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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- 2012-2016 Ph.D. in International Politics (passed with no revisions), City, University of London, UK
 Thesis title: *The Limits of Reform – Elites, Politics and the Police in Contemporary Bangladesh*
 Supervisors: Dr. Gemma Collantes-Celador, Dr. Thomas Davies, and Dr. Chris McDowell
 External Examiner: Professor Ann Fitz-Gerald, Cranfield University
- 2010-2012 Master of Arts in Security Policy Studies
 The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, USA
 C.G.P.A. 3.72/4.00; John H. Cowles Distinguished Student of 2012 Graduating Class
- 2005-2006 Master of Social Science in International Relations
 Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
 First Class, 3rd (C.G.P.A. 4.0/4.0)
- 2001-2005 Bachelor of Social Science in International Relations
 Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
 First Class, 1st (C.G.P.A. 3.88/4.0)

AWARDS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2017 Bangladesh Police Research Grant, October 2017-June 2018, Research & Planning Dept.: \$14500
- 2017 Resolve Fellow (April-September), United States Institute of Peace, Washington D.C.: \$4500
- 2015 *Residential Scholars' Fellowship*, 2015-16, International Students House, London: £10700.
- 2015 *Charles Wallace Trust*, UK, Doctoral Bursary: £1000.
- 2015 *Mary Trevelyan Hardship Grant*, International Students House: £500.
- 2015 *Graduate School Conference Attendance Grant*, City, University of London: £1000.
- 2013 *US State Department Grant* to organize a two-day international conference on UN Peacekeeping and South Asian contributors' role in Dhaka, Bangladesh: USD 9800.
- 2012 *University Doctoral Studentship* (2012-13 to 2014-15), City, University of London: £15500 per year plus overseas tuition fees.
- 2012 *John H. Cowles Award* for overall scholastic achievements and leadership skills, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington DC: USD750.
- 2012 *Mentorship of Undergraduate Research Scholars* for Spring 2012 at The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University.
- 2010 *Fulbright Scholarship* for 2010-2012 to conduct M.A. at The George Washington University: USD1665 per month as maintenance grants for two years plus overseas tuition fees.
- 2005 *University Merit Scholarship* awarded by the University of Dhaka for the year of 2003-2004 on Bachelor's (Honours) result and for the year of 2004-2005 on Master's result: full tuition fees waiver.
- 2004 *Social Sciences Dean's Award*, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka.

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor from 23 October 2012 – Till to date
 Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh
 I taught courses at the undergraduate (from sophomore to senior) levels – IR 203: Media and International Relations; IR 306: Governance and Development; IR 404: State and Civil Society. I also coordinated courses at the Postgraduate Diploma Program designed for the mid-career professionals. In 2012, I got a period of four-year study leave to pursue doctoral studies at City, University of London. I rejoined the Department on 8 January 2017.

TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014 Associate Fellow, The UK Higher Education Academy
 2013 Introductory Certificate in Academic Practice (Learning, Teaching and Assessment Module),
 Learning Development Centre, City, University of London

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Visiting Lecturer (a.y. 2015-2016) and Undergraduate Tutor (a.y. 2012-13 to 2014-15)

Department of International Politics, City, University of London, Northampton Square, London

- IP 2025 Security Studies: Contemporary and Emerging Issues a.y. 2015-16 and 2014-15 (Term two)
- IP 2019 Transnational Social Movements a.y. 2014-15 (Term two)
- IP 2024 Security Studies: An Introduction a.y. 2015-16 and 2014-15 (Term one)
- IP 1018 Politics and Power in the 21st Century a.y. 2013-14 (Term one)

Graduate Student Instructor, Bengali language, culture, society, and politics of Bangladesh

Department of Global Health

Fall, September-October, 2011

School of Public Health and Health Services, The George Washington University

Tasks included teaching M.A. first year Public Health Students—from an academic, personal, social and safety perspective—to be successful in an overseas learning environment. The students of the course went to Bangladesh in spring 2012 as part of the Department's study abroad program.

Lecturer

July 2008 till to 22 October 2012

Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh

Primary responsibilities included teaching four courses—IRM 506: South Asian Affairs and IRM 503 International Security Studies at the postgraduate level; and IR203: Media and International Relations, IR 105: Introduction to Economics and Development and IR 102: International Relations since 1919 at undergraduate levels. I was also involved in co-teaching a course with senior professors at the Postgraduate Professional Diploma Course in International Relations designed by the Department.

Research Associate

May 2007 to July 2008

Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University, Dhaka

Major responsibilities included conducting research studies in the *State of the Governance Report*, Bangladesh, Compliance (Gap) Review Analysis on United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), and other studies commissioned by the Institute. Assisting in the academic programs was also a significant part of the terms of reference. I was the part of a research team that prepared the concept note of the *State of the Governance Report 2007*, and in particular, I co-authored the *Political Governance* chapter of the Report.

GUEST LECTURES

Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support and Training (BIPSOT), Rajendrapur Cantonment, Dhaka

23 Oct 2017: Peacekeeping to Peace Enforcement: What lies ahead? [DUIR & BIPSOT joint seminar]

1 Aug 2017: The Linkages between DDR & SSR – Global and regional implication of UN Peacekeeping

National Defense College (NDC), Mirpur, Dhaka

6 Sep 2017: Surge of Population and the Emerging World Order (Lecture Series for NDC Course)

Bangladesh Ansar and VDP Academy, Shafipur, Dhaka [Masters in Human Security Program]

16 May 2017: Globalization: Economic, Cultural and Social Issues

17 May 2017: Human-Security/Governance Nexus and Media's Role in Peace and Security.

28 May 2017: Media, State and Human Security

BRAC Institute Governance and Development (BIGD), Mohakhali, Dhaka

23 Nov 2017: State of Governance in Bangladesh: Selected Dimensions [MDS program]

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB)

4 May 2017 (Kushtia Sector): Use of Modern Technologies to Enhance Border Security: A Western Experience

Center for Genocide Studies (CGS, University of Dhaka)

5 Oct 2017: Genocide by the Oppressed/Subaltern Genocide [CGS Diploma program]

20 Aug 2017: Major Violent Extremist Incidents: Investigation Methods and Techniques [PVE workshop for Anti-Terrorism Unit officers of Bangladesh Police]

RESEARCH PROJECTS & POLICY ADVOCACY

Principal Investigator & Team Leader

October 2017 - June 2018

Research Project on "Scopes and Challenges of Community Policing in Industrial Police Units of Bangladesh", A study commissioned by Research & Planning Dept. of Bangladesh Police

- Lead researcher to prepare the proposal, research methodology and field research plan
- Plan to conduct a mixed method research
- Write in-depth research report and propose a model of Industrial Community Policing for Bangladesh Police

Co-Investigator

November 2017

Rapid Appraisal of the Rohingya Crisis and its Potential for Violent Extremism, This research project is commissioned by *Obirodh* project of MSI and funded by the USAID, Dhaka.

- A core member of the three-member research team
- Designed, formulated and conducted a week-long empirical research in Ukhia, Teknaf, Ramu and Cox's Bazar
- Wrote draft report, disseminated with the stakeholders and revised on the basis of feedback.

Resolve Fellow, The United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Washington DC March-September 2017

- Conducted a scoping study for the USIP on community policing and its approach to counter violent extremism
- Designed the empirical intervention in Dhaka's police stations
- Writing the Policy Brief for USIP, State Department of the US and the Bangladesh Police

Principal Investigator

April - June 2017

The World Bank Study on Gender Responsive Social Assessment on Bangladesh Scaling-up Renewable Energy Project (P161869)

- Conducted the study for a second party research firm (Development Research Initiative, dRi)
- Designed a qualitative approach to conduct research plan and conduct field work for data collection in Feni, Rajshahi and Dhaka
- Prepared the final report for The World Bank

National Consultant

October 2014

Drafting *National Peacekeeping Strategy*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Government of Bangladesh,

- Closely worked as a core member of a two-member team and the MOFA (UN Desk) in designing a draft of the proposed National Peacekeeping Strategy for Bangladesh
- Conducted meetings and collated feedback from stakeholders – BIPSOT, AFD, Bangladesh Police, and BIIS – to update the proposed strategy paper.

Senior Research Associate (Part-time)

January - July 2010 and June - October 2012

BRAC Development Institute (BDI), BRAC University, 66 Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Designed a course curriculum for the Masters in Development Management and Practices (MDMP) for BDI. The tasks also included coordination with the Global Network of Masters in Development Practice (MDP) program supported by the MacArthur Foundation and Columbia University.
- Conducted policy research and contributed in writing reports for the World Bank and Overseas Development Institute (UK)-funded studies on poverty reduction and social safety-net in Bangladesh.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2017 Resolve Network Fall Forum on Digging the Roots of Violent Extremism, presented a paper titled *Can community policing help counter violent extremism?*, 27-28 September, organized by US Institute of Peace, Washington DC.

- 2016 'Elite Convergence in a Partyarchy Public Order: Role of Domestic Elites in an Externally-Driven Police Reform in Bangladesh', presented in a panel titled *Policing the city - how public order and security are conceptualised and delivered in contemporary South Asia* in 24th European Conference on South Asian Studies, 27 to 30 July, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland.
- 2015 'Partyarchy and Elite Convergence in the Transitional State: Role of Actors in Civilian Security Sector (Police) Reform in Bangladesh' presented in a panel titled *The Politics surrounding Public Policy in the 'Global South'* at *International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP)*, 2 July, Catholic University of Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy.
- 2015 'Partyarchy and Elite Convergence in the Transitional State: A Conceptual Framework to Understand the Local Elite Dynamics on Civilian Security Sector (Police) Reform in Bangladesh', presented at *British International Studies Association-Post Graduate Network (BISA-PGN) Annual Conference*, 30 March, King's College London, London, UK.
- 2014 'South Asian regionalism and UN peacekeeping missions: A case of 'and never the twain shall meet'?', presented at *International Conference on United Nations Peacekeeping: South Asian Perspectives*, 1 March, South Asian University, New Delhi, India.
- 2013 'Bangladesh's contribution in UN Peacekeeping Operations', presented at *United Nations Peacekeeping and South Asia: Trends and Prospects*, 7 August, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 2009 'Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and the MDGs: GO-NGO Collaboration - The Case of Bangladesh' at *Global Partners in Actions: NGO Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development*, September 2-4, Berlin, Germany, This paper was commissioned by the UNFPA, Bangladesh.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages Bengali (Native) • English (Fluent) • Hindi (Advanced Working Knowledge)
Research NVivo (Advanced) • SPSS (Basic)

REFERENCES

Professor Ehsanul Haque

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 (As of March 2018)

Annexure I: List of Publications [15 academic publications in journals, books and policy paper series]*Publications in peer-reviewed journals*International Journals

- Biswas, N. R. & Zaman, R. (August 2017), "The Contribution of Commonwealth Armed Forces in UN Peacekeeping: The Case of Bangladesh", *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, Special Edition on Commonwealth & Peacekeeping.
- Biswas, N. R. & Zaman, R. (2015), "South Asian Regionalism and UN Peacekeeping Missions: A Case of 'and Never the Twain shall Meet'?", *Journal of International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 19, Issue 3-4, pp. 249-273, DOI: [10.1163/18754112-01904003](https://doi.org/10.1163/18754112-01904003).
- Biswas, N. R. & Zaman, R. (2014), "Bangladesh's Participation in UN Peacekeeping Missions and Challenges for Civil-Military Relations: A Case for Concordance Theory", *International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 21, Issue 3, pp. 324-344, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2014.938913>.
- Biswas, N. R. (2011 Winter), "[Is the Environment a Security Threat?: Environmental Security beyond Securitization](#)," *International Affairs Review*, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Vol. XX, No. 1, <http://iar-gwu.org/sites/default/files/articlepdfs/Niloy%20Biswas%20-%20Is%20the%20Environment%20a%20Security%20Threat.pdf>

National Journals

- Biswas, N.R. & Zaman, R. (2017), "Bangladesh and United Nations Peacekeeping Missions: The Quest for a National Policy to Meet the Challenge of Uncertainty", *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (Hum.)*, Vol. 62, Issue 2, pp. 155-181.
- Biswas, N. R. (2013), "The 1997 Post-Conflict Elections in Liberia: From Anarchy to Warlords' Peace?", *Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 10&11 No.1&II 2013, pp. 77-93. (Published from Dept. of International Relations, University of Dhaka).
- Biswas, N. R. (2012), "Governance Policy Orientation and Civil Society Organizations: Reflections on Global Governance and CSOs in Bangladesh", *Identity, Culture and Politics: An Afro-Asian Dialogue*, Vol. 13, No. 1, July, pp-45-64.
- Biswas, N. R. (2012), "The United States' Strategy in the Indian Ocean Region: Offshore Balancing Revisited", *BISS Journal*, Vol. 33, No. 4, October, pp. 33-42.
- Biswas, N. R. & Akter, M. (December 2012), "Coercive State Intervention in Conflict Resolution: The Case of Sri Lanka," *Social Science Review* Vol. 29, No. 2, pp- 67-78. [Published from Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh]
- Biswas, N. R. & Hossain, D. (2010), "[Civil Society Activism: Globalization and State of CSOs in Bangladesh](#)," *Journal of International Affairs*, BILIA, Vol. 14, No. 1 & 2 (June & December), p 65-84.
- Biswas, N. R. with Hasan, M. & Shahan, A. (2008 June), "Public Private Partnership in Rebuilding Accountability: The Missing Link," *Journal of Administrative Studies*, Jahangirnagar University (Bangladesh), No. 01, p 41-51.

Book chapters (International)

- Biswas, N. R. & Zaman, R. (2016), "South Asian Regionalism and UN Peacekeeping Missions: A Case of 'and Never the Twain Shall Meet'?" in Brendan Howe and Boris Kondoch (eds.), *Peacekeeping and the Asia-Pacific*, Brill, Martinus Nijhoff (originally published in *Journal of International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 19, Issue 3-4).
- Biswas, N. R. & Zaman, R. (2013) "Bangladesh" in A.J. Bellamy & P.D. Williams (eds.), *Providing Peacekeepers: The Politics, Challenges, and Future of United Nations Peacekeeping Contributions*, Oxford, Oxford University Press. See: <http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199672820.do>.

Working Papers and other academic contributions

- Biswas, N. R., & Zaman, R. (2016), [Country Profile: Bangladesh](#) (International Peace Institute, Providing for Peacekeeping Project, Version 16 December 2016).
- Biswas, N. R. and Zaman, R. (2014), "Cooperation between TCCs and the UN; South Asia cooperation; peacebuilding and NGOs", [What Needs to Change in UN Peace Operations? An expert briefing book prepared for the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations](#), New York: Center for International Cooperation and International Peace Institute, November.
- Biswas, N. R., Jahan, F. and Shahan, A. (2008), [Institutions of Accountability: Public Service Commission, 2007](#), Dhaka: Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University.