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BANGLADESH AND A CHANGING WORLD

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INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 9.00 AM - 10.00 AM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Chief Guest:

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, Government of Bangladesh

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Mushtaq Khan

Professor of Economics, SOAS University of London

Special Guest:

Abdulla Jihad

Former Vice President of the Maldives

Professor Dr. A.B.M. Obaidul Islam

Vice-Chancellor, University of Dhaka

ACADEMIA IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 10.30 AM - 11.15 AM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Taimur Reza

O'Donnell Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Whitman College, USA

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Faisal Devji

Beit Professor of Global and Imperial History, University of Oxford

Dr. Samia Haq

Dean of the School of General Education, and Professor of Anthropology at Brac University

Dr. Zaynab El Bernoussi

Associate Professor of Political Science, The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU)

FIRESIDE SESSION ON ECONOMIC PLAN REVENUE AND INVESTMENT

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir

Honourable Advisor to the Prime Minister;
Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Planning

Dr. Mushtaq Khan

Professor of Economics, SOAS University of London)

IMPORT DEPENDENCE, CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND GEOPOLITICS

RETHINKING ENERGY SECURITY IN BANGLADESHS

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 12.00 AM - 01.00 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderato:r

Md. Rubaiyath Sarwar

Co-founder and Managing Director, Innovision Consulting

Distinguished Panelists:

Anindya Islam Amit MP

Honourable State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of Bangladesh

Professor M. Tamim

Vice-Chancellor, Independent University, Bangladesh

Dr. Saimum Parvez

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, Government of Bangladesh

MEDIA RIGHTS AND MEDIA RESPONSIBILITIES

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 02:10 PM - 03:10 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Opening Remarks:

Fredrik Karlsrud
Charge d'Affaires, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dhaka

Moderator:

Zafar Sobhan
Editor and Publisher, *The Weekly Counterpoint*

Distinguished Panelists:

Kanak Mani Dixit
Founding Editor, *Himal Southasian*

Kamal Ahmed
Consulting Editor, The Daily Star

Suhasini Haidar
Diplomatic Editor, The Hindu

ATROCITY RISKS AND STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION IN BANGLADESH'S FRAGILE TRANSITION

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 03:20 PM - 04:20 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Mubashar Hasan

Adjunct Research Fellow, Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative (HADRI), Western Sydney University

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Mahdi Amin

Honourable Adviser to the Prime Minister, PMO, Government of Bangladesh

Clinton Pobke

Deputy Head of Mission and Acting High Commissioner, Australian High Commission in Bangladesh

Dr. Sarah Teitt

Director, Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (APR2P), The University of Queensland

Aaqib Md. Shatil

Special Correspondent, Netra News; Research Group Member, Coalition for Upgrading Bangladesh Economy

Dr. Cynthia Farid

Global Academic Fellow, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

GUEST INTERVENTION

FROM BENGAL TO MALAYSIA

SHARED HISTORIES AND NEW PATHWAYS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 04.50 PM - 05.05 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Speaker:

Dr. Syed Azman Syed Ahmad Nawawi

Chief Executive Officer, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies

AFTER REVOLUTION

HISTORY AND POLITICS AT THE END OF THE COLD WAR

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 05.10 PM - 05.25 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Speaker:

Dr. Faisal Devji

Beit Professor of Global and Imperial History, University of Oxford

GREAT POWER COMPETITION

CONSEQUENCES FOR GLOBAL STABILITY AND SECURITY

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 05.30 PM - 06.30 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Mohammad Mahfuzur Rahman, PhD

Chairman, Osmani Centre for Peace and Security Studies (OCPASS)

Distinguished Panelists

Ambassador Tariq Ahmed Karim

Visiting Fellow, Brac University;
Former Ambassador to the United States and former High Commissioner to India.

Dr. Jin Liangxiang

Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Middle East Studies of SIIS

Suhasini Haidar

Diplomatic Editor at The Hindu

WOMEN AND WORK IN SOUTH ASIA

IDENTITY AND MOBILITY

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 10.30 AM - 12.00 PM

Venue : Crystal Grand Ballroom

Moderator

Prof. Amena Mohsin

Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Distinguished Panelists

Dr. Felix Gerdes

Resident Representative, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Bangladesh

Prof. Niloy Ranjan Biswas

Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Dr. Mohammad Atique Rahman

Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Dr. Sufia Khanom

Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS)

PRODUCTIVITY, COMPETITIVENESS AND TRADE FOR JOBS

WAY FORWARD FOR BANGLADESH

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Venue : Crystal Ballroom

Moderator:

Mohammad Asaduzzaman

Research Director, Dacca Institute of Research and Analytics (daira)

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir

(Session Chair)

Honourable Advisor to the Prime Minister, Ministry of Finance, and Planning, Government of Bangladesh

Dr. Mushtaq Khan

(Keynote)

Professor of Economics, SOAS University of London

Jyoti Rahman

Chairman, Panam Institute

Abrar Hossain Sayem

President, Bangladesh Apparel Youth Leaders Alliance

DOING BUSINESS IN BANGLADESH

ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN QUESTION

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 02:10 PM - 03:10 PM

Venue : Crystal Ballroom

Moderato:r

Dr. Mushtaq Khan

Professor of Economics, SOAS University of London

Distinguished Panelists:

Hanna Norell

Head of Development Cooperation and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Sweden in Bangladesh

Nuria Lopez

Chairperson, European Union Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (EuroCham)

Dr. Mohammad Akhtar Hossain

Chief Economist, Bangladesh Bank

Nikhil D'Lima

Managing Director, Maersk Bangladesh;
Executive Committee Member, Nordic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh (NCCI)

Dr. Moogdho Mahzab

Research Fellow and Acting Country Representative, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

GUEST INTERVENTION

MYANMAR AT CROSSROADS

CONFLICT, GOVERNANCE, AND REGIONAL FUTURES

Date : 24th July 2026 Time : 03.20 PM - 03.35 PM

Venue : Crystal Ballroom

Speaker:

Steve Ross, Senior Fellow, Stimson Center, USA

THE IRAN–U.S. CONFLICT AND THE EMERGING SECURITY LANDSCAPE

IMPLICATIONS FOR ASIA

Date : 24th July 2026 Time : 03.40 PM - 03.55 PM

Venue : Crystal Ballroom

Speaker:

Dr. Jin Liangxiang

Director and Senior Fellow, Center for Middle East Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)

REVOLUTION, RECOGNITION, AND THE FUTURE OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Date : 24th July 2026 Time : 04.00 PM - 04.15 PM

Venue : Crystal Ballroom

Speaker:

Dr. Zaynab EL Bernoussi

Associate Professor of Political Science , The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU)

REVISITING JULY

REFLECTION AND THE WAY FORWARD

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 04.50 PM - 05.50 PM

Venue : Crystal Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Asif Shahan

Professor, Development Studies, University of Dhaka

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Navin Murshid

Professor, Department of Political Science, Colgate University

Mirza Taslima Sultana

Professor, Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University

Rezwan Rahman

Chairperson, Advisory Board, It's Humanity Foundation (IHF)

Sajjad Sharif

Executive Editor, The Daily Prothom Alo

Shahidul Alam

Photojournalist, Writer, Activist

CROSS-BOUNDARY WATER SHARING AND NATURAL RIGHTS IN THE BENGAL DELTA

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 09.30 AM - 10.00 AM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator & Keynote Speaker:

M Zakir Hossain Khan

Chief Executive, Change Initiative

Distinguished Speakers:

Mostafa Kamal Mazumder

Editor & Publisher, Green Watch

Mahmuda Habiba, MP

Joint General Secretary, Central Committee, Krishak Dal;
Member, Rajshahi District BNP Convening Committee

Shirin Sultana Lira

Programme Manager of Governance, Climate Change and Environment,
Embassy of Switzerland in Dhaka

Sonia Binte Murshed

Professor, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

Eng. A N H Aktar

Member of the Council Adviser to the Chairman, BNP

INSTITUTIONAL REFORM, BUREAUCRATIC TRANSFORMATION, AND DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION IN BANGLADESH

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 10.45 AM - 11.45 AM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Sadman Rizwan Apurbo

Lecturer, School of Law, Brac University

Distinguished Speakers:

Barrister Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem, MP

Member of Parliament, National Parliament of Bangladesh; Special Adviser on Foreign Affairs to the Ameer, Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami

Helen Zerin Khan, MP

Member of Parliament, National Parliament of Bangladesh; Senior Joint Secretary, Bangladesh Jatiotabadi Mohila Dal (BNP)

Abdullah Al Amin, MP

Member of Parliament, National Parliament of Bangladesh; Head of Discipline, National Citizen Party (NCP)

John Fluharty

Resident Representative, International Republican Institute (IRI)

FROM ICT ACT TO CYBER SECURITY ORDINANCE

DIGITAL GOVERNANCE, DATA COLONIALISM AND CREATIVE ECONOMY IN BANGLADESH

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 11.50 AM - 12.50 AM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Imran Firdaus

(Keynote)

Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Media and Communication, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Md. Mohiul Islam

Assistant Professor, Department of Media and Communication, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

Dr. Muhammad Imadur Rahman

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited (BSCL)

Dilshad Hossain Dodul

Senior Lecturer, Department of Media and Communication, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB

Fahim Mashroor

Co-founder and CEO, BDjobs Ltd.

TRANSITIONS AFTER UPRISING

THE EXPERIENCE OF POST-UPRISING STATES

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Asif Shahan

Professor, Development Studies, University of Dhaka

Distinguished Panelists:

Kanak Mani Dixit

Founding Editor, Himal Southasian

Dr. Rajni Gamage

Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore (NUS)

Dr. Pallavi Roy

Professor of Political Economy, Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS University of London

Dr. Mirza Hasan

Advisor, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Brac University

NEGOTIATING DURABLE PEACE AND STABILITY

ROHINGYA REPATRIATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 03:10 PM - 04:10 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Professor Md. Obaidul Haque

Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Abdullah Al Yusuf

Research Director, Peace, Conflict and Negotiation Studies, Osmani Centre for Peace and Security Studies (OCPASS)

Aman Ullah

Rohingya Historian, Scholar, and Community Leader; Central Committee Member, Arakan Rohingya National Alliance (ARNA)

Dr. Shahab Enam Khan, PhD

Professor, International Relations, Jahangirnagar University

Steve Ross

Senior Fellow, The Stimson Center, USA

Natalie Keen

Second Secretary Political, British High Commission in Dhaka

GUEST INTERVENTION

WHEN FENCES DO NOT SEPARATE POLITICS

WEST BENGAL'S POLITICAL TRANSITION, WHY IT HAPPENED, AND ITS IMPACT ON BANGLADESH

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 04.30 PM - 04.45 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Speaker:

Dr. Pallavi Roy

Professor of Political Economy, Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS University of London

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FROM UPRISING TO REPUBLIC

NEPAL'S DEMOCRATIC JOURNEY AND LESSONS FOR SOUTH ASIA

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Time : 04.50 PM - 05.05 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Speaker:

Kanak Mani Dixit

Founding Editor, Himal Southasian

ASEAN AND THE INDO-PACIFIC

NAVIGATING REGIONAL CHALLENGES AND PATHWAYS TO A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 05:10 P M- 06:10 PM

Venue : Rupashi Bangla Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Lailufar Yasmin

Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Distinguished Panelists:

Dr. Syed Azman Syed Ahmad Nawawi

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies

Abdulla Jihad

Former Vice-President, The Maldives

Harindra B Disanayake

Researcher and Policy Analyst, Founding Member, Muragala Centre for Progressive Politics and Policy

DOES SOUTH ASIA'S PRESS FACE THE SAME THREATS IN DIFFERENT FORMS?

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 10:45 AM- 11:45 AM

Venue : Crystal Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Mr. Nazmul Ahasan
Executive Editor, Netra News

Distinguished Panelists:

Kanak Mani Dixit
Founding Editor, Himal Southasian

Shafiqul Alam
Editor, The Waadaa

Susahini Haidar
Diplomatic Editor, The Hindu

TOWARDS A HEALTHY BANGLADESH 2041

PREPARING FOR AGEING, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, AND STRONGER PRIMARY CARE

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 11:55 AM - 01:00 PM

Venue : Crystal Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Taufique Joarder

Associate Professor, SingHealth Duke–NUS Global Health Institute, Singapore

Distinguished Panelists:

Syed S. Kaiser Kabir

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Renata PLC, Bangladesh

Dr. Shamaruh Mirza

Co-founder, SiTara's Story, Senior Scientist, DoHAC; Health Equity and Rights Activist

Dr. Syed Masud Ahmed, PhD

Professor and Director, Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage, James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

Dr. Quazi Ahmed Zaki

Director, IEDCR & NIC, Bangladesh

Prof. Dr. Syed Md Akram Hussain

Senior Consultant, Clinical Oncology & Radiotherapy, Square Hospital

DESIGNING REFORMS TO ADDRESS GROUND REALITIES

WAY FORWARD FOR EMERGING INDUSTRIES IN BANGLADESH

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 02:10 PM- 03:10 PM

Venue : Crystal Grand Ballroom

Moderator:

Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman

Chariman, Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)

Distinguished Panelists:

Zonayed Saki, MP

Honourable State Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh

Kazi Faisal Bin Seraj

Country Representative, The Asia Foundation, Bangladesh

Dr. M. Razzaqul Islam

Deputy Secretary, Director, Business Promotion Council

Sadia Haque

Co-Founder & CEO, ShareTrip

Mizanur Rahman

Director & CTO, Brain Station 23 PLC

Makame Mahmud

CFO, IFarmer

Asif Ibrahim

Vice Chairman,Newage Group

INSTITUTIONAL INDEPENDENCE, CHECKS AND BALANCES

BUILDING RESILIENT STRUCTURES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Date : 25th July 2026 Time : 03:10 PM - 04: 30 PM

Venue : Crystal Ballroom

Welcome Speech

Sonali Dayaratne
Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP-Bangladesh

Moderator

Dr. Asif Shahan
Professor, Development Studies, University of Dhaka

Background Paper

Durdana Chowdhury
Researcher, SAPRAN

Distinguished Panelists

Sanjida Islam Tulee, MP
Member of Parliament and Coordinator, Maayer Daak

Akhter Hossen, MP
Member of Parliament; Member Secretary, NCP

Diepak Elmer
Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh

Sara Hossain
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Dr. Nabila Idris
Activist and Academician; Former Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of Bangladesh

Romana Schweiger

Senior Advisor on Rule of Law and Human Rights
UNDP - Bangladesh

THE MODERN WORLD

POLITICS, ETHICS, AND THE HUMAN CONDITION

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 04:35 PM - 05:35 PM

Venue : Crystal Grand Ballroom

Moderator

Dr. Shafi Md. Mustafa

Associate Professor, Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka

Distinguished Panelists

Dr. Faisal Devji

Beit Professor of Global and Imperial History, University of Oxford

Dr. Salimullah Khan

Professor, Department of History and Philosophy, North South University

Dr. Zaynab El Bernoussi

Associate Professor of Political Science, The Africa Institute, Global Studies University (GSU)

Dr. Sayeed Ferdous

Professor, Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University

BANGLADESH'S OTHER LITERATURE

CONCEPTUALIZATION OF THE HOME AND THE WORLD IN THE ANGLOPHONE LITERARY TRADITION

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 10.30 AM - 11.30 AM

Venue : Ruby

Panelists

Dr. Asif Iqbal

Associate Professor of English and Humanities (ENH), BRAC University

Dr. Nadeem Zaman

Writer and Professor of English, St. Mary's College of Maryland

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ROUND-TABLE

YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON INSTITUTIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND CIVIC RIGHTS

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 03:00 PM – 04:30 PM

Venue : Ruby

Moderator

Rashed Rahom

Legal Historian

Distinguished Speakers

Nusrat Tabassum, MP
Member of the Parliament; Joint Convener, NCP

Miraj Ahmed Chowdhury
Managing Director, Digitally Right

Nahiduzzaman Shipon
General Secretary, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal,
Dhaka University

Sibgatullah Sibga
Secretary General, Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir

SM Saif Kader Rubab
Director, The Bangladesh Dialogue

Umama Fatema
Student Activist and Youth Leader (Former Coordinator,
Students Against Discrimination)

Mosfiqur Rahman Johan
Human Rights Activist

Shoeb Abdullah
Digital Rights Activist and Executive Director, Activate Rights

Rafia Rehnuma Hridi
Senior Vice-President Jatiya Chhatra Shakti

Rupaiya Srestha Tanchangya
Journalist and Activist

Anika Tahsina
Youth Leader and Activist

Sousan Suha
Youth Engagement Analyst, UNDP- Bangladesh

PAPER PRESENTATION

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Venue : Crystal Grand Ballroom

Chair:

Dr. Md. Deen Islam

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

Discussants

Dr. Sakib Bin Amin

Professor, Department of Economics, North South University (NSU)

Sakil Ahmmed

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

Paper Title

Assessing Entrepreneurial Challenges at BSCIC in Northern Bangladesh

Presenter:

Md. Nasir Mahmud

PhD Fellow, Institute of Bangladesh Studies, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh; Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), Bangladesh

Md. Shawan Uddin, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Management Studies, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh; Secretary, Centre for Integrated Research for Business and Society (CIRBAS

Paper Title

Mapping the Ecological Conflicts co-produced by the Development Paradigm of Bangladesh

Presenter:

Halima Akter

Co-Lead, Programs and Operations,Bangladesh Youth Environmental Initiative (BYEI)

Syed Muntasir Ridwan

Kazi Toqi Yasir

Fayaz Anam Shonon

Sanzida Islam

Fairuj Humayra

Farhana Rahman Nepa

Paper Title

Energy Crisis, Political Economy, and the Politics of Care: Rethinking Just Transitions in Bangladesh

Presenter:

Ipshita Kajuri

Full-Time Faculty, Sunbeams School

Prakash Debnath

North South University

Paper Title

The Demographic Dividend in Bangladesh: Experience, Prospects and Challenges

Presenter:

Jyoti Rahman

Chairman, Panam Institute

Dr. Shafiqur Rahman

Executive Director, Panam Institute

Paper Title

The Impact of Education on Agricultural Land Market: Assessing the Role of Government Policy and Interventions

Presenter:

Md. Hasinur Rahman

Research Assistant, Center for Research Innovation and Development (CRID)

NAVIGATING TRANSITION

LESSONS LEARNED FROM GLOBAL EXPERIENCES

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM

Venue : Ruby Hall

Chair

Dr. Mirza Hasan

Advisor, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Brac University

Discussant

Dr. Samina Luthfa

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka

Paper Title

Nepal's Political Earthquake and Generational Transformation: Shifting Global Power Equations and the Arc of Political Change (1950-2026)

Presenter:

Professor Deepak Kumar Gajurel (Online)

Retired Professor of Political Science, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Paper Title

Education, Governance, and System Fragility: An ARDL Analysis of Bangladesh's Pre-Uprising Dynamics and Implications for Post-Uprising Reform

Presenter:

Nawshin Islam Bonna

Student, Institute of Education & Research (IER), University of Dhaka

Md. Safwan Hossain Dibbo

Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

Paper Title

Opposition Politics in Post-Aragalaya Sri Lanka

Presenter:

Harindra B Dassanayake

Researcher and Policy Analyst,Muragala Centre for Progressive Politics and Policy

Paper Title

From Colonial Legacy to Citizen-Centric Governance: Evaluating Reform Pathways for the Bangladesh Civil Service

Presenter:

Ayesha Siddika

Student, Department of International Relations, University of Rajshahi

SHIFTING ORDERS

INDIGENOUS SECURITY AND ALIGNMENTS IN A CHANGING WORLD

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Venue : Ruby Hall

Chair:

Dr. Tawfique M. Haque

Professor & Director, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG)

Discussants:

Dr. Shahab Enam Khan

Professor, Department of International Relations, Jahangirnagar University

Paper Title

What explains the variation in refugee return?

Presenter:

Md Matiul Hoque Masud

PhD Candidate in International Relations,
School of International Service, American University,
Washington, D.C

Paper Title

Performing Ambiguity: Bangladesh's Strategic Discourse and the Indo-Pacific Question

Presenter:

Aishwarya Sanjukta Roy Proma

Lecturer, Department of International Relations, University of Rajshahi

Paper Title

Necropolitical Corridors: Border Violence and the Politics of Disposability in Bangladesh-India Transit

Presenter:

Shabnam Sultana

Research Officer, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies

Jahid Hossain

Research Assistant, Dacca Institute of Research and Analytics (daira)

AI, ETHICS AND SOCIETY

Date : 25th July 2026

Time : 03:15 PM - 04:15 PM

Venue : Ruby Hall

Chair:

Dr. Farig Sadeque

Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BRAC University, Dhaka

Discussants:

Dr. S M Taiabul Haque

Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BRAC University, Dhaka

Abdullah Safir
PhD Candidate at the University of Cambridge

Paper Title

The Free Therapist: How Gen Z in Bangladesh Are Turning to AI for Emotional Support

Presenter:

Samiha Kamal Mim
Postgraduate, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP)

Anika Tasnim Prapti
Research Associate, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, BRAC University

Paper Title

The AI Dependency Dilemma: Exploring the Link Between Generative AI Use and Research Disinterest Among Undergraduates in Bangladesh

Presenter:

Dip Saha
Graduate Student, Department of Development Studies, Islamic University, Kushtia

Paper Title

AI Tool Adoption and Ethical Awareness Among University Students in the Global South: Evidence from the University of Dhaka

Presenter:

Hajrat Hania

Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka

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BANGLADESH

CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 03:00 PM - 04:30 PM

Venue : Pearl Hall

Chair:

Salma Akhter

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka

Discussant:

Dr. Debashish Kundu Kakon

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka

Paper Title

Saline Intrusion and Gendered Exploitation in the Coastal Region of Bangladesh

Presenter:

Rezwana Karim Snigdha (PhD)

Associate Professor of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University

Ananna Sarkar

MSS Student, Department of Anthropology,
Jahangirnagar University

Paper Title

When The Regime Disappears Overnight: Bureaucratic Identity Rupture & The Loyalty Paradox in Post-Uprising Bangladesh

Presenter:

Muhtasim Muntaha Musanna

Student, Department of Public Administration,
University of Dhaka

Paper Title

Marginalization, Environmental Stress, and Survival Strategies of Forest-Dependent Communities in the Sundarbans: A Political Ecology Analysis

Presenter:

Dr. Mumita Tanjeela

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology,
East West University

Dr. Rasel Hussain

Assistant Professor,Department of Sociology,
East West University

Md. Helal Uddin

Students, East West University, Dhaka

Paper Title

From Moral Authority to Environmental Action: Islamic Institutions and Resource Mobilization Inertia in Bangladesh

Presenter:

Ragib Anjum

Research Associate, daira

Dr. Md. Abu Sayem

Professor and Chairman, Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka

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HISTORY, MEMORY, POLITICS OF CARE AND DISCURSIVE FORMATION

Date : 24th July 2026

Time : 05:00 PM - 06:30 PM

Venue : Pearl Hall

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Bokhtiar Ahmed

Dean and Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

Discussants:

Dr. Tariq Omar Ali

Associate Professor, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS), Georgetown University

Dr. Mohammed Abdul Baten

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology, North South University

Paper Title

Social values and discourse after people's protests in Sri Lanka

Presenter:

Rajni Gamage

Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS)

Paper Title

Environmental Nationalism Bengal, 1905-1947: Swadeshi to Partition

Presenter:

Md. Arifujjaman Babu

Lecturer, Department of English in Humanities, BRAC University

Shajia Khanom Anika

M.A. Student, Department of History, University of Dhaka

Paper Title

Between Care and Control: Moral Policing and the Role of The Mob in Shaping Women's Social Conduct in Contemporary Bangladesh

Presenter:

Najmul Hasan

Student, Department of Public Administration, University of Dhaka

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