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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Distinguished Professor

Department of Politics & Government Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA
August 2018-

Special Assistant (with the status of an advisor) to the Chief Advisor Interim Government of Bangladesh

Nov 13, 2025 – Feb 17 2026. (On leave from ISU); concurrently Chief Coordinator of the Awareness Campaign of the National Referendum on Constitution.

Vice-Chair

National Consensus Commission, Interim Government of Bangladesh.
Feb 15 2025 – 31 Oct 2025. (On leave from ISU)

Head

Constitution Reform Commission, Interim Government of Bangladesh
October 7, 2024 –February 15, 2025 (On leave from ISU)

Visiting Researcher

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, Political Science Department, University of Gothenburg, Sweden Feb 2023- May 2023 (On sabbatical from ISU)

Nonresident Senior Fellow

Atlantic Council, Washington. D.C. USA

March 2020 – October 2024

Thomas E Eimermann Professor

Department of Politics and Government, Illinois State University, Normal, USA
(2018-2020)

University Professor

Department of Politics & Government Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA August 2012- July 2018

Professor

July 2008 – July 2012

Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA

Chairperson

August 1, 2007 – June 30, 2017

Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA

Public Policy Scholar **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars,**

Washington D.C. USA September 1, 2013 – 20 December 2013 (On sabbatical from ISU)

Associate Professor

August 2005 – June 2008

Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, USA

Concurrently held the positions of Director of Minor in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (August 2005-2007); and Associate Director of the Unit for International Linkages at the Office of International Studies and Program (August 2005-May 2007).

Assistant Professor

August 2002 – July 2005

Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois,

USA Concurrently held the position of Associate Director (2003-2005), Unit of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Office of International Studies, Illinois State University

Associate Professor

August 2001 - May 2002

Department of Mass Communications, Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, USA

Senior Lecturer

August 2000 - July 2001

Department of Journalism and Humanities, University of Lincoln, Lincoln, England

Broadcast Journalist /Senior Broadcast Journalist

July 1995 - June 2000

British Broadcasting Corporation, World Service, Bengali Section, London, England

Assistant Professor

Sept 1993 - June 1995 **Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism**, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Lecturer

July 1993 - August 1993

Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Lecturer

May 1984 - June 1987 **Dept. of Mass Communication & Journalism**, Dhaka University, Dhaka Bangladesh

Sub-editor/ Reporter

July 1982 - August 1983

Daily Sangbad, a national daily, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, 1993, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA Dissertation title: *State, Class and Military Rule in Bangladesh, 1972-1982*.

MS in Political Science, 1991, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

MS in Communications, 1989, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA Thesis title: *Foreign News Coverage in Bangladesh Television: Analysis of News Content and Selection Process*.

MA in Mass Communication and Journalism, 1982, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh Thesis title: *Communication Network in Bangladesh: Television*.

BA (Honor) in Mass Communication and Journalism, 1980, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

SCHOLARSHIP**Forthcoming publications****Book Chapters**

2027 'The quest for Rohingya repatriation: What happened and what's next?' in Mahbubur Rahman, Abdur Rob Khan, and Md. Rizwanul Islam (ed.), *Rohingya Repatriation: Elusive or Achievable?* London: Routledge

'Bengali and Bangladesh Nationalism', in Amit Ranjan (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of State, Nation and Nationalism in South Asia*, (co-authored with Md. Harun Or Rashid).

Recent Projects

[Identity, Faith, and Social Cohesion: How Bangladeshi Political Parties Approach the Challenges](#), *White Paper, Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs*, Georgetown University, May 2024

Digital Security Act 2018 in Bangladesh, Centre for Governance Studies (Bangladesh) funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED, Washington D.C.). <https://freedominfo.net/> January 2021- July 2024

[Who Defends the Defenders](#). Examination of the plights of human rights activists in Bangladesh based on a survey. Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh. July 2023.

[Executions at Will? Extrajudicial Killings by State Actors in Bangladesh](#).

Documentation and analyses of the extrajudicial killings in Bangladesh between January 2019 and March 2022. Center for Governance Studies (Dhaka, Bangladesh). October 2021- March 2022

[Where are They? Enforced Disappearances in Bangladesh.](#) Documentation and analyses of the incidents of enforced disappearances in Bangladesh between January 2019 and March 2022. Center for Governance Studies (Dhaka, Bangladesh). October 2021- March 2022

Who Owns the Media in Bangladesh? The political economy of media ownership in Bangladesh. Co-PI (with Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman), Centre for Governance Studies (Bangladesh), funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED, Washington D.C.), October 2019-December 2020. <https://bdmediaowners.com/>

Bangladeshi Beliefs about Religion and Public Life

Co-PI (with C Christine Fair, Georgetown University) of a Survey of 4000 Bangladeshis, project funded by RESOLVE (Researching Solutions to Violent Extremism)/US Institute of Peace, October 2016-September 2017.

Publications: Books (in English):

2025 A Fractured Path: Challenges of Democratic Transition in Bangladesh. (Dhaka: University Press Limited)

2024 How Autocrats Rise: Sequences of Democratic Backsliding. (Co-authored with *Md. Sohel Rana*) (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024)

Pathways of Autocratization: The Tumultuous Journey of Bangladeshi Politics (London: Routledge, 2024)

2023 Trials and Tribulations: Politics, Economy and Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. Thirteen essays on political economy and foreign affairs of Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Prothoma, 2023)

2022 More than Meets the Eye: Essays on Bangladeshi Politics Thirteen essays on political structure and events of Bangladeshi politics of the past decade. (Dhaka: University Press Limited, 2022).

2021 Religion and Politics in South Asia, Second edition, edited volume. London: Routledge, 2021. (First edition published in 2010, completely updated version with new introduction and two additional chapters).

2019 Voting in a Hybrid Regime: Explaining the 2018 Bangladeshi Elections Examination of the politics and election in a hybrid regime using 2018 Bangladeshi election as a case study. (Singapore: Palgrave MacMillan, 2019).

2018 Political Violence in South Asia *Coedited volume, with Zobaida Nasreen and Fahmida Zaman,* on various aspects of political violence in South Asia namely India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal (London/ New York: November 2018).

- Undying Issues: Reframing Debates on Contemporary Challenges**
Essays on governance, violence, secularism and religion and politics. (Dhaka: Pathak Samabesh).
- 2017 Lived Islam and Islamism in Bangladesh**
Discussions on various dimensions of local and transnational Islamic practices and political Islam in Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Prothoma).
- 2016 Bangladesh: A Political History since Independence.**
Examines the political history of the eighth most populous country of the world focusing on the issues of democracy, identity and development. Provides a comprehensive and unique overview of political and historical developments in Bangladesh since 1971. (London and NY: I B Tauris; **Paperback edition 2019; New Delhi/London: Bloomsbury**).
- 2016 Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Bangladesh**
Co-edited volume, with Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman. 34 Chapters on various aspects Bangladeshi politics, society, economy and media. (London and NY: Routledge; paperback edition 2020).
- 2015 How Did We Arrive Here?**
Collection of essays on the contemporary political events in Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Prothoma).
- 2013 Islam and Identity Politics among British-Bangladeshis: A Leap of Faith** Examines identity politics among the Bangladeshi diaspora delves into the micro-level dynamics, the internal and external factors and the role of the state and locates these within the broad framework of Muslim identity and Islamism, citizenship and the future of multiculturalism in Europe. (Manchester, UK; Manchester University Press).
- 2012 Inconvenient Truths About Bangladeshi Politics,**
Collection of essays on the problems of democratization and democratic practices in Bangladesh. (Dhaka, Bangladesh: Prothoma). **Second edition published in 2013.**
- 2011 Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh,**
Co-edited volume, with C. Christine Fair. 8 Chapters on various aspects of Islamist politics in Bangladesh. (London and New York: Routledge), Project funded by the United States Peace Institute (USIP), New York, USA. 14 Dec 2005 – 15 June 2009.
- 2010 Religion and Politics in South Asia**
Edited volume includes six country studies and an introduction. (London and New York: Routledge).
- 2009 (Re) Reading Taslima Nasrin: Context, Contents and Constructions**
Edited volume, includes 11 essays on controversial Bangladeshi feminist author Taslima Nasrin. (Dhaka, Bangladesh: Shrabon Prokashani).

- 2008 Faithful Education: Madrassahs in South Asia**
An in-depth study of the history and roles of Islamic education in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh and the significance of these institutions in contemporary politics. (New Brunswick/London: Rutgers University Press). **Paperback edition published in 2013.**
- 2008 Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh: A Complex Web.**
An examination of the domestic, regional and international dynamics of the growing militancy in Bangladesh. (London/New York: Routledge). **Paperback edition published in 2010.**
- 2007 Paradise Lost? State Failure in Nepal**
Co-authored with Subho Basu, A study of relationships between state and society in Nepal. The book examines the causes of and conditions for the Maoist insurgency and explores the factors contributing to the inability of the constitutional political forces to appeal to the Nepali population. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books).
- 2005 Unfolding State: The Transformation of Bangladesh**
Discussion on the formation and transformation of states in peripheral societies with special reference to Bangladesh and Tanzania. (Ontario, Canada: de Sitter Publications).
- 2004 God Willing: The Politics of Islamism in Bangladesh.**
Analysis of the rise of the Islamist politics in Bangladesh. (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield).
- 1995 Voice & Silence: Contextualizing Taslima Nasreen**
Critical analysis of Taslima Nasreen's writing, media coverage of the debate relating to Nasreen's alleged blasphemous statement, and the political dynamics of the events of July-August, 1994. (Dhaka: Ankur Prakashani).
- 1994 State, Class and Military Rule: Political Economy of Martial Law in Bangladesh,** A structural-historical interpretation of the causes of and conditions for military rule in Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Nadi New Press).

Published Book Chapters in English

- 2025** "The Making of an Autocratic Regime: Democratic Backsliding in Bangladesh", *Democracy in South Asia*, eds. Aijaz Ashraf Wani & Arshid Iqbal Dar. (London: Routledge, 2025).
- 2024** "Islamist politics in Bangladesh: The nature, scope and the pathway". *Fifty Years of Bangladesh: Economy, Politics, Society and Culture* eds. Rounaq Jahan and Rehman Sobhan. (London: Routledge, 2024).
- 'Bangladesh', *Introduction to South Asian Politics (2nd edition)*. ed. Neil DeVotta. (London: Routledge, 2024).
- "Construction and Reconstruction of Identity of the Bangladeshi Diaspora". *Bangladesh on a New Journey: Moving beyond the Regional Identity*, ed. Sreeradha Datta. (New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2024).

- 2023** “Constitutionalism Interrupted or Constitutionalism Absent? The Divergence of Constitution and Politics in Bangladesh”. *A History of the Constitution of Bangladesh: The Founding, Development, and Way Ahead*, eds. Ridwanul Hoque, Rokeya Chowdhury (London: Routledge, 2023).
- ‘Three Decades of Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh’. *The Politics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Bangladesh*, eds. Saimum Parvez and Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman, (London: Routledge).
- ‘Understanding the Radicalization of the Bangladeshi Society and Politics’, *Dominating Through Hate: Religious Majoritarianism in South Asia*, ed. Farhanaz Ispahani, (New Delhi: HarperCollins).
- ‘Democracy Deficit in D-8.’ (Co-authored with Md. Sohel Rana) In *Economic Integration and Global Governance in Emerging Muslim Economies: Prospect and Challenges for D-8 Countries*, eds. Ahmed Masood Khalid, James Ferguson, and M Niaz Asadullah. (Singapore: World Scientific).
- 2022** ‘Bangladesh’s International Relations with South Asia and Beyond’, *Routledge Handbook of the International Relations of South Asia*, eds. Šumit Ganguly, Frank O'Donnell (London: Routledge, 2022).
- ‘Bangladesh in the Midst of Vaccine Diplomacy’ *The Covid-19 Crisis in South Asia: Coping with the Pandemic* eds. Sumit Ganguly, Dinsha Mistree (London: Routledge)
- ‘The culture of fear in global politics’, *Culture of Fear on World Politics: Origin and Ramifications*, ed. Bikash Ranjan Deb (Kolkata, India: Levant Books, 2022)
- ‘Religious Radicalization in Bangladesh’, *The Emergence of Bangladesh: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, eds. Habibul Haque Khondker, Olav Titus Muurlink, Asif Bin Ali (New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2022).
- ‘Bangladesh: In pursuit of a one-party state?’ *Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*. ed. Sten Widmalm. (London: Routledge, 2022).
- 2021** ‘Working Under the ‘Sword of Damocles’: Experiences of Journalists in a Hybrid Regime’, (co-authored with Fahmida Zaman). *Masks of Authoritarianism Hegemony, Power and Public Life in Bangladesh* eds. Arild Engelsen Ruud and Mubashar Hasan (Singapore: Palgrave, 2021)
- ‘Four Challenges to Governance in South Asia,’ *Governance in the 21st Century in South Asia: Challenges and Ways Forward*, ed. Shamsun Naher Khanam (Dhaka: Hakkani Publishers).
- ‘Religion and Society in Bangladesh: Unpacking the Multilayered Relationships,’ *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Religions*, ed. Knut Jacobsen, (London: Routledge, 2021).

- ‘Bangladesh: the return of religion to the political center stage’, *Religion and Politics in South Asia*. ed. Ali Riaz. (London: Routledge, 2021)
- ‘Introduction: the tangled web of religion and politics in South Asia’, *Religion and Politics in South Asia*. ed. Ali Riaz. (London: Routledge, 2021)
- 2020** ‘The Legislature as a Tool, Executives’ Power Grab, and Civilian Authoritarianism: The Bangladesh Case’, *Legislative Decline in the 21st Century: A Comparative Perspective*, eds, Irina Khmelko, Frederick Stapenhurst, Michael Mezey, London: Routledge, 2020.
- ‘Bangladesh: holding together a low cohesion society,’ *Social Cohesion in Asia Historical Origins, Contemporary Shapes and Future Dynamics*, eds. Aurel Croissant and Peter Walkenhorst, London: Routledge, 2020.
- 2019** “The Nature and Quality of Democracy in Bangladesh (1991-2013): An Assessment,” in Ahrar Ahmad, Navine Murshid, Akhlaque Haque and Rahim Quazi (Eds.) *Governance and The Governed: Democracy and Development in Bangladesh*, Dhaka: UPL.
- 2018** “A Taxonomy of Political Violence in South Asia,” in Ali Riaz, Zobaida Nasreen and Fahmida Zaman (eds), *Political Violence in South Asia* (London: Routledge, 2018).
- “Perspectives on Political Violence in South Asia”, Co-authored with Fahmida Zaman, Zobaida Nasreen, in in Ali Riaz, Zobaida Nasreen and Fahmida Zaman (eds), *Political Violence in South Asia* (London: Routledge, 2018)
- “Bangladesh”, *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South Asia 2019*. 16th Edition. (London: Taylor and Francis, 2018).
- 2017** “Bangladesh”, *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South Asia 2018*. 15th Edition. (London: Taylor and Francis, 2017).
- 2016** “Modi’s South Asia Reset”, in Yamini Chowdhury and Anusua Diya Chowdhury (eds), *Modi’s Men & the World: The Ring view Inside Out*, (New Delhi: Bloomsbury India, 2016).
- “Bangladesh”, *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South Asia 2017*. 14th Edition. (London: Taylor and Francis, 2016).
- “Political Parties, Elections and Party Systems” in Ali Riaz and Muhammad Sajjadur Rahman (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Bangladesh*, (London and NY: Routledge).
- “Introduction” (co-authored Muhammad Sajjadur Rahman), in Ali Riaz and Muhammad Sajjadur Rahman (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Bangladesh*, (London and NY: Routledge).
- 2015** “Bangladesh” in Neil DeVotta (ed.), *Introduction to South Asian Politics*, (London: Routledge).

2014 “Electoral Democracy and Human Rights” in Imtiaz Ahmed (ed.), *Human Rights in Bangladesh: Past, Present and Futures*, Dhaka: University Press Limited.)

“Islamist Parties, Elections and Democracy in Bangladesh” in Julie Chernov Hwang and R. Quinn Mechem (eds.), *Playing by the Rules: Islamist Parties in Asia and the Middle East*. (Philadelphia: UPenn Press).

“Being Bengali Abroad: Identity Politics among the Bengali Community in Britain”, in Mridula Nath Chakraborty (ed.), *Being Bengali: At Home and in the World*, (London and New York: Taylor and Francis).

“Madrassah Education in Bangladesh: Contestations and Accommodations”, in Sa'eda Buang and Phyllis Ghim-Lian Chew (eds.), *Muslim Education in the 21st Century: Asian Perspectives*, (London: Taylor and Francis).

“Bangladesh”, *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South Asia 2015*. 12th Edition. (London: Taylor and Francis).

2013 “Water, Security and Challenges Ahead” in M Froze Ahmed, Md. Khalequzzaman and Tanvir Ahmed, *Water Resources in South Asia: Conflict and Cooperation*. (Dhaka: Bangladesh Environment Network).

“Scholarship in and on South Asia 2060”, in Moeed Yusuf and Adil Najam (eds), *South Asia 2060: Envisioning Regional Futures* (London: Anthem Press).

“Bangladesh”, *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South Asia 2014*. 11th Edition. (London: Taylor and Francis).

“Commentary” on Bangladesh Constitution, in John Esposito (ed.), *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013).

2012 “Islam, Islamization and Politics in Bangladesh”, in Christophe Jaffrelot and Aminah Mohammad-Arif, *Politics and Religion in South Asia: Whither Secularism* (Politique Et Religions en Asie du Sud), Collection 30 Purusartha, (Paris: Editions de L'Ecole and des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales.)

“Bangladesh”, *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South Asia 2013*. 10th Edition. London: Taylor and Francis).

2011 “Parental Choice of Qwami Madrassahs in Bangladesh” in Syed Saad Andaleeb, Halimur Rahman Khan and Manzoor Ahmed (eds.), *Education and National Development: Selected Papers from the 2008 and 2009 Conferences on Bangladesh at Harvard University*. (Dhaka: University Press Limited).

“Religion as a Political Ideology in South Asia” in Ishtiaq Ahmed (ed.) *The Politics of Religion in South and Southeast Asia*, (London and New York: Routledge.)

“Bangladesh” in Daniel Moran (ed), *Climate Change and National Security: A Country-level Analysis*, (Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press).

“Bangladesh”, *Europa Regional Surveys of the World: South Asia 2012*, 9th Edition. (London: Taylor and Francis).

2010 “Bangladesh: ‘A Weak State’ with Multiple Security Challenges” in T. V. Paul (ed.) *South Asia’s Weak States: Understanding the Regional Insecurity Predicament*, (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.)

“Islamist Politics and Education” in Ali Riaz and C. Christine Fair (eds), *Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh*, (London/New York: Routledge).

“Who are The Islamists?” (with Kh. Ali Ar Raji) in Ali Riaz and C. Christine Fair (eds), *Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh*, (London/New York: Routledge).

“Islamist Politics and Popular Culture” (with Md. Abu Naser) in Ali Riaz and C. Christine Fair (eds), *Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh*, (London/New York: Routledge).

“Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh: Regional and Extra-regional Dimensions” (with Jessica Bastian) in Ali Riaz and C. Christine Fair (eds), *Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh*, (London/New York: Routledge).

“Three Arguments about Religion-Politics Nexus” in Ali Riaz (ed.), *Religion and Politics in South Asia*, (London/New York: Routledge).

“The Politics of Islamization in Bangladesh” in Ali Riaz (ed.), *Religion and Politics in South Asia*, (London/New York: Routledge).

2009 “NGOs, Empowerment and Social Capital: Lessons from the BRAC and the Grameen Bank” in Farida Khan, et.al (eds). *Recreating the Commons? NGOs in Bangladesh*. (Dhaka: University Press Limited).

“Constructing Outraged Communities and State Responses: The Taslima Nasreen Saga in 1994 and 2007”, in Ali Riaz, ed. *(Re) Reading Taslima Nasrin: Context, Contents and Constructions*, (Dhaka, Bangladesh: Shrabon Prokashani)

2008 “The Nation-State, Global Media and the Regime of Supervision,” (co-author: Anthony DiMaggio), in Janie Leatherman, ed. *Discipline and Punishment in Global Politics: Illusions of Control*. (New York: Palgrave/Macmillan).

2007 ‘Bangladesh,’ in Toby Archer and Heidi Huuhtanen, (Eds.). *Islamist Opposition parties around the world and the potential for EU engagement*. (Helsinki, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, May).

Books in Bengali

2027 *Bangladesher Songbidhan: Itihas, boishito, vobishot* (Constitution of Bangladesh: History, Features and the Future). A critical analysis of the existing constitution (Dhaka: Prothoma).

- Songkotmoy Jatra* (A Tumultuous Journey), translation of the book, *A Fractured Path* (translation by Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman (Dhaka: UPL)
- 2025** *Ami'i Rashtro; Bangladesh byktitantrik shoirotontro* (I am the State: Personalistic Autocracy in Bangladesh), exploration of democratic backsliding in Bangladesh, 2009-2024. (Dhaka: Prothoma).
- 2023** *Itihaser Dolachol: Bangladesh Gonontontro, Unnon O Attaoporichoyer Rajniti* (History's Tumult: The Politics of Democracy, Development and Identity), political history of Bangladesh since independence.
- 2022** *Lekhoker Dai* (Responsibilities of a Writer, in Bengali), 11 essays on Bangladeshi literature and interaction between literature and politics between 1940s and 1970s (Dhaka: Batighar).
- 2021** *Voyer Sangskiti* (The Culture of Fear, in Bengali) (Revised, updated version of the book published in 2014), exploration of various dimensions of state sponsored violence (Dhaka: Prothoma).
- Nikhoj Gonontontro: kortrityobader pothorekha O bangladesher vobishot* (Missing Democracy: The Pathway of Authoritarianism and the Future of Bangladesh), An assessment of the state of democracy in Bangladesh, with focus on the pathway of democratic backsliding and the future trajectories. (Dhaka: Prothoma).
- 2014** *Bhoyer Sangskriti: Bangladeshe Atonko O Sontrasher Rajnoitik Orthoniti* (The Culture of Fear: Political Economy of Terror and Violence in Bangladesh), Exploration of causes and conditions for political and social violence in Bangladesh. (Revised, updated and rewritten version of the 1994 book with new chapters). (Dhaka: Prothoma).
- 2001** *Sheikh Mujib O Onanno Proshongo* (Sheikh Mujib & Other Issues). A collection of essays on the political issues of Bangladesh during its first decade. (Dhaka: Parijat Prakashani. Second Expanded Edition, February 2001. First Published 1987).
- 2000** *BBC London Theke Ali Riaz Bolchi* (Ali Riaz calling from BBC London), A collection of scripts of various special documentary programmes broadcast from BBC World Service, Bengali Section. Parijat Prakashani: Dhaka, Bangladesh. February.
- 1994** *Bhoyer Sangskriti* (The Culture of Fear), An analysis of the scope and nature of terror and violence in Bangladesh society with special reference to the position of minorities such as Women, Religious minorities and Tribal population. (Dhaka: Shahitya Prakash).
- 1994** *Sundorer Dikye* (Towards Beauty), a collection of essays on literature. (Dhaka: Dibhya Parakash).
- 1993** *Bangladesher Shasak Srenir Songkot* (Crises of Ruling Classes of Bangladesh), An analysis of the causes of prevailing restrictive press laws, authoritarian constitutional provisions and preventive legal provisions in Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Somoy Prokashon).
- 1993** *Door Desh* (The Distant Land), a collection of essays on international politics and economy, previously published as columns in a national weekly. (Dhaka: Dhruod).

- 1989** *Gonobicchinnyo Gonomadhyam* (Mass Media Detached from Masses), a collection of essays on mass media in Bangladesh including articles on portrayal of women in state-controlled electronic media, and impact of international media on Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Muktaadhara).
- 1987** *Sheikh Mujib O Onanno Proshongo* (Sheikh Mujib & Other Issues). A collection of essays on the political issues of Bangladesh during its first decade. (Dhaka: Anandodhara).
- 1984** *Lekhkar Deshkal* (The Time and Space of Writers), a collection of essays on literature of Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Titas Prokashani)..
- 1983** *Gonotantik Andolone Oikya* (Unity in Democratic Movement), a collection of essays on politics of Bangladesh with special emphasis on the nature and structure of alliance formation in Bangladesh politics. (Dhaka: Anupam).
- 1978** *Bangali Jatiyatabad* (Bengali Nationalism), an enquiry into the genesis of nationalism in Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Titas Prokashani).

Edited Books in Bengali

- 2023** *Lunthityo Bhovisyot* (The plundered Future), a collection of five essays on the state of economy of Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Prothoma).
- 1995** *Bangladesher Nari* (Women of Bangladesh), a collection of nine articles of reputed researchers on the status of women in Bangladesh. (Dhaka: Chardik)
- 1995** *Proshongo: Blasphemy Ain* (Issue: The Blasphemy Law), a collection of articles on then-proposed Blasphemy law. (Dhaka: Ankur Prokashani).
- 1995** *Samprodiyekota O Moylobad* (Communalism and Fundamentalism), a compilation of seven articles on the rise of communalism in Bangladesh. Dhaka: Ankur Prokashahi. February, 1995.

Research Monograph in Bengali

- 1995** *Bangladesher Songbadpotre Onushondhani Protibadon* (Investigative Reporting in Daily Newspapers of Bangladesh). Dhaka: Bangladesh Center for Development Journalism and Communication. March 1995.
- 1994** *Onushondhani O Bekkhyamulok Reporting Handbook* (Investigative and Interpretative Reporting Handbook). Dhaka: Bangladesh Center for Development Journalism and Communication. 1994.

Peer-Reviewed Research Articles in English

- 2025** “The Rohingya: A Perceived Security Threat and the Dominant Issue in Bangladesh–Myanmar Relations”, *Asian Politics and Policy*, Vol 17, Issue 4 (Co-authored with Mark S. Cogan, Moe Thuzar),

- 2024** “Identity, Faith, and Social Cohesion: How Bangladeshi Political Parties Approach the Challenges,” *White Paper, Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs*, Georgetown University, May 2024
- “Religion as a tool for authoritarian legitimation: The case of Bangladesh”, *World Affairs*, Vol 187, No. 2.
- 2022** “Democratic Erosion in Comparative Contexts: Evidence from Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, and Pakistan,” (Co-author: Md. Sohel Rana), *Journal of Governance, Security & Development*. Vol.3, No.1. July 2022.
- “Securitization of the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh”, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, (First author: Md. Sohel Rana). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096221082265>
- 2021** “The pathway of democratic backsliding in Bangladesh,” *Democratization*, Vol. 28. No.1.
- “Anatomy of a Rigged Election in a Hybrid Regime: The Lessons from Bangladesh”, (co-authored with Saimum Parvez), *Democratization*, Vol. 28, No. 4.
- “Terrorism, Counter Terrorism and Models of Counter Terrorism: An Overview,” *Counter Terrorism Journal*, Vol 1, No. 1, Published by: Counter Terrorism & Transnational Crime (CTTC), Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Bangladesh, January,
- 2020** “Three Decades of Bangladeshi Politics (1990-2019): The Emergence and Collapse of the Political Settlements”, *Journal of Governance, Security & Development*, ISSN: 2708-2490, Vol 1 No. 1 2020: 109-139
- 2019** “Legislature as a Tool of the Hybrid Regime: Bangladesh Experience”, *PS: Political Science and Society*, Vol 52, No. 2, April 2019
- “Indo-Bangladesh Relationship: “Saath Saath” (Together) or Too Close for Comfort?” *Indian Politics and Policy*, Vol 2, No. 1, Spring 2019.
- “Making Walls, Fencing Borders and Living on the Margin: Understanding the India-Bangladesh Border”, *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*, Vol 20, No 1, 2018 (published in November 2019).
- 2018** “Bangladesh: Mutation and Resilience of a Hybrid Regime,” *South Asia Journal*, October 2018
- “Bangladeshi Militants: What Do We Know?” (Co-author Saimum Parvez) *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol 31, Issue 1, July 2018
- “More Than Meets the Eye: The Narratives of Secularism and Islam In Bangladesh” *Asian Affairs*, Vol 49, Issue 3, June 2018
- 2017** “Democracy and Sharia in Bangladesh: Surveying Support,” RESOLVE Network Research Brief no 3, September 2017. (Co-author: Syeda Salina Aziz).

- 2016** “Challenges to Islamic Education”, *South Asia Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol 1, No 2, July-December 2016.
- “Understanding the Drivers of Militancy and Pathways of Militants,” Seminar Proceedings, *Militancy in Bangladesh*, Bangladesh Political Science Association. Dhaka, 19 November 2016.
- “Bangladesh: Islamist Militancy, Democracy Deficit and Where to Next?” [*Aljazeera Center for Studies Report*](#), 28 June 2016,
- “Who are the Bangladeshi ‘Islamist Militants’”, [*Perspectives on Terrorism*](#), Vol. 10, No.1 February 2016.
- 2015** “The Troubled Democracy of Bangladesh: ‘Muddling Through’ or ‘a Political Settlement’?” *ISAS Special Report no 25*, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, 14 July 2015.
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- 2023** ‘The World We Live In: Democracy Retreats, Authoritarianism Surges’ [Mornings with Professors](#), Illinois State University, 3 Nov 2023.
- [Who Defends the Defenders: The Predicament of Human Rights Activists in Bangladesh.](#) Keynote lecture. Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh. 22 July 2023.
- How does a country autocratize? exploration of the case of Bangladesh, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. 21 April 2023.
- 2022** [‘Bangladesh-India Relations: Too Close for Comfort?’](#) , Lecture at the Bay of Bengal Conversation, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh. 21 Nov. 2022.
- Panelist, [“The South Asian States, China and USA”](#), Bay of Bengal Conversation, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh. Nov. 22, 2022.
- Bangladesh Politics, [“Marginalization & Inclusion in South Asia: Economics, Politics, and Culture”](#), Lecture at the Inauguration Conference of the Saxena Center for South Asian Studies, Brown University, USA. Sept. 10, 2022.
- Book Launching, [“More Than Meets the Eye”](#), University Press Limited, Dhaka, 23 July, 2022.

[‘En Route to Authoritarianism? Democratic Backsliding in Bangladesh’](#), Tokyo International University Global Dialogue, May 12, 2022 (Virtual).

[‘Sovereign Apology and Justice for the Victims: A Case for Pakistan’s Apology for 1971 Genocide.’](#) Keynote speech, The Politics of Truth and Justice in South Asia: Reflections on the Work of Jalal Alamgir, University of Massachusetts Boston, April 5, 2022

2021 Panelist, [‘State of Democracy in South Asia.’](#) CIPE/ Tritiyo Matra, TV Show, November 30, 2021.

‘Fifty Years of Bangladesh Politics: Expectations, Nature and Trends’, Professor Mohammad Delwar Hossain Trust Fund Lecture, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, November 13, 2021. (Virtual, in Bengali)

‘The Rise of Autocrats—Democratic Backsliding and the Middle Class’, Distinguished Professor Lecture, Illinois State University, November 9, 2021

Panelist, [‘Defending against authoritarianism’](#), CIPE/ Tritiyo Matra, TV Show, November 8, 2021.

‘Are We Back to 'Normal?' Geopolitics of the Post-Pandemic World’, International Studies Seminar Series, ISU, November 1, 2021. (virtual)

‘Roundtable’ Conference on “War, Violence and Memory: Commemorating 50 Years of Bangladesh War of 1971”, New York University, July 3, 2021. (Virtual).

Panelist, [“Elections in Eastern India and their regional resonance.”](#) Chatham House, University of York, May 14, 2021. (Virtual).

Panelist, [‘Post-pandemic South Asia: How the Covid-pandemic will affect Bangladesh’s politics, economy and healthcare’](#), Atlantic Council, May 11, 2021, (Virtual).

[“Geopolitics of the pandemic: The Bangladesh Scene”](#), Frederic-Ebert Stiftung and CGS, May 1, 2021, (Virtual)

[“COVID-19 in the Muslim World.”](#) California State University at San Bernardino, Center for the Study of Muslim and the Arab Worlds, April 15, 2021. (Virtual)

[“50 Years of Bangladeshi Politics: Nature and Trends”](#), Nazmul Karim Memorial Lecture 2021, Nazmul Karim Study Center, University of Dhaka, April 12, 2021. (Virtual)

Roundtable, ‘Covid-19 and International Politics of South Asia., International Studies Association Conference, April 8, 2021. (Virtual)

[“The Biden Administration in the United States: Prognosis for Future of Bangladesh-US Relations”](#), Webinar, United News Bangladesh, April 3, 2021. (Virtual)

Keynote Lecture, [‘Culture of Fear in World Politics: Origin and Ramifications’](#), Dept of Political Science, Surya Sen College, India, February 22, 2021.(Virtual)

“Searching the Ways Forward for Bangladesh in the Time of Pandemic”, Centre for Governance Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 4, 2021, (Virtual).

- 2020** “Where Does America Go from Here?” [2020 US Election: Post-Ballot Blues](#), Webinar, Independent University Bangladesh, November 5, 2020. (Virtual)
- “Three Possible Scenarios to Ponder,” [2020 US Election: Last Minute Gasps](#), Webinar, Independent University, Bangladesh, October 28, 2020. (Virtual)
- “[Secular-Islamic Bangladesh and South Asia](#),” September 25, Interview, Adda. (Virtual)
- “[Geopolitics of the Rohingya crisis and its Possible Solutions](#)”, Webinar, Conflict and Resilience Research Institute, Canada, July 24, 2020. (Virtual).
- “Indo-China Rivalry in South Asia” [In the shadow of Dragon: Globalisation and Fractured Future of South Asia](#), Webinar, Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Bangladesh. June 28, 2020. (Virtual)
- “[Assessing COVID-19 Control Measures & Prospects for Socio-Economic Recovery](#),” Webinar, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C. April 30, 2020. (Virtual)
- “[COVID-19 and Corruption: The View from South Asia](#),” Webinar, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C. April 29, 2020. (Virtual)
- “[Vulnerable Populations and COVID-19: Bangladesh During a Global Pandemic](#)”, The Subir & Malini Chowdhury Center for Bangladesh Studies, Institute for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley, May 27, 2020. (Virtual)
- “[Democracy That Delivers #203](#): An Analysis of COVID-19 and Bangladesh”. Podcast, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C., May 15, 2020. (Virtual)
- “[Post Pandemic World and Future of the Global Economy](#)”, Webinar, EiFAC - Exchanging ideas For A Change”. Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka. 23 April 2020. (Virtual)
- “[South Asia’s economic outlook in the era of COVID-19](#),” Webinar, Atlantic Council, Washington D.C. April 1, 2020. (Virtual)
- “Understanding Islam in South Asia; Beyond Numbers, Beyond Dogma”; presentation at Illinois Wesleyan University; February 18, 2020.
- ‘Bangladesh’s Metamorphosis into a Hybrid Regime’, presentation at Fletcher School, Tufts University, Boston, February 12, 2020.
- Panelist, “Beyond the Crisis Narrative: Rohingya Statelessness and its Implications for Bangladesh” conference, The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS), the Institute for South Asia Studies, and the Subir and Malini Chowdhury Center for Bangladesh Studies, for congressional staff members, Rayburn House Office Building. Washington D.C.

February 10, 2020.

Panelist, “[Beyond the Crisis Narrative: Rohingya Statelessness and its Implications for Bangladesh](#)” conference, The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS), the Institute for South Asia Studies, and the Subir and Malini Chowdhury Center for Bangladesh Studies, University of California Berkeley, February 7, 2020.

“How a Hybrid Regime Emerges: Bangladesh as a Case Study” paper presented at the symposium – “Economic Integration and Global Governance in Emerging Muslim Economies: Prospects and Challenges for D-8 Muslim Countries”. School of Business and Economics, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, January 30, 2020,

Book Talk, *Voting in a Hybrid Regime: Explaining the 2018 Bangladeshi Election*, Faculty of Economics and Administration, the University of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur, January 28, 2020.

2019 *Voting in a Hybrid Regime: Explaining the 2018 Bangladeshi Election*, Lecture Series on Governance and Politics in South Asia, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany, 7 December 2019

Nepal at a Crossroads: The Future of Decentralization and Sino-Indian Rivalry, Panel Presentation, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington D.C. 20 November 2019.

Book Event—Voting in a Hybrid Regime: Bangladesh's 2018 Election and Implications for Politics in Bangladesh and Beyond, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., 23 September 2019.

Four Challenges to Governance in South Asia, ‘1st International Conference on Governance in the 21st Century in South Asia: Challenges and Ways Forward’ Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh. 7 July 2019.

A Conversation about the state of democracy and election in Bangladesh, ‘Changing Bangladesh’ conference, University of Oslo, Norway organized by the Bangladesh Studies Network. 13 June 2019.

An Incredible Election, Reflections on Elections in South Asia, South Asia Centre, Stanford University, California. 18 April 2019.

The Holy Trinity: Bangladesh's Success in Averting an Insurgency, ‘Insurgency Hotspots: Factors that Countered Prediction Conference’, RAND Corporation, Washington D.C. 28 March 2019.

Islam in South Asia: Diversity and Unity, International Studies Seminar, Illinois State University, 6 February 2019.

2018 *What is at Stake in the Bangladeshi Election 2018?*, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington D.C, 6 December 2018

Understanding the Radicalization of the Bangladeshi Society and Politics, Political

Violence and Radical Militancy in South Asia, Annual Seminar of the South Asia Observatory of the Network of Researchers in International Affairs (NORIA), IRSEM (Institut De Recherche Strategique De E'ecole Militaire) and DGRIS (Direction Generale des relations Internationales et de la strategie), Paris, France, 29 November 2018.

Political Islam And Violent Extremism in South Asia, The South Asia Study Group, University of Sydney, Australia, 26 July 2018.

Future Trends of Politics in Bangladesh, Reading Club Trust and Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 6 July 2018.

Response of the International Community to the Rohingya Crisis, Roundtable on the Plight of the Rohingyas, Pacific Council, Los Angeles, CA. 25 January 2018. (Presented via teleconferencing).

2017 *Pathways of Militants: Evidence from Bangladesh*. Center for Enterprise and Society of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 20 November 2017

New Middle Class in Bangladesh: Questions about Democracy and Religion, Presentation at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, organized by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 18 November 2017.

Extremism, Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh, Savannah Council on World Affairs, Savannah, Georgia, 19 October 2017

Religion in Public Life in Bangladesh. Keynote address at the 'Drivers of Violence and Conflict in Bangladesh: Evidence-Based Research and Understanding', Organized by RESOLVE Network (Washington D.C.) and Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD, Bangladesh), Dhaka, 4 April 2017.

Governance: A Critical Examination. Presentation at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, organized by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1 February 2017.

The Challenges for Writing Political History of Bangladesh, Presentation at the Institute of Bangladesh Studies, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh, 29 January 2017.

Measuring Governance: What Are We Missing? Plenary Speech, International Conference on 'Governance and Development: Asian Perspective', Department of Public Administration, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh, 28 January 2017.

Media and Democracy, Lecture at the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Rajshahi, 27 January 2017.

2016 *Bangladesh: Beyond the Binaries*, Presentation at the South Asian Institute, Columbia University, New York, 14 November 2016.

Bangladesh: A Political History since Independence, a book talk, Chowdhury Center for Bangladesh Studies, University of California Berkeley, 18 October 2016.

Book Launch, *Bangladesh: A Political History since Independence*, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC. 20 September 2016.

Foreign Policies: What Challenges will the New President Face? International Studies Seminar Series: The US Presidential Election, Illinois State University, 28 September 2016.

Constructing Other: Muslim Sects in the Eyes of Deobandi Ulema. Presentation at Brac University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 9 June 2016.

How can Bangladesh Stop the Escalating Extremist Violence? Panelist, Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C. 5 May 2016

Bangladesh Politics: An Overview and Political Islam and Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh, two presentations at the Diplomatic Academy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of British Government, organized by Queen Mary College, University of London, London, 11 February 2016.

2015 *Constructing and Deconstructing Narratives: Shahbagh and Islamist Politics in Bangladesh*, invited paper presentation, at the 4th International Congress of Bengal Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan, 13 December 2015.

Islam and Politics in Bangladesh, A Teacher Workshop on Bangladesh, South Asia Institute, Columbia University, New York, 5 December 2015

Constructing and Reproducing 'Others': Discourse about Muslims Sects among Deobandi Ulema in Bangladesh, paper presented at the Workshop on Islam and Its Division in South Asia, South Asia program, Princeton Institute for International and Religious Studies (PIIRS), Princeton University, New Jersey, 20 November 2015

The Bangladeshi Paradox: Economic Growth Without Political Development, panel presentation, International Conference on Bangladesh at University of California Berkeley organized by the Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), UC Berkeley, CA, 7 November 2015.

The Erosion of Secularism in Bangladesh, panel presentation, Chowdhury Center for Bangladesh Studies and the Center for South Asian Studies, University of California Berkeley, CA, 5 November 2015

The Future of Secularism, “National Professor Salahuddin Ahmed Memorial Lecture,” Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), Dhaka 15 June, 2015.

Bangladesh: Moving Forward or Walking Back? Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, 26 May 2015

Congressional Testimony, “[Bangladesh’s Fracture: Political and Religious Extremism](#)”, Testimony before the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific Committee on Foreign Affairs, [United States House of Representatives](#) 30 April 2015,

2014 *US-India Relations: Reset or Rehash?* Mornings with Professors, Academy of Seniors, Illinois State University, 7 November 2014

Extremism and Politics in Bangladesh, Bangladeshi Political Futures 2019 Conference, Centra Technology Inc, Organized for the USG. Arlington, VA. 10 July 2014.

Political Instability in Bangladesh, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C. 8 January 2014.

2013 *Congressional Testimony*, “[Bangladesh in Turmoil: A Nation on the Brink?](#)”, Testimony before the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific Committee on Foreign Affairs, United States House of Representatives November 20, 2013

[The Curse of the Two-Thirds](#), Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C. 9 December 2013

Political Islam and Militancy in Bangladesh, Pen and Sword: Religious Identity, Political Islam, & Militancy in South Asia, South Asia Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Washington D.C., 20-21 November 2013.

Locating Islam in Contemporary Bangladesh, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS), Bangladesh Preconference, Madison, Wisconsin, 17 October 2013.

Bangladesh on the Brink, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C. 13 November 2013.

Bangladesh: A Delegative Democracy? Contested Pasts, Competing Futures: A Workshop on Bangladesh’s History, Culture, And Politics, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin, 13 October 2013

[Bangladesh at a Crossroads: A Political and Security Outlook](#), [American Security Project](#), Washington, D.C, 1 October 2013

Islamist Politics in Afghanistan and Pakistan: How Will It Function After US Withdrawal? Albuquerque International Association & Center for International Studies, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 15 September 2013

Islamist Politics in Afghanistan and Pakistan: How Will It Function After US Withdrawal? Santa Fe Council on Foreign Relations, New Mexico, 14 September 2013.

Bangladesh: Keys to a Better Future, Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C., 10 July 2013.

Insurgencies and Homegrown Terrorism after 2014, Counterterrorism in South Asia Beyond 2014, Eurasia Group, Washington D.C. 14 June 2013.

Immutable Islamists? Department of Anthropology, Brac University, Dhaka Bangladesh, 7 January 2013.

2012 *Islamism in Bangladesh*, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 30 December 2012.

Arguments for Democracies in the Age of Global Imperiality, ‘ReOrienting Democracy’ Symposium, Centre for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding, University of South Australia, Adelaide, 16-18 December 2012.

Security Challenges of South Asia and US Policies, 4th Annual National Security Scholars Conference, United States Air Force, Chicago, IL, 2 May 2012

2011 *A Conversation about the Future of Bangladeshi Politics*, North South University, Dhaka Bangladesh, jointly organized by the University Press Limited and the Master in Public Policy and Governance Program, NSU. 30 December.

Islamist Politics and US Policies: Bangladesh and Beyond, Department of Political Science, Chittagong University, Bangladesh, Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), 29 December.

Strengthening Regional Security Cooperation and Capacity in South Asia: What Role for Civil Society Workshop organized by the International Peace Institute/Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation, 17-18 October, New York.

The Ubiquitous Security Question, Beyond Security: Democratic Contestations in Bangladesh and Pakistan, conference Organized by The South Asia Institute at Columbia University, 14-15 October, New York.

Climate Change and National Security at Perfect Storm? Population Pressures, Natural Resource Constraints, and Climate Change in Bangladesh, a conference organized by Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., 19 September 2011.

2010 *The New Islamist Public Sphere in Bangladesh at Transcending Binaries: Islam and Politics in South Asia*, BRAC Development Institute (BDI), BRAC University, Dhaka, 18-19 December 2010.

Being Bengali Abroad: Identity Politics Among the Bengali Community in Britain, Australian Academy of the Humanities – International Collaborative Workshop, University of Western Sydney, Sydney, 30 August.

Role of the Opposition in Democracy: The Bangladesh Context, America Bangladesh Canada Convention, New York, 17-18 July 2010 (Delivered as keynote speech).

Changing the mindset: the state, education, and religion, Competing Religious Narratives in Pakistan: Can Islam be an Agency for Peace, South Asia Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University Washington D.C., 10 May 2010.

Madrasah Education in South Asia: a site of contestations, Nationhood and Nation-building in South Asia, South Asia Center, Stanford University, 28-30 April 2010.

Knowledge Society: In which way? BRAC Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh, organized by Amader Gram ICT for Development Project, 8 January 2010.

Religion and Politics in South Asia, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 6 January 2010.

2009 *Building Democratic and Accountable Institutions for Development in Bangladesh, Plenary Session*, Conference on Ideas and Innovations for Bangladesh: The Next Decade, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, 9-10 October 2009.

Islamization of Public Sphere in Bangladesh, Seminar on “South Asian Islam in Global Context,” Tufts University (Center for South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies), 2 May 2009.

Religion as a Political Ideology in South Asia, Symposium on “The Politics of Religion in South Asia and Southeast Asia”, Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore National University, Singapore, 24 March 2009.

2008 *Testimony to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) on Bangladesh*, Washington D.C. 4 December 2008.

Little Known, Much Discussed: Madrassahs in South Asia, South Asia Center, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, New York, 18 November 2008.

Reforming Islamic Seminaries in Pakistan: Journey in a Circular Path? South Asia Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 17 November 2008.

Does South Asia Matter? Academy of Seniors, Illinois State University Alumni Services; (a series of four lectures); Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, 21 Oct, 23 Oct, 28 Oct, 30 Oct 2008.

Bangladesh in 2008: A New Beginning or the Return of the Ancien Régime? Resource paper presentation at the Informal Consultation on Bangladesh, Conflict Prevention and Peace forum (CPPF) of the Social Science Research Council, New York, 12 July 2008.

Why Study Madrassahs? Islamic Seminaries in South Asia, India Studies Lecture, Indian Studies Program, Indiana University, 11 April 2008.

Democracy in Bangladesh: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back. Center for South Asian Studies Scholarly Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan; 14 March 2008

Bangladesh: Political Dynamics and Counterterrorism Issues, Seminar on Bangladesh, Department of State, USG, Washington D.C. 11 January 2008

2007 *Impact of Climate Change on Bangladesh*. Climate Change and Regional Security Workshop, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, 11-13 December 2007.

Rise of Religious Extremism in South Asia, South Asia Conference, North Carolina Central University, 16 November 2007

Bangladesh: Democracy at a Crossroads, panel presentation at Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C. 28 September 2007. (Panelist included John Gastright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State).

Bangladesh Today: Under the Shadow of Uncertainty, Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), London, 17 July 2007.

Islamist Politics in Bangladesh: An Overview. Conference on Dynamics, Debates, and Transformations in a Globalized World, Virginia, 31 May- 1 June 2007.

Scenarios of the Future of Bangladesh Politics, Workshop on Bangladesh's Future, US Department of State, Washington D.C. 20- 21 June 2007

Bangladesh: Crises Unending? Case Study - Bangladesh, The Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 5 April 2007

Bangladesh in 2007: Saving Democracy from the Politicians? University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security (ACDIS). 30 January 2007.

Media and Politics: Old Habits and New Realities, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Stamford University Dhaka, Bangladesh. 10 January 2007

2006 *Deobandi and Tablighi Groups in South Asia*, Conference on Understanding Differences in Islamic Movement, Virginia, 13-14 November 2006.

Bangladesh Barometer: Impending national elections amidst political conflict and rising Islamism. Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington D.C. 24 October 2006.

Reforming Pakistani Madrassahs: What's New? Seminar presentation. Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. 20 July 2006

Not Alone: The Dynamics of Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh. Seminar presentation. Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. 18 July 2006

Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslims, Workshop, Southeastern Center for Intercultural Studies, Presbyterian College Clinton, South Carolina, 2 May 2006.

New Politics in the Muslim World: Islamic Fundamentalism or Islamism? Talk at the Politics Forum, Northern Arizona University, 15 March 2006

Roots and Prospects for Religious Extremism, paper presented at the Bangladesh; Issues of Political Stability and Islamic Radicalization The Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), London 23 February 2006.

Bangladesh in 2006: Quo Vadis? Paper presented as the backgrounder for Informal meeting on Bangladesh organized by the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, Social Science Research Council, New York, 3 February 2006

Confronting the Menace: Religious Extremism and Religious Minorities in Bangladesh, Presentation at US AID Dhaka Office, Bangladesh. 3 January 2006.

- 2005** *The Crisis of Hegemony and Political Islam in Bangladesh*. Paper presented at Symposium on the Politics of Religion: Nation, Identity and Difference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 3 November 2005
- Looking to 2006: Governance, Corruption and Tenor of Politics*, Conference on “Bangladesh through 2010,” organized by Centra Technology on behalf of the USG. 8 September 2005, Arlington, Virginia.
- Radical Islam in Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the Conference on Islamic Trends in Bangladesh organized by the US Department of State, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, 24 January 2005.
- 2004** *The Future of Political Islam in Bangladesh*, keynote speaker, organized as book talk, Organized by Muktoforum, New York, 25 September 2004
- 2003** *The Usefulness of Bangladeshi Politics Abroad*. Keynote speaker, Organized by Muktoforum, New York, 27 September 2003
- 2002** *Islam and Crisis of Identity in South Asia*, International and Global Studies Seminar, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, 16 October 2002
- Afghanistan: from Marx, Mujahedeen, Mullah and Mayhem to Money and Market?* Mornings with the professors, Senior Professionals of Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, 4 October 2002
- 1996** *Future of Democracy in Bangladesh*. Conference on Democratic Development in Bangladesh. South Asia Network, Berlin, Germany. 17 August 1996.
- 1994** *Social Myth and (Re)presentation of Gender in Media*. Seminar Presentation, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, 19 September 1994.
- Taslima Nasrin: Breaking the Silence and Arguing With the Crocodile*. Seminar Presentation. National University of Singapore, Sociology Department. 15 September 1994.
- The Role of Media in Constructing Gender*. Seminar presentation School of Communication Studies. Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. 24 August 1994.
- Telecommunication Infrastructure and economic growth in Singapore and Malaysia: In search of an alternative framework of analysis*. Seminar Presentation, ISEAS. 5 August 1994.

Conference/Workshop Presentations:

- 2024** Panelist, *Bridging Divides: Navigating the Complexities of India-Bangladesh Relations*. Bay of Bengal Conversation, Center for Governance Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh, November 16, 2024.

Panelist, *Shifting Tides: The Impact of Trump's America on Asia and the Global South*, Bay of Bengal Conversation, Center for Governance Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh, November 16, 2024.

Panelist, *The transition in Bangladesh and its Implications*, Harvard University, organized by the Mittal Institute, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, and the Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia at Brown University, Boston, MA. September 12, 2024.

Panelist, *Reforming Institutions: A New Framework for Bangladesh's Future*, Yale University, organized by Yale Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale (Y-RISE) and the South Asian Studies Council. September 13, 2024.

Panelist, Roundtable, *On Democratic Retrenchment in Asia*, American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Pennsylvania, PA. September 7, 2024.

Panelist, *Impacts of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in South Asia*. Roundtable. International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, CA. April 3-5, 2024.

2023 Panelist, *The Dragon's Domain: BRI after a decade*, Bay of Bengal Conversation: The Rising Tide, Dhaka, Centre for Governance Studies, October 9, 2023.

Panelist, *Culture Wars Beyond Borders*, Bay of Bengal Conversation: The Rising Tide, Dhaka, Centre for Governance Studies, October 7, 2023.

Panelist, Freedom of Expression in Bangladesh: The Challenges Ahead, Right to Freedom (R2F). National Press Club, Washington D.C. May 16, 2023,

The Return of Populist Politics in Bangladesh. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Convention, Montreal. March 16, 2023.

Panelist. Book Launch: *Hurt Sentiment*. Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C. (Virtual). March 13, 2023.

2022 *The Twists and Turns of Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh*, Paper presented at the International Studies Association Convention, (Virtual), March 29, 2022.

Panelist, Roundtable, '*The Politics of the Covid-19 Pandemic in South Asia*', International Studies Association Convention, (Virtual), March 28, 2022.

2021 *Islamist Politics in Bangladesh: the nature, scope, and the pathway*, Fifty Years of Bangladesh: Retrospect and Prospect Conference, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh & the South Asia Program, Cornell University, December 6, 2021 (Virtual)

Criminalizing Freedom of Expression in a Hybrid Regime: Bangladesh's Digital Security Act, Democratic Backsliding and the COVID-19 Pandemic in South Asia Conference, University of Kyoto, Japan, November 6, 2021. (Virtual).

Civilian Authoritarianism and the Role of the Legislature: The Case of Bangladesh,

International Political Science Association World Congress, July 11, 2021. (Virtual)

Covid-19 and the International Politics of South Asia, Roundtable, International Studies Association Conference Annual Convention, Virtual, April 8, 2021

2020 *How Democracy Backslides: Tracing the Pathway in Six Countries*, iposter session, Virtual Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, California, USA, September 10-13, 2020. (Coauthored with MD. Sohel Rana).

2019 *The Pathway of Democratic Backsliding: Bangladesh as a Case Study*, Workshop on Democratic Backsliding in Asia: Resilience, Responses, Revival. Organized by the Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany at Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany, 8-9 December 2019.

Three Decades of Bangladesh Politics: The Emergence and Collapse of the Political Settlement, Bangladesh's Recent Pasts, and Imminent Futures. Organized by American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, concurrently with the 48th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 17 October 2019.

2018 *Bangladesh: Holding Society Together in a Low Cohesion Society*, paper presented at the Social Cohesion in Asia Workshop, Organized by Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany, at Singapore, 16-17 November 2018.

Discussions on Secularism and Islam in Bangladesh: Four Shortcomings, paper Presented at the 47th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 12 October 2018.

Making Walls, Fencing Borders and Living on the Margin, Paper presented at the 25th World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association (IPSA), Brisbane, Australia, 22 July 2018.

Bangladeshi Militants: What Do We Know? (Co-authored with Saimum Parvez) Paper presented at the Annual Convention, International Studies Association, San Francisco, 5 April 2018.

2017 *Bangladesh: From a Hybrid Regime to an Authoritarian State?* Paper presented at the Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Baltimore, 25 February 2017.

2016 *Religion in Public Life in Bangladesh: Elite-Mass Disconnect?*, Paper presented at the 45th South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin Madison, 23 October 2016.

A Taxonomy of Political Violence in South Asia, 24th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), Warsaw, Poland, 29 July 2016.

The Collapse and the Restoration of Political Settlement, 24th World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association (IPSA), Poznan, Poland, 26 July 2016.

2015 *What Do They Want? Popular Perceptions of Democracy in Bangladesh, 1996-2013*, paper presented at the International Conference on Bangladesh at University of California Berkeley organized by the Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), UC Berkeley, CA, 7 November 2015.

2014 *Bangladesh: A Delegative Democracy in Making?* Paper presented at the 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), 23- 26 July 2014, University of Zurich (Switzerland).

Workshop on Global Development and Institutions Inspired by Faith in Bangladesh, organized by the Berkley Center, Georgetown University, USA, 26-27 January, 2014, London, England.

2013 *Water, Security, and the Challenges Ahead*, paper presented at the International Conference on Water Resources of South Asia: Conflict to Cooperation, 4-5 January, organized by the Bangladesh Environment Network and Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

2012 *Democracy in Bangladesh: A Report Card of 2009-2012*, Paper presented at the 41st Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. 11-14 October 2012.

2011 *Parental Choice of Madrassah Education in Bangladesh: Some Preliminary Observations*, Paper presented at the 40th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 20-23 October 2011.

2010 *Security Challenges to a 'Weak State': Bangladesh as a Case Study*, Paper presented at the Workshop on Rethinking Security, Sovereignty and Justice, International Political Science Association Research Committee (37), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 5 January 2010.

2009 *Bangladesh Election 2008: The Results and the Implications*, Paper presented at the 38th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 23-25 October 2009

A Difficult Decision? Parental Choice of Qwami Madrassahs in Bangladesh. Paper presented at Conference on Ideas and Innovations for Bangladesh: The Next Decade, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, 9-10 October 2009.

2008 *Constructing Outraged Communities and State Responses: The Taslima Nasreen Saga in 1994 and 2007*, paper presented at the conference on "Outraged Communities: Investigating the Politicisation of Emotions in South Asia", organized by South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal, the Musée du Quai Branly, the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, and the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris, 25-26 September 2008.

Transnational Islam in Bangladesh, Workshop presentation, National Bureau of Asian Research (Seattle, USA) and RSIS (Singapore), Singapore, 25-26 June.

2007 *Bangladesh: Democracy in Peril or the Emergence of a New Order?* Paper presented at the 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 11-14 October.

Islamic Parties and Democracy in Bangladesh, Paper presented at the 103rd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, IL, 30 August – 2 September.

- The Dynamics of Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh*, Paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS). Boston. 22-15 March.
- 2006** *Portrayal of Pakistani Madrassahs in Western Press*, Paper presented at the International Studies Conference- Midwest, St; Louis,, MO, 3-5 November.
- Understanding Madrassahs: Beyond Security Concerns*, Paper presented at the at the 35th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 20-22 October 2006.
- Reforming Pakistani Madrassahs: Déjà vu?* 55th Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 20-21 October 2006.
- Madaris Education in Bangladesh: Continuity and Change* Paper presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Francisco, 4 April – 9 April 2006.
- 2005** *The State-Society Relationships and Political Conflicts in Nepal*, [co-authored with Subho Basu] Paper presented at the Conference on ‘Religious and Social Fragmentation and Economic Development in South Asia’, Cornell University, 15-16 October 2005.
- The Dangerous Liaison: Madrassahs and the Militant Islamism in Bangladesh*, Paper presented at the at the 34th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 6-9 October 2005
- ‘We do not see any sign or hope:’ U.S.-Bangladesh Contacts in 1971*, Paper presented at the Conference on South Asia in Crisis: United States Policy, 1961-1972 organized by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Historian. 28-29 June 2005.
- Pakistan’s Madrassahs: Teaching the Alphabets of Jihad?’* Paper presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, 31 March - 3 April 2005.
- 2004** *Micro-Finance, Empowerment and Social Capital: Experience from Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the at the 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 15-17 October 2004
- Does Social Capital Matter in Development?* 53rd Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1-3 October 2004
- Promoting Political Science Student Research with an Annual Conference and an On-line Student Journal*. [co-authored with Professor Gary Klass], Poster presentation at 100th Annual APSA Meeting, Chicago. 2-5 September 2004.
- 2003** *Bengali Muslim Identity and Bangladesh Politics: Re-inventing Muslimness?* Paper presented at the 32nd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 24-26 October 2003
- Muslim Identity and Politics of Islam in Bangladesh*, paper presented on a panel on Identity Politics in Bengals at the 36th Bengal Studies Conference, Irving, Texas, 4-6 April 2003

1995 – 1990

Crucifixion and Resurrection of Islam in Bangladesh: A Power Game. Paper presented at the international conference on Bangladesh: Past, Present and Future. Organized by the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Oriental Studies, and North London University. London, 13-15 December, 1995.

The New Cold War(?) and the Role of the US in the 1990s. Paper presented at the First American Studies Regional Conference, Bangladesh Association for American Studies & USIS, Dhaka, Bangladesh. 16-18 November 1993.

Future of Democracy in Bangladesh. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC), California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. 19-21 June 1992.

Military Regimes in Pakistan and Bangladesh: Similarities in Political Processes. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of Western Conference and 19th Annual Meeting of Southwestern Conference of Association for Asian Studies. 12-13 October 1990, Austin, Texas.

Bangladesh Revolution: Conflict Between State and Dominant Class(es)? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC). June 29-July 1, 1990, Stanford University, California.

Intervention of Military in Bangladesh Politics. Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), 5-8 April 1990. Chicago.

Telecommunications in the Pacific Hemisphere: Catalysts and Conduit for the Reorganization of Capitalism. Paper co-authored with Yeap Soon Beng and Michael Ogden of the UH, presented at the Conference of the East Asian Affairs Council, Columbia University on Current Economic and Political trends in the Asia-Pacific Region. 31 March 1990, Columbia University, New York.

Is Defense Expenditure a Predictor of Military Rule? A Study of Three South Asian Countries. Paper Presented at the 7th Annual Spring Symposium, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Hawaii, 14-16 March 1990.

Foreign News Coverage on Bangladesh Television: An Analysis of News Content and Selection. Paper co-authored with Dr. Richard C Vincent for presentation at the 40th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA). 24-29 June 1990, Dublin Ireland.

Chairperson of or discussant on a panel:

2017 Panelist, 'A Past Divided: Shared Memories and Transformations', *Dhaka Lit Festival*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 16 November 2017

Panelist, 'Bangladesh's Counter Extremist and Terrorist Strategy', *Bangladesh: Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism*, Conference organized by the Centra Technology Inc, for the United States Government, Arlington, VA, 3 November 2017

Panelist, 'Drivers of Violent Extremism and Transnational Terrorism in Bangladesh',

Bangladesh: Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorism, Conference organized by the Centra Technology Inc, for the United States Government, Arlington, VA, 3 November 2017

Chair, 'China's Policy Toward Taiwan', *Taiwan in a New Era: Democracy, Cross-Strait Security, and International Relations Conference*, Illinois State University, 14 October, 2017.

Panelist, 'Bangladesh on the Brink: Surveying the Evolving Geography of Political Violence' , Resolve Network Global Forum: Confronting the Next Wave of Violent Extremism, USIP, Washington DC. 27 September, 2017

Panelist, 'Chinese Influence in Central and South Asia' Conference organized by the Centra Technology Inc, for the United States Government, Arlington, VA. 25-26 April. (Panelist in four panels).

Panelist, 'Rethinking IR in South Asia,' Roundtable, *International Studies Association* (ISA) Convention, Baltimore, 22 February 2017.

Participant, 'South Asia in World Politics', Workshop, International Studies Association (ISA) Convention, Baltimore, 21 February 2017.

2016 Discussant, 'Conflict, Patronage and Strategies for Inclusive Political Development,' 24th World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association (IPSA), Poznan, Poland, 26 July 2016.

2010 Discussant, "Democratization, Secularism and Globalization", Workshop on Rethinking Security, Sovereignty and Justice, *International Political Science Association (IPSA) Research Committee (37)*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 5 January 2010.

2009 Discussant, "Explosions of Democracy: Conflict and Consensus in New Modalities of Governance in South Asia", *Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS)*, Chicago, 26-29 March, 2009.

2008 Panelist, Roundtable on *Election and the Future of Bangladesh*, organized by Daily *Prothom Alo*, the leading Bengali daily newspaper, 20 December 2008, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Panelist, Roundtable on *Election, Democracy and Future Bangladesh* organized by Daily *Prothom Alo*, the leading Bengali daily newspaper, 5 January 2008, Dhaka, Bangladesh

2007 Chair, "Emerging Issues in Bangladesh", 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, 11 -14 October, 2007

Panelist, "Target: Iran? Is Another War Imminent?" Global Review. Illinois State University, 1 March 2007

2006 Panelist, "Cartoon Controversy: Freedom of Expression or Religious Sensitivity?" International Studies Seminar Series, Illinois State University. 1 March 2006

- 2005** Panelist, “What is Terrorism? Why Terrorism?” Panel discussion organized by the Muktoforum (Open Forum), New York. 16 April 2005
- Panelist, “Images of Muslims in Today’s Media”. Society of Professional Journalist, ISU Chapter. Illinois State University. 13 April 2005
- Panelist, “The United Nations and Global Security.” Hosted by Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) and the Stanley Foundation. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 5 April 2005
- Panelist, “Elections in Palestine and Iraq: A Panel Discussion’. International Studies Seminar Series, Illinois State University. 9 March 2005
- Panelist, “Countering Arab/Muslim Stereotypes”. Global Review. Illinois State University. 3 February 2005
- Panelist, “Future of US Development Aid”, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, Organized by Americans for Informed Democracy. 21 February 2005
- 2003** Moderator, *‘Prospects of Peace in the Middle East: Breaking the cycle of violence’*, A panel discussion, International and Global Studies Seminar, Illinois State University, 19 November, 2003
- Chair, Roundtable, *‘Lost in a Nuclear Jungle: Dilemmas of West/South Asia’*, 52nd Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, Illinois State University, 10-12 October 2003
- Discussant, panel on *‘Particularistic Political Culture: The Case of Indonesia and the Philippines’*, 52nd Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs, Illinois State University, 10-12 October 2003
- Moderator, *Perspectives on Post-September 11, A panel discussion*, Unit for Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Illinois State University, 11 September 2003
- Panelist, *‘Shaping Post-War Iraq: Options and Concerns’*, Global Review, Illinois State University, 1 May 2003
- Panelist, *‘Shaping Post-War Iraq: Options and Concerns’*, International and Global Studies Seminar Series, Illinois State University, 30 April 2003
- Panelist, *Representing the War: The Media and the War in Iraq’*, International Studies, Unit for Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Illinois State University, 8 April 2003
- 2002** Chair, Seminar on *‘Women Rights in Bangladesh’*, Organized by www.worldnewsbank.com, New York, 6 October 2002.
- Panelist, *Critical Reflections On September 11: And The Politicization Of Religion. A Discussion with Middle Eastern and South Asian Scholars at Illinois State University.* Panel Discussion, International Studies Program. ISU, 1 October 2002

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS/HONORS

Impact Award, Illinois State University, 2020.

Honor Award. Weekly Ajkal, a New York-based newspaper, for outstanding political analysis on Bangladeshi politics. New York, 11 October 2019

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Illinois State University, Summer 2007, Project: *Living on the Margin: A study of the Borderlands*.

Excellence in Teaching Award 2006, Pi Sigma Alpha, Illinois State University.

Research Enhancement Award, 2006-2007, Illinois State University.

Outstanding College Researcher Award 2005, College of Arts and Sciences. Illinois State University.

Dean's Award for Outstanding Scholarship 2004. College of Arts and Sciences. Illinois State University.

PFIG Grant, Illinois State University, Summer 2004, Project: Pakistan's Madrassahs: Teaching Jihad?

NFIG Grant, Illinois State University, Summer 2003, Project: 'Trade and Commerce in Pre-Colonial Bengal: Catalyst and Conduit of Transformation?'

Special Recognition for Services, Claflin University, South Carolina, 2002.

South-Southeast Asian Relations Fellowship, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. June 1994- September 1994. Research Project: 'Telecommunication Infrastructure and Economic Growth in Singapore and Malaysia'.

Werner Levi Award, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii. Spring, 1993.

Bangladesh Doctoral Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, 1992.

Who's Who International Student Certificate of Merit, 1990.

East West Center Honor Award, 1990.

East West Center Degree Student Fellowship, July 1987 - December 1991.

Graduate Courses taught

POL 442: Topics in Comparative Politics: Political Islam
POL 442: Topics in Comparative Politics: Religion and Politics
POL 441: Seminar in Comparative Politics
POL/SOA 470: Community Development
POL /SOA 477: Community Project Design and Management

Undergraduate Courses Taught

POL 344: Topics in Global Studies: Crisis of Democracy
POL 345: Topics of Asian Politics: Development and Democracy in South Asia
POL 335: Community Development
POL 254: Global Issues
POL 245: Asian Politics
IDS 203.25: Nations and Narrations: South Asia
POL 140: Politics of Africa, Asia and Latin America

Dissertation Supervision (outside ISU)

Member, Dissertation Committee, Abi Narayan Chamlagi, Department of Political Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Title: Breakdowns of Democracy in Nepal: A Comparative Study Between 1960 and 2002/2005.
Graduated: Fall 2022.

Member, Dissertation Committee, Saimum Parvez, Government and International Relations Department, The University of Sydney, Title: Analysing the role of digital media in violent extremism: The case of Bangladesh. (Graduated: December 2020).

Member, Dissertation Committee, Priyanka Kabir, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, John W McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston.

Title: Views on Democracy in Bangladesh: A study of the middle class's perceptions of democratic ideals in an illiberal state. (Graduated: Spring 2020).

Member, PhD Comprehensive Examination Committee, Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Worcester, MA.

Member, Dissertation Committee, Sravani Biswas, History Department, Syracuse University.
Title: The Political Tempest: Cyclones in the Making of Nationalist Struggles in India and Bangladesh, 1876 & 1971. (Graduated in Fall 2016).

Member, Dissertation Committee, Anthony Dimaggio, Political Science Department, University of Illinois at Chicago

Title: Symbiotic Politics: Political-Media Relations, Public Opinion, and the Power of Party- Based Regimes. (Graduated in Summer 2012).

Thesis Supervision:

Co-chair. Thesis committee. Nur E Jannat Moon. Graduated: Summer 2023.

Title: Revisiting the Violence and Social Order Conceptual Framework: A Case Study Of China

Member. Thesis Committee. Ashley Johnson. Graduated: Summer 2023.

Title: The Historical Evolution of State Capacity and Its Effect on Democratization: A Case Study of Egypt.

Member, Thesis Committee, Nick Mullins, Graduated: Fall 2021

Title: Deepening Partisan-Identity Polarization in the US: A Content Analysis of Major Party Platforms, 1980-2016.

Chair, Thesis Committee, Nargiza Yusupova, Graduated: Fall 2021

Title: The Crisis of Democracy: A Case Study of Democratic Backsliding and the Rise of Populism in Poland

Chair, Thesis Committee, Sohel Rana, Graduated: Summer 2021.

Title: 'Legitimations Strategies of Electoral Authoritarian Regimes; A Comparative Study of Bangladesh, Hungary and Turkey'.

Chair, Thesis Committee, Zunaid Almamun, Graduated: Summer 2020. Title:

'Political Violence in Bangladesh: Explaining the Role of the State'

Chair, Thesis Committee, Md. Mizanur Rahman, Graduated: Spring 2019 Title:

Sovereignty in Islamist Political Thoughts: Continuity and Change

Chair, Thesis Committee, Fatemah Jamali, Graduated: Summer 2019.

Title: Beyond Hybrid Regime Institutionalism: The Role of Religion as an Ideology in Regime Resilience in Iran,

Member, Thesis Committee, Caroline Kernan, Graduated: Spring 2019.

Redline Erased: US Foreign Policy in Syria and the Criteria for Humanitarian Intervention

Chair, Thesis Committee, Bich Tran, Graduated, Spring 2018

Title: The Relationship Between State Effectiveness and State Legitimacy: A Quantitative Test.

Chair, Thesis Committee, Farzana A Chowdhury, Graduated Summer 2018

Title: Future Melting Away: How Changes in the Himalayan Glacier Threaten Human Security in Bangladesh

Member, Thesis Committee, Joe Rice, Graduated: Spring 2018

Faith Too Big to Fail? The Struggles and Wishes of New Atheism

Chair, Thesis Committee, Fahmida Zaman, Graduated Summer 2017,

Title: Memories and Identities: The 1947 Partition in Bangladeshi Literature.

Member, Thesis Committee, Arafat Kabir, Graduated: Spring 2016,

Title: The Rebalancing Act: Explaining the Obama Administration's Pivot Policy Toward Asia.

Member, Thesis Committee, Shikshya Adhikari (Department of Sociology) – Graduated: August, 2015,

Title: Empowerment Through Transformations in Agency: Influence of Self-Help Groups On Women's Empowerment In Rural Nepal

Member, Thesis Committee, Scott Siebert, Graduated: Summer 2013

Title: Egyptian Elections and Islamist Politics: Examining the Electoral Success of Islamist Parties in 2011 and 2012.

Chair, Thesis Committee, Dan Thetford. Graduated: Spring 2012.

Title: Classified Information and Intelligence Leaking: An Investigation into the Relationships between the Modern-Day Arcanum and the United States Public. (Departmental Distinction).

Member, Thesis Committee, Xiaoyi Hu. Graduated: Spring 2012.

Title: The Effects of Political Participation on Political Efficacy: An Analysis of China's 2005 Survey on Self-Governance at Village Level.

Member, Thesis Committee, Bishal Kasu (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, ACED Program), Graduated: Fall 2009.

Title: "Impact of Microfinance and Remittances on the Livelihood of Nepali People."

Member, Thesis Committee, Nicholas Paul Beaty; Graduated: Summer 2010.

Title: "Political Spirituality or Rethinking the Enlightenment: A Reflection on Michel Foucault's Writings on the Iranian Revolution," (Departmental Distinction, Thesis won the James L. Fisher Outstanding Thesis Award, highest University Thesis Award).

Member, Thesis Committee, Ik Kim, Graduated: Fall 2008

Title: "Regional Affiliation and Its Effects on Voting Behavior in South Korea."

Chair, Thesis Committee, Daniel Evans, Graduated: Fall 2007

Title: "State Building Intervention and the United States."

Member, Thesis Committee, Nagabhusan Das, Graduated: Spring 2007

Title: "Killing the Tigers Politically: An Analysis of the East Asian Financial Crisis"

Chair, Thesis Committee, Melanie Parkhurst. Graduated: Fall 2005

Title: "The Value of Non-material Wealth: A Critique of Microcredit in the United States as a Vehicle for the Empowerment of Women."

Chair, Thesis Committee, Anthony R DiMaggio. Graduated: Summer 2005.

Title: "Mass Media, Mass Propaganda: Understanding the News in a Time of Terror."

Member, Thesis Committee, Daniel Chand. Graduated: Summer, 2005.

Title: "Where the Green Money grows: Ecotourism in Gabon."

Member, Thesis Committee, Morag Boyd. Graduated: Spring 2005.

Title: "Internet Based Political Structures: Mediating Individuals, Communities, States and Political Action."

Member, Thesis Committee, Veronica Panizzi. Graduated: Spring, 2005.
Title: “The World Social Forum and Global Democracy.”

Member, Thesis Committee, Dawn Peterson. Graduated Summer 2004.
Title: “The Politics of Integration into the Global Capitalist Economy: The Cases of Brazil and China.”

Member, Thesis Committee, Jude Geiger, Graduated Spring 2003.
Title: ‘The Semiotics of War: An Analysis of the Events of September 11.’ (Departmental Distinction).

Capstone Projects Supervision (Graduate Students in ACED sequence)

Supervisor, Capstone Project of Laura Livsey, Graduated: Spring 2012 Title:
Social Capital in Senegal.

Supervisor, Capstone Project of Casandra Fritzsche, Graduated: Fall 2010.
Title: The Shifting American Community and the Rise of Social Media: Exploring Social Media in Grassroots Non-profits.

Supervisor, Capstone Project of Ian Schwab, Graduated: Fall 2007
Title: “Predatory Lending and Community Development.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Tim Johnson. Graduated: Summer 2007
Title: “Restructuring and ‘Incentivizing’ Public Housing: Case Study of Milwaukee, WI.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Amanda Hudson. Graduated: Spring 2007 Title:
“Job Training and Economic Development in Chicago.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Donna Hamilton. Graduated: Fall 2006
Title: “Successful Strategies for Revitalization of Distressed Neighborhoods and the Augmentation of Affordable Housing.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Danny Santivasci. Graduated: Fall 2005
Title: “Contemporary Community Development: The Practical Implications of Changing Ideology.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Peggy Benz, Graduated: Fall 2004.
Title: “The Role of NGOs in Housing Opportunities for Disabled.”

Supervisor, Capstone project of Matt McCleary, Graduated: Spring 2004.
Title: “The difficulties of implementing public input into local government decision-making.”

MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

I am frequently interviewed by national and international media, including CNN International, Aljazeera English, BBC World Television, VOA, BBC World Service Radio, New York Times, WGLT Radio, WMBD Television on South Asian politics, particularly on Bangladesh, and US politics including its implications for global politics. Below are some examples of recent media engagements:

Interviewed by [Parallax](#), Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, India. ‘After Hasina: Revisiting Bangladesh with Dr. Ali Riaz.’ 5 May 2025.

Interviewed by STATE, ISU Magazine, ‘[The lessons of Bangladesh: Dr. Ali Riaz gives voice to his native country as it fights for democracy](#)’ 1 April 2025.

Interviewed by the Diplomat, ‘[Ali Riaz on Recommendations of Bangladesh’s Constitutional Reform Commission](#)’, 3 February 2025.

Interviewed by the Daily Star, ‘[An unfinished struggle: Democracy, identity and reform](#)’, 06 April 2025.

Interviewed by the Daily Star, ‘[Our primary objective is to institutionalise balance and strengthen our institutions.](#)’ 27 Feb 2025.

Interviewed by the Daily Star, ‘[We’re not drafting constitution.](#)’ 25 December 2024.

Interviewed by the BBC World, ‘[Bangladesh’s New Constitution](#)’, 30 December 2024.

Quoted in Aljazeera English, [Will Yunus-led interim government bring Bangladesh out of its ‘dark era’?](#) 09 August 2024.

Quoted in BBC, [Muhammad Yunus takes oath as leader of Bangladesh](#), 09 August 2024.

Interviewed by [BBC News](#), Yunus Arrives in Bangladesh, 08 August 2024.

Interviewed by the [CNN](#), Bangladesh Caretaker Government, 08 August 2024.

[Interviewed by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation](#), New Bangladesh Interim Government Sworn In, 08 August 2024.

Interviewed by Singapore radio BFM [Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina Out, What’s Next?](#), 07 August 2024.

Quoted in Financial Times, [India’s Bangladesh bet backfires after Sheikh Hasina ousted](#), 07 August 2024.

Quoted in Aljazeera English, [My take, morning of 6 August Dhaka time](#), 06 August 2024.

Quoted in VOA Chinese, [孟加拉总理即将访华 平衡中印外交](#), 6 August 2024.

Quoted in The Wall Street Journal, [Microcredit Pioneer Muhammad Yunus to Lead Caretaker Bangladesh Government](#), 06 August 2024.

Quoted in BBC, [Can India help its special ally Bangladesh defuse the crisis?](#) 5 August 2024.

Quoted in WGLT. [ISU scholar calls the resignation of Bangladesh's leader a 'historic turning point'](#) 5 August 2024.

Interviewed by NPR, [Antigovernment protesters in Bangladesh succeed getting the prime minister to resign](#), 5 August 2024.

Interviewed by [DW](#), 05 August 2024.

Interviewed by Scroll, [‘Fear of Hasina gone’: How the student agitation has shaken up Bangladesh’s authoritarianism](#), 04 August 2024.

Quoted in Arab News, [Bangladesh students step up protests to press PM’s resignation](#), 3 August 2024.

Quoted in VOA, [Bangladesh faces growing criticism for violent crackdown on students](#), 31 July 2024.

Quoted in [DW](#), 31 July 2024.

Interviewed by Himal Southasia magazine, [State of Southasia #07: Ali Riaz on how Bangladesh’s mass protests have already transformed the country](#), 29 July 2024

Quoted in DW, [Bangladesh: Can student uprising bring new, young leaders?](#), 29 July 2024.

Quoted in BBC Bangla, 27 July 2024.

Quoted in Time, [How Mass Protests Challenge Bangladesh’s Past—and Threaten to Rewrite Its Future](#), 25 July 2024.

Interviewed by [VOA Bangla](#), 24 July 2024.

Interviewed by BBC World News, [Bangladesh Protests](#), 24 July 2024.

Interviewed by Singapore Radio BFM, [Bangladesh At Cross-Roads](#), 23 July 2024.

Quoted in Italian newspaper altreconomia, [Le proteste in Bangladesh non chiedono “solo” di cambiare il sistema delle quote](#), 22 July 2024.

Quoted in DW, [Bangladesh protests: What's next after court cuts quotas?](#), 22 July 2024.

Quoted in Belgian newspaper Le Soir, [Bangladesh : pourquoi le peuple se soulève contre la dirigeante Sheikh Hasina ?](#) 21 July 2024.

Interviewed by the Banner News, [BREAKING NEWS: Bangladesh declares curfew as anti-government protests escalate](#), 20 July 2024.

Interviewed by the First Post, [Bangladesh: Govt Buildings Set Ablaze, Protest Death Toll Mounts To over 105](#) , 20 July 2024.

Interviewed by [DW, Bangla](#), 19 July 2024.

Quoted in VOA, [Student protesters return to Bangladesh streets despite violent crackdown](#), 19 July 2024

Quoted in France24.com, [Bangladesh police arrest senior opposition leader, ban rallies in Dhaka amid deadly unrest](#), 19 July 2024.

Interviewed by BBC World Business News, [Bangladesh: High Security alert issued for the whole country](#), 18 July 2024.

Interviewed by Banner News, [Deadly unrest in Bangladesh](#), 18 July 2024.

Quoted in DW, [Bangladesh PM visits Beijing as China, India eye influence](#), 08 July 2024

Parallax, IPCS, India, '[Behind the Ballot: Bangladesh w/ Dr. Ali Riaz](#)', 9 April, 2024.

Interviewed by the Diplomat, [Ali Riaz on the Future of Bangladesh's Politics](#), February 1, 2024.

Quoted in [BBC Bengali](#), 12 January 2024

Quoted in Aljazeera, [As West condemns Bangladesh election, China and Russia embrace Dhaka](#), 10 Jan 2024.

Quoted in Voice of America, [One-Sided Bangladesh Election Raises Fear of One-Party Rule](#), 9 January 2024.

Interview with CNA (Singapore), '[Little reason to expect changes in Bangladesh PM Hasina's next term: Professor](#)', 8 Jan 2024.

Quoted in Tagesschau, [Wird Bangladesch zum Ein-Parteien-Staat?](#) 7 January 2024.

Quoted in New York Times, [Bangladesh Leader Headed to 4th Straight Term in Vote Marred by Crackdown](#), 8 January 2024.

Interview with [the BBC](#), 7 January 2024.

Interview with DW, [Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina re-elected as main opposition stages boycott](#), 8 January 2024.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia, [Bangladesh election results due after tense voting, global criticism](#), 7 January 2024.

Interview with the DW, '[How Bangladesh has become a 'personalized autocracy' under Sheikh Hasina](#)', 7 January 2024

Quoted in Weekly Time, [What to Know About Bangladesh's Election](#), 5 January 2024.

Quoted in Arab News, [What is at stake in Bangladesh's upcoming poll?](#) 4 January 2024.

Quoted in BBC News, [Bangladesh election: Lopsided polls leave disillusioned voters asking 'what's the point'](#), 5 January 2024.

Interviewed by [the BBC](#), 5 January 2024

Quoted in AFP, [Ode to the father: Bangladesh's political personality cult](#), 4 January 2024.

Quoted in AFP, [Bangladesh To Vote In Election Without Opposition](#), 4 January 2024

Quoted in Financial Times, [Bangladesh election raises fears of descent into one-party rule](#), 4 January 2024

Quoted in Aljazeera, [‘Dummy’ candidates, coerced voting: Inside Bangladesh’s election ‘charade’](#), 3 January 2024.

Interview with The World, [Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus receives jail sentence in Bangladesh](#), 2 January 2024.

Quoted in UNB, [Despite topsy-turvy year that ends meekly, BNP’s resolve to topple govt unbroken](#). 31 Dec. 2024.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia, [From India and Pakistan to Indonesia, Asia set for election- packed 2024](#). 26 Dec, 2023.

Quoted in Banner News, [Journalists in Bangladeshi diaspora say govt targets them through transnational repression](#), 21 Dec, 2023

Quoted in German Newspaper Tagesspiegel, [Vom Armenhaus zum Wirtschaftswunder: Der besondere Aufstieg von Bangladesch](#), 15 Dec 2023.

Interviewed by [German Broadcaster DW](#) on 15 Dec 2023.

Quoted in VOA, [‘Bangladesh Prepping for ‘Unfair’ Election, Say Analysts, Opposition’](#), 24 Nov, 2023.

Interviewed by BBC Radio. [‘Inquiry: Why is Bangladesh in turmoil?’](#), 23 Nov 2023.

Quoted in VOA, [‘Bangladesh Politician Faces Discipline Over Threat Against US Envoy.’](#) 15 Nov 2023.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia, [‘Bangladesh sets election for Jan. 7, ignoring opposition pleas’](#), 15 Nov 2023.

Quoted in Aljazeera. [‘Bangladesh’s ongoing political crisis is ‘high risk’ for fragile economy’](#). 15 Nov 2023.

Quoted in the Guardian. [‘Full prisons and false charges: Bangladesh opposition faces pre-election crackdown’](#). 9 Nov 2023.

Interviewed by WGLT (NPR affiliate). [‘They have been suffering so long’: ISU professor calls for 2-state solution in Israel-Palestinian conflict’](#). 6 Nov 2023.

Quoted in DW. [‘Bangladesh unrest casts dark shadow over upcoming elections’](#). 1 Nov 2023.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia. [‘Bangladesh opposition attempts transport blockade in bid to oust Hasina’](#). 31 Oct 2023.

Interviewed by the Daily Star. [We need writers to know what society will look like in the future](#). 6 October. 2023.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia. [Bangladesh-U.S. election rift widens over visas, envoy safety](#). 3 October 2023.

Interviewed by the Daily Star. [US visa policy alone cannot ensure fair election](#). 27 September 2023.

Quoted in BBC News Bangla. [Will Selfie reduce the pressure from the US?](#) (In Bengali). 15 September 2023.

Quoted by Aljazeera. [Why world figures urged Bangladesh to stop ‘harassment’ of a Nobel laureate](#). 11 September 2023.

Quoted in BBC News Bangla. [The reasons Obama Clinton got involved in Yunus issue](#). (in Bengali). 1 September 2023.

Quoted in BBC News. [Muhammad Yunus: Leaders urge Bangladesh to end attacks on Nobel laureate](#). 1 September 2023.

Quoted in NBC News. [Mother is arrested in Bangladesh after son in the U.S. criticizes government online](#). 25 August 2023.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia. [Bangladesh election tensions rise as protests erupt, economy dims](#). 31 July 2023.

Quoted in DW. [Bangladesh: Can EU pressure ensure fair elections?](#) 24 July 2023.

Quoted in VOA. [Bangladeshi Police Accused of Conspiring Against Opposition Candidates](#). 17 July 2023.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia. [U.S. team seeks to break heated election standoff in Bangladesh](#). 10 July 2023.

Quoted in Nikkei Asia. [Bangladesh faces election test as U.S. draws line on manipulation](#). 30 May 2023.

Quoted in DW. [Bangladesh: Can US visa threat ensure fair elections?](#) 29 May 2023.

Quoted in BBC News Bangla. [What is behind the new US Visa policy about Bangladesh](#), (In Bengali). 26 May 2023.

Quoted in the Daily Star. [US visa curbs on those who will bar fair polls](#). 25 May 2023.

Quoted in BBC News Bangla. Imran Khan: [Will the role of the military be resolved forever?](#) (In Bengali). 23 May 2023.

BBC News Bangla. [Why America Wants to Stop China?](#) (In Bengali). May 5, 2023.

Quoted in Benar News. [Analysts: Bangladesh PM visits World Bank to gain support for distressed economy](#). 1 May 2023.

Quoted in the Guardian. [Bangladesh media in fear after PM's 'people's enemy' attack](#). 1 May 2023.

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