

Professor Shyamal Chowdhury's public lecture at NSU organized by the Department of Economics: Positive social and economic preferences in children are critical for building a healthy and prosperous nation

Professor Shyamal Chowdhury of the School of Economics at the University of Sydney has emphasized the significance of promoting a configuration of social and economic preferences that leads to a healthy and prosperous society. In a public lecture delivered at North South University (NSU) on November 13, 2022, Dr. Chowdhury has presented some key findings from his extensive and cutting-edge research on Bangladesh to substantiate his claim. The event was organized by the Department of Economics, School of Business & Economics (SBE), NSU. NSU Young Economists' Forum (YEF), an NSU student club, was the youth engagement partner of the event.



In a thought-provoking lecture, Dr. Chowdhury talked about the formation of specific preferences: risk-taking, patience, and pro-sociality (a combination of selfishness, spitefulness, altruism, and egalitarianism). Dr. Chowdhury's findings suggest that the formation of a child's preference is closely connected to the preference of both the parents and socially desirable preferences can be developed through careful interventions at an early age. The findings of this study can facilitate the design and implementation of programs to promote positive preferences amongst children.



Dr. Chowdhury's public lecture was followed by a lively Q&A session where students and teachers of NSU actively engaged with the speaker asking relevant questions. Over 150 students attended the event. Dr. Md. Ismail Hossain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NSU; Dr. Helal Ahammad, Dean, School of Business & Economics, NSU; Dr. Asad Karim Khan Priyo, Chair, Department of Economics, NSU; Dr. Tapas Kumar Paul, Faculty Advisor of NSU YEF together with other NSU faculty members were present in the public lecture.

