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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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#### Master of Social Sciences (Department of Peace and Conflict Studies)

**Graduated:** December 2020

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

**CGPA:** 3.91/4.00 (Rank: 1st class, 2nd position)

**Thesis:** Land Conflict in Rural Areas of Bangladesh and Role of Local Government Institution in Conflict Resolution.

#### Bachelor of Social Sciences (Department of Peace and Conflict Studies)

**Graduated:** December 2019

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

**CGPA:** 3.78/4.00 (Rank: 1st class, 2nd position)

**Thesis:** Mapping Land Conflict in Rural Areas of Bangladesh.

### RESEARCH INTEREST

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Social Movement, Comparative Politics, Religion, Conflict Analysis, Public Policy, Student Politics

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- **Member** (November 2024 – Present)

**Institute:** Bangladesh Police Reform Commission (Operating Under Home Ministry, Bangladesh), Dhaka

**Key Responsibilities:** Represent youth and student perspectives in the commission | Facilitate dialogues (FGDs) with stakeholders (e.g., victims, experts, youth leaders) | Conduct literature review on global policing practices and challenges | Write reports with actionable recommendations (short-term, mid-term, long-term) for people-centric policing.

- **Research Associate** (January 2024- Present)

**Institute:** Institute of Informatics and Development (IID)

**Key Responsibilities:** Leading & Managing Project Activities | Writing Study Reports | Writing Academic Papers | Presenting Conference Papers | Writing Op-eds | Supervising Research Interns | Preparing Project Reports | Literature Reviews | Survey & KII Data Analysis | Organizing Events | Conducting Workshops | Scripting Policy Reels

- **Research Assistant** (December 2022- December 2023)

**Institute:** Institute of Informatics and Development (IID)

**Key Responsibilities:** Preparing Policy Brief | Preparing Survey Questionnaires | Preparing Project Narrative Reports | Preparing Literature Reviews | Survey and KII Data Analysis | Drafting Research Reports | Organizing Major Events

- **Research Associate** (July 2021- August 2022)

**Project:** "Tourism and development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh: Inclusive or exclusionary development"- Project under Centennial Research Grant (CRG), University of Dhaka

**Key Responsibilities:** Preparing Research Proposals | Conducting Focus Group Discussions and Key Informant Interviews | Gathering, Arranging, and Correcting Research Data for Graphs and Charts | Preparing Literature

Reviews | Assisting Principal Investigator(s) in Data Analysis | Drafting Research Reports | Supervising the Publication Process

- **Research Associate** (June 2021- December 2021)  
**Project:** Patron Client Relationship in Intra-Party Political Conflict in Bangladesh – Project under Center for Higher Studies and Research (CHSR), Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), Dhaka  
**Key Responsibilities:** Assist principal investigators in data collection and analysis | Interpret data analysis results to draw inferences and conclusions | Draft research reports | Conduct key informant interviews | Prepare literature reviews.
- **Research Associate** (November 2020- June 2021)  
**Project:** Analysis of conflict between Rohingya refugees and host community in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar and Proposing social cohesion framework for sustaining peace – A project by University of Dhaka, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and International Rescue Committee (IRC), Dhaka  
**Key Responsibilities:** Conduct field visits and data collection | Assist principal investigators in data analysis | Draft research reports | Conduct focus group discussions and key informant interviews | Prepare literature reviews.
- **Research Assistant** (November 2019 - December 2020)  
**Project:** The Rise of Religious Extremism in Educated Youths of Bangladesh: Causes and Remedies - Project under Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Dhaka  
**Key Responsibilities:** Conduct field visits and data collection | Assist principal investigators in data analysis | Draft research reports
- **Research Assistant (June 2019 - December 2019)**  
**Project:** Situation of Adolescents and Youths in Bangladesh - United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
**Key Responsibilities:** Write proposals | Conduct secondary data collection | Analyze data | Draft research reports.
- **Research Assistant (December 2018 - May 2019)**  
**Project:** "A Study on the Impact Assessment of Empathy Training" - Access to Information (a2i), Dhaka  
**Key Responsibilities:** Conduct field visits and data collection | Assist principal investigators in data analysis | Draft research reports | Conduct FGDs and KIIs | Prepare literature reviews.
- **Research Assistant (August 2018 - May 2019)**  
**Project:** "Factors Contributing to Terrorism: Arms and Drug Trade Meet on Border" - Bangladesh RAB, Dhaka  
**Key Responsibilities:** Collect data | Assist chief investigators in data analysis | Draft research reports.
- **Research Assistant (April 2018 - February 2019)**  
**Project:** "Rights of Women Migrant Workers: Challenges and Way Forward" - National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Bangladesh  
**Key Responsibilities:** Gather, organize, and correct research data | Assist chief investigators in data analysis | Draft research reports.
- **Data Collector (January 2018 - March 2018)**  
**Project:** "Transformation of Bangladesh Police into e-Policing" - Bangladesh Police, Dhaka  
**Key Responsibilities:** Gather and submit observational information | Conduct surveys and document responses.

## STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE

IELTS	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Overall Score
	8.5	8	7	6.5	7.5

## PUBLICATIONS (JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS)

1. Rahman, M. Z., & Korobi, S. A. (2024). Unraveling Rural Land Conflicts in Bangladesh: Stakeholders, Power Dynamics, and Paths to Resolution. *Asian Review of Social Sciences*, 13(1), 1–16. <https://doi.org/10.51983/arss-2024.13.1.4065>
2. Rahman, M. Z., & Ferdous, N. (2024). Role of Misinformation and Hate Speech on Social Media in Communal Violence: The Indian Context. *ASEAN Journal of Research*, 2(1). Retrieved from <https://so03.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/KMR/article/view/270184>
3. Ahmed, S., Shamsuzzoha, A. T. M., & Rahman, M. Z. (2023). Developing Inclusive Tourism in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT): A Case Study on Sajek Valley, Bangladesh. *Asian Review of Social Sciences*, 12(2), 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.51983/arss-2023.12.2.3510>
4. Rahman, M. Z. (2023). Reevaluating the Underlying Factors of 1990’s Mass Uprising against Authoritarian Regime in Bangladesh: An Analysis in the Light of Causal Model of Internal Conflict. *Asian Review of Social Sciences*, 12(1), 53–62. <https://doi.org/10.51983/arss-2023.12.1.3439>
5. Ahmed, S., Rahman, M. Z., & Meem, M. I. (2021). Fatalistic Views and the Impact on Combating COVID-19: Bangladesh Context. *Middle Eastern Journal of Research in Education and Social Sciences*, 2(4). <https://doi.org/10.47631/mejress.v2i4.358>
6. Chowdhury, S.A. and Rahman, M. Z. (2023) ‘Development of regional human rights regime in Asia: Defining the challenges’, *Khazanah Sosial*, 5(4), pp. 688–699. doi:10.15575/ks.v5i4.32375.
7. Uddin, M. M., & Rahman, M. Z. (2018). Student Uprising against Authoritarian Regime in Bangladesh (1982-1990): An Analysis in the Light of Theories of Social Movement. *Journal of Political Science*, 1(1). Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur. ISSN: 2523-0220.
8. Hoque, N. M. S., & Rahman, M. Z. (2021). Understanding the relationship between Bangladesh and India: Bangladesh perspective. *SAYPPS JOURNAL*, 1(3). South Asia Youth for Peace and Prosperity Society. ISSN: 2226-857X.
9. Rahman, M. Z., & Korobi, S. A. (2023). Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on education: An analysis on primary and secondary level students in Bangladesh. In *Education in the 21st century*. Gungun Publishing House.
10. Rahman M. Z. (2022). Effectiveness Of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Rural Area of Bangladesh: A Study on Village Shalish System of Madhukhali Upazilla. *Sociology International Journal*;6(3):105–108. DOI: 10.15406/sij.2022.06.00271
11. Uddin, M. M., & Rahman, M. Z. (2018). Probable risk of earthquake in Bangladesh and relevant governmental initiatives in Bangladesh. *Journal of Disaster Management*, 1(1), 1-10 [in Bangla]. Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur. ISSN: 2523-0514.
12. Sultana, M. R., Rani, K., & Rahman, M. Z. (2018). Socio-economic situation of former enclaves of Bangladesh: A study on Dasiar Chhara enclave. *Journal of Sociology*, 1(3), [in Bangla]. Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur. ISSN: 2523-9643.

13. Rahman, M. Z. (2024). Leveraging artificial intelligence for enhanced career guidance and development in Bangladesh: Addressing educational and employment gaps. *International Journal of Career Development*, 7. Xurtials Career Development Center. ISSN: 2616-6070.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

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1. **Exploring the Nexus: Policy Modifications and Student-Led Protests in the Bangladeshi Education Landscape** (Principle Researcher and Presenter). Presented at: *CIES 2024- The Power of Protest*. Organized By: COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY (CIES). Place: Virtual Platform. Date: 7 March 2024. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.20561.95846>
2. **Revisiting the State Repression–Terrorism Nexus: Evidence from a Global Sample, 2011–2021** (Co-Authored). Presented at: *Eleventh Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science*. Place: Griffith University, Brisbane. Date: 8 December 2023
3. **Impact of Teacher-Student Communication on “High-Risk Dropout” Secondary Level Students in Bangladesh.** Presented at: *National Conference on Fostering C4D Research to Achieve Results for Children*. Organized By: UNICEF in collaboration with Ohio State University of USA and University Grants Commission of Bangladesh. Place: Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Dhaka. Date: 25 April 2019. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.18700.73604>
4. **Re-examine The Rohingya Crisis- An Outcome of Protracted Conflict in The Rakhine State.** Presented at: *International Conference on “Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions”*. Organized By: North-South University, Bangladesh and UNHCR. Place: North South University, Dhaka. Date: 27-28 July 2019. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.35613.93925>
5. **Evaluating The Livelihood Status of Senior Citizen in Bangladesh.** Presented at: *4th International Conference on Sustainable Development, 2020*. Organized By: Institute of Development Studies and Sustainability, United International University. Place: United International University, Dhaka. Date: 18 February 2020. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.35613.93925>
6. **Fatalistic Views and Its Impact on Combating COVID-19: Bangladesh Context** (Co-Authored). Presented at: *International Symposium on “Resilience & Disaster: The Global South During COVID-19”*. Organized by: RE:LOCATIONS Journal. Date: November 19- 26, 2020. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.27985.54880>

## NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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1. **From repression to reconciliation: Defining true peace in post-mass uprising Bangladesh.** Published in *Dhaka Tribune*. Date: September 21, 2024. Link: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/oped/359170/from-repression-to-reconciliation> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.32016.21768>
2. **Educated but underemployed: Understanding the disconnect between degrees and jobs in Bangladesh.** Published in *Dhaka Tribune*. Date: September 12, 2024. Link: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/oped/358174/educated-but-underemployed> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.17558.97608>
3. **The mass uprising of 2024: ‘Chetona’ or true lessons?** Published in *The Business Standard*. Date: August 18, 2024. Link: <https://www.tbsnews.net/thoughts/mass-uprising-2024-chetona-or-true-lessons-919391> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.27051.04647>

4. **Embracing play to cultivate a generation of joyful learners.** Published in *Dhaka Tribune*. Date: July 01, 2024. Link: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/350688/embracing-play-to-cultivate-a-generation-of-joyful> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.12059.68645>
5. **Lal Sontrash: Exploring the rise and fall of the Sarbahara Party.** Published in *The Business Standard*. Date: June 18, 2024. Link: <https://www.tbsnews.net/thoughts/lal-sontrash-exploring-rise-and-fall-sarbahara-party-871926> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.26513.85600>
6. **Navigating change: Unpacking the big questions in education.** Published in *Dhaka Tribune*. Date: April 24, 2024. Link: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/longform/344743/navigating-change-unpacking-the-big-questions-in> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.10915.05924>
7. **From ivory towers to town halls: The role of dialogue in making social research matter.** Published in *Dhaka Tribune*. Date: March 28, 2024. Link: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/342870/from-ivory-towers-to-town-halls> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.20336.67847>
8. **Where are the roots of communalism?** Published in *Dhaka Tribune*. Date: May 25, 2022. Link: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/long-form/2022/05/25/where-are-the-roots-of-communalism> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.18658.95680>
9. **An inevitable outcome of unipolarity.** Published in *Dhaka Tribune*. Date: October 4, 2021. Link: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/260442/op-ed-an-inevitable-outcome-of-unipolarity> DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.32080.72969>

## VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCES

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- **President** (September 2021- Present)  
**Organization:** Youth Forum, Right to Peace  
**Key Responsibilities:** Supervise and coordinate research activities, awareness-raising events, humanitarian support events, skill development courses, and capacity-building workshops | Manage daily program operations throughout the project life cycle | Plan and monitor overall program progress | Handle stakeholder communications | Manage partnerships and collaborations.  
**List of Implemented/Ongoing Projects:**
  - Project Name: *Building Peace and Social Cohesion through a Sensible Response towards Covid19* under AHA! Awareness with Human Action Project (Funded by European Union). (January 2021- December 2021).
  - Project Name: *Swabolomby Bangladesh*. Name of Institution: Right to Peace. (April 2021- Present).
  - Project Name: *Ramadan Peace Campaign (Sobar Jonno Iftar)* (May 2020- Present).
  - Project Name: *R2P Cloth Distribution Campaign* (January 2020 - Present).
  - Project Name: *Dengue Mukto Dhaka Chai*. Name of Institution: Right to Peace. (March 2020 - Present)
  - Project Name: *SkillsPro* (January 2020 - Present)
- **Assistant General Secretary** (April, 2017 – Present)  
**Organization:** Kolpojontro Foundation  
**Key Responsibility:** Coordinate Scholarship Program | Lead Awareness Raising Project | Lead Research and Background Studies | Event Management | Manage partnerships and collaborations.  
**List of Implemented/Ongoing Projects:**
  - Project Name: *Project Pathshala* (This project aims to provide guidance to school dropouts, ensure quality education, develop skills of young people and eliminate gender disparities in education.)
  - Project Name: *Project Sonjeeboni* (A scholarship initiative to help underprivileged students to continue their educational journey)

- Project Name: *Project Probinchaya* (An initiative to create an Eco-system where senior citizen will be able to get their full rights and will be able to contribute to the society to their utmost.)

## AFFILIATIONS

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- Name of the Network: *#NextGenEdu*. Designation: Core team member (January 2024- Present)
- Name of the Institution: *Right to Peace*. Designation: President, Youth Forum (September 2021- Present)
- Name of the Organization: Kolpojontro Foundation. Designation: Senior Executive. Current Position: Assistant General Secretary (April 2017-Present).
- Name of the Institution: *Jatiya Nirbachan Parjabekhan Parishad (JANIPOP)*. Position: National Volunteer (September, 2016-September, 2018)
- Name of the Organization: Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC). Position: National Cadet (Dhaka University Contingent- Army Wing). Cadet No. 17110104 (March 2017-March 2018)
- Name of the Organization: Dhaka University Career Club. Position: General Member
- Name of the Organization: Dhaka University Quiz Society. Position: General Member
- Name of the Organization: Dhaka University Research Society. Position: General Member

## AWARDS/ HONORS RECEIVED

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- Received **University Undergraduate Scholarship** (these Scholarships are awarded for four years to undergraduate students of Dhaka University on the basis of result of 1st year Hon(s) examination).
- Received **Govt. Honors Scholarship** (these scholarships are generally offered by the Bangladesh Government for the Dhaka University Students on the basis of result of their Honors).

## RELEVANT COURSEWORKS

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- Social Movement and Peace, Fundamentals of Politics, Theories and Practices of Conflict Resolution
- Political Economy, Public Policy Analysis, South Asian Studies, Regional Approaches to Peace and Development
- Analysis and Management of Conflict, Protracted Conflict, Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law
- Advanced Research Methodology, Human Rights in a Changing World

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- September 2018: Advanced Course on Microsoft PowerPoint – Skillhunt
- September 2019: Advanced Course on Microsoft Excel - Skillhunt
- July 2022: Project Monitoring and Evaluation for Beginners - Udemy
- September 2022: Qualitative Data Analysis with NVivo - Udemy
- May - June 2023: Tools to Promote Transparency and Accountability in Education - IIEP UNESCO Online Course
- November 2023: Policy Advocacy through the Social Change Matrix - IID, ACER & MDF
- December 2023: IELTS Score: 7.5 (Listening 8.5, Reading 8, Writing 7, Speaking 6.5)

## REFERENCES

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Dr. Saber Ahmed Chowdhury

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Public Policy Analyst and CEO,  
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