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Education

University of Dhaka

Master of Social Sciences (M.S.S.), Department of Economics

January 2017 – December 2017

CGPA: 3.50/4.00

University of Dhaka

Bachelor of Social Sciences (B.S.S.), Department of Economics

January 2013 – December 2016

CGPA: 3.94/4.00

Certifications

Received **Professor Dr. Nasreen Khundker Memorial Gold Medal**, 2016 for obtaining highest CGPA (3.94 out of 4.00) in BSS (Hons.) in Economics.

2017

Received **Dean’s Award** 2017 for obtaining the highest CGPA (3.94 out of 4.00) in BSS (Hons.) in Economics (2016).

2017

Presented a research paper titled ‘**Enhancing FDI Inflow in South Asia: A Panel Data Analysis**’ at the 13th South Asian Economic Students’ Meet (SAESM) organized by the Nepal Economic Association in collaboration with Ramjas College, University of Delhi and supported by The World Bank Group at Tribhuvan University, Nepal.

January 2017

Participated in the Budding Economist Competition and won the title of ‘**Budding Economist of South Asia**’ at the 12th SAESM organized by the Department of Economics, University of Colombo in collaboration with The World Bank Group in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Also presented a research paper titled ‘**Demographic Dividend for Accelerating Growth and Confronting Development challenges of South Asia**’.

April 2016

Member of the **winning team of the Economics Quiz Contest** at the 12th SAESM.

April 2016

Became **champion in ‘Creative Writing Competition**’ held during Global Money Week in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Bangladesh Bank in 2015.

2015

Professional Experience

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies

Research Associate

May 2019-Present

Research Interests: Development Economics; Labor Economics; Industrial Organization; Behavioral and Experimental Economics

East West University

Lecturer, Department of Economics

September 2018-April 2019

Courses: Principles of Microeconomics (ECO-101); College Mathematics (MAT-100); Mathematics for Business and Economics (MAT-110)

Centre for Policy Dialogue

Programme Associate, Research

February 2018-June 2018

Supervisor: Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya

Undergraduate Internship Experience

Centre for Policy Dialogue

October, 2016

Intern, CPD Youth Leadership Program

Selected Studies

Earnings Inequality and the Changing Nature of Work - Evidence from Labor Force Survey Data of Bangladesh

With: [Sayema Haque Bidisha](#) and [Tanveer Mahmood](#)

Link to the working paper: [Earnings inequality and the changing nature of work: Evidence from Labor Force Survey data of Bangladesh \(UNUWIDER\)](#)

Gender Differences in Time Use and Labor Force Participation

With: [Sajeda Amin](#) and [Nahian Azad Shashi](#)

Link to the project: [Gender Differences in Time Use and Labor Force Participation \(BIDS\)](#)

Comprehensive Nationally Representative Panel Data Generation

With: [S. R. Osmani](#), [Binayak Sen](#), [Monzur Hossain](#), [Minhaj Mahmud](#) and [Nahian Azad Shashi](#)

Link to the project: [Comprehensive nationally representative panel data generation \(BIDS\)](#)

Feasibility Study for New Projects of Department of Youth Development

With: [Azreen Karim](#), [Binayak Sen](#), [Rizwana Islam](#) and [Tanveer Mahmood](#)

Link to the project: [Feasibility study for new projects of DYD \(BIDS\)](#)

Independent Research

A Socio-demographic Comparison of University Students' Mental Health before and after the Initiation of Online Classes

With: [Jeenat Mehareen](#) and [Tahia Anan Dhira](#)

Project Details: Research Grant from University Grants Commission

Situation Analysis of Protection at Host Community in Cox's Bazar

With: [Kazi Golam Tashfiq](#)

Project Details: Funded by BRAC Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme (HCMP)

Needs Assessment and Capacity Building of SMEs and MSMEs for Expanding Businesses in Priority SDGs of INFF4SDGs

With: [Kazi Golam Tashfiq](#)

Project Details: Funded by International Labor Organization (ILO)

Publications

Bidisha, S. Haque, Mahmood, T. & **Rahman, M.A. (2021)** Earnings inequality and the changing nature of work: Evidence from Labour Force Survey data of Bangladesh. WIDER Working Paper 2021/7. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER. <https://doi.org/10.35188/UNU-WIDER/2021/941-9>

(Forthcoming) Bidisha, S. Haque, Mahmood, T. & **Rahman, M.A.** Earnings inequality and the changing nature of work: Evidence from Labour Force Survey data of Bangladesh. Forthcoming Book Chapter. Chapter 8- The Changing Nature of Work and Inequality in The Changing Nature of Work and Inequality: A view from the Global South. Oxford University Press.

Mehareen, J., **Rahman, M. A.**, Dhira, T. A., & Sarker, A. R. (2021). Prevalence and socio-demographic correlates of depression, anxiety, and co-morbidity during COVID-19: A cross-sectional study among public and private university students of Bangladesh. *Journal of Affective Disorders Reports*, 5, 100179. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadr.2021.100179>

Dhira, T. A., **Rahman, M. A.**, Sarker, A. R., & Mehareen, J. (2021). Validity and reliability of the Generalized Anxiety Disorder-7 (GAD-7) among university students of Bangladesh. *PloS one*, 16(12), e0261590. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0261590>

Rahman, M. A., Dhira, T. A., Sarker, A. R., & Mehareen, J. (2022). Validity and reliability of the Patient Health Questionnaire scale (PHQ-9) among university students of Bangladesh. *PloS one*, 17(6), e0269634. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0269634>

Op-Eds

- “Economists and their predictions: What lies beneath the illusion of simplicity?”. [The Daily Star](#). Published: August 7, 2022.
- “Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka: A Comparative Anatomy”. [The Daily Star](#). Published: April 27, 2022.
- “Ramadan, consumers and just pricing”. [The Daily Star](#). Published: April 19, 2022.
- “Morality in the age of social media”. [The Daily Star](#). Published: March 22, 2022
- “Is our generation ready for future challenges?” [The Daily Star](#). Published: January 17, 2022
- “Morality in the 21st century: Moral progress or amoralisation?” [The Financial Express](#). Published: March 13, 2020.

Selected Working Papers

- “Gender Differences in Time Use and Labor Force Participation: Evidence from Bangladesh”, with [Sajeda Amin](#) and [Nahian Azad Shashi](#)
- “Aspirational Momentum: The Development Story of Bangladesh”, with [Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury](#) [co-authored and co-presented a working paper. Link: [Study Link](#) [Video of Seminar](#)]
- “Structure of Industry in Bangladesh: Some stylized facts from Survey of Manufacturing Industries Data”, with [Kazi Iqbal](#) and [Jayed Bin Satter](#)

Selected Online Courses

- [Introduction to Artificial Intelligence \(IBM Skills Network\)](#)
- [Understanding Memory: Explaining the Psychology of Memory through Movies \(Wesleyan University\)](#)
- [Moral Foundations of Politics \(Yale University\)](#)
- [Moralities of Everyday Life \(Yale University\)](#)
- [Introduction to Psychology \(Yale University\)](#)