi, B. & Haque, S. T. (2023) Introduction, in Haque, S. T; Siddiqi, B.; & Bhuiyan, M. R. (eds.) (2023) *The Displaced Rohingyas: A Tale of a Vulnerable Community*, New Delhi: Routledge

Siddiqi, B.; Kamruzzaman, P. & Kabir, M. E. (2023) Living in Uncertainty: Vulnerable Rohingya in Bangladesh, in Haque, S. T; Siddiqi, B.; & Bhuiyan, M. R. (eds.) (2023) *The Displaced Rohingyas: A Tale of a Vulnerable Community*, New Delhi: Routledge

Kamruzzaman, P.; Kabir, M. E. and Siddiqi, B. (2023) Representation of Forcibly Displaced Rohingyas in Bangladeshi Newspapers, in Haque, S. T; Siddiqi, B.; & Bhuiyan, M. R. (eds.) (2023) *The Displaced Rohingyas: A Tale of a Vulnerable Community*, New Delhi: Routledge

Rahman, H. and Siddiqi, B. (2023) The Role of Media and Social Cohesion Between Host and the Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar, in Ayyoob Sharifi et al. (Eds) *Integrated Approaches to Peace and Sustainability*, Springer

Siddiqi, B. (2022) Terrorism Narratives Among the Urban Youth in Bangladesh, in Parvez, S. and Rahman, M. S. (eds.) *The Politics of Terrorism and Counter-terrorism in Bangladesh*, London: Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003271116-5/terrorism-narratives-among-urban-youth-bangladesh-bulbul-siddiqi>

Sakib, N. H. and Siddiqi, B. (2022) The Rohingyas During COVID-19: Belief System, Governance and Future Policy, in Ahmad, K. and Mohiuddin, H. (eds.) *The Rohingya Crisis and the Two-Faced God of Janus: What Lies Ahead*, Maryland: Lexington Books <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666905960/The-Rohingya-Crisis-and-the-Two-Faced-God-of-Janus-What-Lies-Ahead>

Siddiqi, B. (2022) The 'Myth' of Repatriation: The Prolonged Sufferings of the Rohingya in Bangladesh, in Uddin, Nasir (eds.) *The Rohingya Crisis Human Rights Issues, Policy Concerns and Burden Sharing*, New Delhi: SAGE <https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/the-rohingya-crisis/book281050#contents>

Siddiqi, B. (2022) Music and the Creation of Bangladesh: Popular Music to Baul, in Ahmed, S.U. (eds) *50 Years of Bangladesh: A Tale of Miracle*, Dhaka: NSU & Prothoma

Siddiqi, B. (2019) Perception of the Pathways towards Radicalization among Urban Youth in Bangladesh, in Hasan, Mubashar; Isezaki, Kenji and Yasir, Sameer (eds), *Radicalization in South Asia: Context, Trajectories and Implication*, pp. 290-310, New Delhi: SAGE.

Siddiqi, B. (2017) Implementation of Policy on Combating Child Trafficking in Bangladesh, in *Society and Public Policy*, Research Volume 1, Dhaka: Public Policy and Governance Program.

Working Papers and Other Reports

Kamruzzaman, P. and Siddiqi, B. (2022) Lessons for Ukraine from the Rohingya crisis: even sympathetic communities can lose their enthusiasm for hosting refugees, *The Conversation*, (10 May 2022) <https://theconversation.com/lessons-for-ukraine-from-the-rohingya-crisis-even-sympathetic-communities-can-lose-their-enthusiasm-for-hosting-refugees-181365>

Williams, K.; Kamruzzaman, P.; Wardak, A.; Kabir, M.E.; Chivers, E., Siddiqi, B., Yaseen Ayobi (2022) Evidencing the experience of violence and loss of dignity among the forcibly displaced Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.23927.29606](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.23927.29606), University of South Wales. https://uswvarious1.blob.core.windows.net/uswvarious-prod-uploads/documents/Bangladesh_Report_Master_Copy_Feb_2022.pdf

Siddiqi, B. and Kamruzzaman, P. (2021) *Policy Challenges towards Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: The Role of National Development Experts*, CPS Working Paper Series 1, Center for Peace Studies, North South University, Bangladesh <https://www.cpsnsu.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Siddiqi-and-Kamruzzaman2021Policy-Challenges-towards-the-Rohingya-Crisis-in-BD.pdf>

Current Research Projects

2022 to **Principal Investigator**

2024 Religious pluralism and tolerance among the diverse religious traditions among Muslims in Bangladesh: An Explorative Study, Funded by Conference, Travel and Research Grants Committee (CTRGC), North South University

2021 to **Co-Investigator**

2026 Transforming Access to Care for Serious Mental Disorders in Slums in Bangladesh and Nigeria: TRANSFORM, University of Warwick, Funded by National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), UK. PI Swaran Singh

2022 to **Co-Investigator**

2024 Do Refugees Destabilise National and Regional Security? The Security Impact of the Rohingya Crisis on Bangladesh and Regional States, Funded by Conference, Travel and Research Grants Committee (CTRGC), North South University

2022 to **Co-Investigator**

2024 Understanding development bureaucracy in Bangladesh and its implications - a pilot study, Funded by Conference, Travel and Research Grants Committee (CTRGC), North South University

2022 to **Principal Investigator**

2023 The Loss of Intangible Cultural Heritage and its Impact on Identity of the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh, Funded by Conference, Travel and Research Grants Committee (CTRGC), North South University

Selected Conference Presentations

Siddiqi, B. (2025) The Loss of Intangible Cultural Heritage and its Impact on the Identity of the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh, paper presented at the 20th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference (IASFM20): Forced Displacement in an Urbanizing World Yogyakarta, Indonesia 21-23 January 2025

(2024) Uncertainty in accessing care for serious mental illness in urban slum communities in Bangladesh, presented as the Professorial Fellow of Institute at Advance Studies, at the Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick, UK, 17 April 2024

(2024) Understanding Student Migration: Perspective from South Asia, Keynote presentation at the First International Conference of Economics (FICE) 2024, New Emerging Dynamics of on Development, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 29 March 2024.

(2023) Spiritual belief and practices in approaching mental health in Bangladesh, presented as a panellist at the panel Enchanted Worlds and Human Meaning: Interdisciplinary and intercultural dialogue on spirituality and mental health at the Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IHSS) at Queen Mary University of London, 30 March 2023

(2023) Social Cohesion and Representation: The Case of the Relationship between the Rohingya and Host Community in Bangladesh, presented as a distinguished speaker at the Department of Media and Journalism, Yunnan University, China, 18 December 2023

(2023) (with Ursula Read) Uncertainty in accessing care for serious mental illness: Perspectives from caregivers and people with lived experience in an urban slum in Bangladesh, presentation at IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Conference at the University of Delhi, India on 18th October 2023

(2023) Can there be an independent Rohingya Refugee Policy in Bangladesh? A critical look at Bangladesh's Rohingya Policy and its future, presentation at the 7th IHSA International Conference on 'Humanitarianism in Changing Climates' North South University (NSU), 5 to 7 November 2023.

(2021) Is there a role for the 'experts' towards a sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh? Presented at the conference on Unsettling Development, Annual Conference of Development Studies Association (DSA), UK, 28 June to 2 July 2021

(2021) - Perception of the host community on the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: A declining Sympathy, presented at the conference on Global challenges – national social policy responses? of Social Policy Association Virtual Annual Conference 7-9 July 2021.

Scholarships and Awards

- IAS Visiting Professorial Fellow, Warwick University, 2024-2025.
- South and South East University Network Visiting Professorship, Yunnan University 2023.
- The Charles Wallace Bangladesh Scholarship, UK, June 2011
- Research Assistantship funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to support doctoral research at Cardiff University, UK, September 2008
- Postgraduate Scholarship, The University of Nottingham, UK, June 2006
- The Charles Wallace Bangladesh Scholarship, UK, June 2006

Training:

- I attended a two-day workshop on Small Group Teaching, Assessment and Feedback in the Humanities & Social Sciences on 16th-17th October 2012 at Cardiff University, UK.

Member of Academic Societies

- International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)
- Member of Development Studies Association, UK (ID M38124), member since 02.2021
- Member of Japanese Association of South Asian Studies, Japan
- Member of the Centre for Peace Studies at NSU

Academic Referees

Professor Gillian Hundt

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