



Annual BIDS Conference on Development 2024

Equality, Opportunity, Freedom, and Dignity:
Restructuring Institutions for Equitable
and Sustainable Development

Greetings from BIDS!

We are pleased to invite you to the **Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD)** to be held on December 7-10, 2024. The theme of this year's conference is *Equality, Opportunity, Freedom, and Dignity: Restructuring Institutions for Equitable and Sustainable Development*. It will be held in a hybrid mode at the Lakeshore Hotel, House no. 46, Road no. 41, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The aim of the ABCD Conference is to provide a platform for the dissemination of research conducted by national and international scholars and engage wider communities on contemporary development issues and debates. A total of 30 papers, 2 keynote addresses and 12 public lectures from Bangladesh and abroad will be presented and delivered at the conference.

We sincerely expect your face-to-face engagement and participation in this unique and prestigious 4-day conference. You will also have the opportunity to watch live on BIDS Facebook page (facebook.com/bids.org.bd).

We count on your presence and kindly request you to save these dates in your calendar for this conference.

A program schedule is enclosed herewith for your convenience.

Thank you and best regards.



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7-10 December 2024

La Vita Hall, Lakeshore Hotel
Gulshan-2, Dhaka



Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)

PROGRAM

Day 1: Saturday, December 7, 2024

09:00 am - 09:30 am	Registration and Tea
Inaugural Session	Restructuring Institutions for Equitable and Sustainable Development
09:30 am - 11:30 am	Opening Remarks
	Introducing the Theme of Interconnectedness: Equality, Opportunity, Freedom, and Dignity
	<i>Binayak Sen, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)</i>
Inaugural Address	The Middle-Income Trap 
09:40 am - 10:30 am	<i>Indermit S. Gill, Senior Vice President, Development Economics and Chief Economist, the World Bank Group (with Somik V. Lall, Director, WDR 2024)</i>
	Chief Guest
	<i>Wahiduddin Mahmud, Hon'ble Adviser, Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i>
Special Address for the Conference	On Equality
	<i>Wahiduddin Mahmud, Hon'ble Adviser, Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i>
Q&A Session	
11:30 am - 11:45 am	Tea Break
Public Lecture 1	Agenda for Economic and Social Reforms
11:45 am - 01:00 pm	<i>Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>Binayak Sen, Director General, BIDS</i>
01:00 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch
Academic Session 1	Session on Dignity of the Excluded by University of Bath
02:00 pm - 03:15 pm	
Paper 1	Dignity and unfree labour in India
	<i>Vibhor Matthur, University of Bath, England</i>
Paper 2	Extreme poverty in Bangladesh: An intersectional exploration of dignity
	<i>Joe Devine and Mathilde Maitrot, University of Bath, England</i>
Session Chair	<i>Imran Matin, Executive Director, BIGD</i>
Public Lecture 2	Keeping Democracy Alive in Bangladesh or Anywhere
03:15 pm - 04:15 pm	<i>Geof Wood, Professor Emeritus, Department of Social & Policy Sciences, University of Bath, UK</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, Former civil servant and author</i>
Academic Session 2	Session on Poverty in Bangladesh based on HIES 2022 by World Bank
04:15 pm - 06:00 pm	
Paper 1	Recent Macro and Poverty Trends in Bangladesh
	<i>Dhruv Sharma, Senior Economist, World Bank</i>
	<i>Nethra Palaniswamy, Senior Economist, World Bank</i>
Paper 2	Which Households are Vulnerable to Falling into Poverty in Bangladesh?
	<i>Sergio Olivieri, Senior Economist, World Bank</i>
Paper 3	Is Education Supporting Intergenerational Mobility in Bangladesh?
	<i>Ayago Wambile, Senior Economist, World Bank</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>Abdoulaye Seck, Country Director, World Bank</i>
Keynote Address 1	Equality and Opportunity 
06:00 pm - 07:00 pm	<i>Ravi Kanbur, T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs, International Professor of Applied Economics and Management, Professor of Economics, Cornell University, USA</i>
Q&A Session	
07:00 pm	Dinner

Day 2: Sunday, December 8, 2024

08:30 am - 09:00 am

Registration and Tea

Academic Session 3

BIDS Work I: Technology, Supply Chain and Employment in Firms

09:00 am - 10:45 am

Paper 1

Supply Chain Dynamics for Sustainable RMG Growth in Bangladesh

Monzur Hossain, Research Director, BIDS

Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury, Research Fellow, BIDS

Md. Nadim Uddin, Research Associate, BIDS

Paper 2

Technological upgradation in RMG industries in Bangladesh: Some preliminary findings

Kazi Iqbal, Research Director, BIDS

M. Mozammel Huq, Retired Senior Academic, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, UK

K.M. Nabiul Islam, Former Senior Research Fellow, BIDS

Paper 3

Structural Changes in Industrial Sector of Bangladesh: 2012 to 2019

Mahir A. Rahman, Research Associate, BIDS

Jayed Bin Satter, Research Associate, BIDS

Kazi Iqbal, Research Director, BIDS

Paper 4

How would technological progress impact employment in the manufacturing sector of Bangladesh? An empirical projection

Mahtab Uddin, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

Farhin Islam, Research Associate, BIDS

Q&A Session

Session Chair

Sajjad Zohir, Executive Director, Economic Research Group (ERG)

10:45 am - 11:00 am

Tea Break

Academic Session 4

Session on Agriculture and Food Security by IFPRI

11:00 am - 01:00 pm

Paper 1

Food Price Policy in South Asia: Cereal Stocks, Prices and Trade

Paul Dorosh, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Paper 2

Aquaculture Value Chain Development: Emerging Policy Insights

Benjamin Belton, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Paper 3

Rice Markets and Price Stabilization in Bangladesh 

Nick Minot, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

Q&A Session

Session Chair

Shahidur Rashid, Director, South Asia Region, IFPRI

01:00 pm - 02:00 pm

Lunch

Public Lecture 3

Corporate Agriculture

02:00 pm - 03:00 pm

M.A. Sattar Mandal, Professorial Fellow, BIDS and Former Vice Chancellor, Bangladesh Agricultural University

Q&A Session

Session Chair

Md. Asaduzzaman, Former Research Director, BIDS

Academic Session 5

BIDS Work II: Living Conditions, Inflation and Well-being

03:00 pm - 05:00 pm

Paper 1

The State of the Manufacturing Workers in Bangladesh

Binayak Sen, Director General, BIDS

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Research Fellow, BIDS

Kashfi Rayan, Research Associate, BIDS

Mahmudul Hasan, Research Associate, BIDS

Papri Das, Research Associate, BIDS

Md. Nadim Uddin, Research Associate, BIDS

Paper 2	Inflation, Subjective Well-being and Aspirations: Evidence from Rural Households in Bangladesh <i>Binayak Sen, Director General, BIDS</i> S. M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Research Fellow, BIDS <i>Rizwana Islam, Research Associate, BIDS</i>
Paper 3	How Rural Food Inflation Impacts Food Consumption Patterns: Evidence From 64 Districts  <i>Binayak Sen, Director General, BIDS</i> <i>S. M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Research Fellow, BIDS</i> <i>Rizwana Islam, Research Associate, BIDS</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>KAS Murshid, Former Director General, BIDS</i>
Academic Session 6	Is Urbanization Promoting Industrialization in Bangladesh?
05:00 pm - 06:00 pm	<i>Ahmad Ahsan, Director, Policy Research Institute</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>M.G. Quibria, Professor of Economics, Morgan State University, USA</i>
Public Lecture 4	Shifting Sands: Navigating the Place of Bangladesh in the Global Trade Landscape
06:00 pm - 07:00 pm	<i>M.G. Quibria, Professor of Economics, Morgan State University, USA</i>
Q&A Session	
07:00 pm	Dinner

Day 3: Monday, December 9, 2024


09:30 am - 10:00 am	Registration and Tea
Academic Session 7	BIDS Work III: Education and Health
10:00 am - 11:15 am	
Paper 1	Understanding Unemployment among College Graduates <i>Badrun Nessa Ahmed, Research Fellow, BIDS</i> S. M. Zulfiqar Ali, Research Director, BIDS <i>Rizwana Islam, Research Associate, BIDS</i>
Paper 2	Out-of-pocket (OOP) costs of Kidney dialysis in Bangladesh <i>Abdur Razzaque Sarker, Research Fellow, BIDS</i> <i>Rasedul Islam, Research Officer, BIDS</i>
Paper 3	Community clinics and women's healthcare-seeking behaviour: Evidence from Bangladesh <i>Mohammad Riaz Uddin, Research Fellow, BIDS</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>AK Enamul Haque, Deputy Vice Chancellor, UCSI University</i>
Keynote Address 2	Can Bangladesh Renew its Elite Bargain for Development?
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	<i>Stefan Dercon, Professor, Blavatnik School of Government and the Economics Department, University of Oxford, UK</i>
Q&A Session	
Public Lecture 5	Structural Transformation and its Effects on Growth and Poverty 
12:15 pm - 01:15 pm	<i>Jessica Leight, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>S.R. Osmani, Professor of Development Economics, University of Ulster, UK</i>
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Lunch

Academic Session 8 BIDS Work IV: Macro, Energy and Environment

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Paper 1**Impact of Russia-Ukraine War on Bangladesh Economy: Simulation vs. Reality***Tahreem Tahrima Chowdhury, Research Fellow, BIDS**Paul A. Dorosh, Senior Research Fellow, Foresight and Policy Modeling Unit,**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**Rizwana Islam, Research Associate, BIDS**Angga Pradesha, Senior Scientist, Foresight and Policy Modeling Unit,**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)***Paper 2****How much income gap persists across Gender Dimensions due to Climate Change? New evidence from Bangladesh***Azreen Karim, Research Fellow, BIDS***Paper 3****Macroeconomic factors influencing urban-rural divide in electrification rates in South Asia***Muntasir Murshed, Research Fellow, BIDS***Q&A Session****Session Chair***Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, CPD***Academic Session 9 Firm and Environment**

03:15 pm - 04:15 pm

Paper 1**Dual Misbeliefs and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Air Purifiers in Bangladesh***Martin Mattsson, Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore***Paper 2****Does Trade with Multinationals Induce Greener Production? Evidence from the Bangladesh Fashion Industry***Moogdho Mahzab, Associate Research Fellow, IFPRI***Q&A Session****Session Chair***Mehrab Bakhtiar, Research Fellow, IFPRI***Public Lecture 6**TBA (title) 

04:15 pm - 05:15 pm

Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Professor of Economics, Yale University, USA

05:15 pm - 05:30 pm

Tea Break**Public Lecture 7****Public Debt, Domestic and Foreign: How Much is too Much?**

05:30 pm - 06:30 pm

*Syed Moinul Ahsan, Professor Emeritus, Department of Economics, Concordia University, Canada***Q&A Session****Session Chair***Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, CPD*

06:30 pm

Dinner**Day 4: Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

09:00 am - 09:30 am

Registration and Tea**Public Lecture 8****Building Resilience Among the Poor: Lessons from the Field** 

09:30 am - 10:30 am

*Yasuyuki Sawada, Former Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank and Professor, University of Tokyo, Japan***Q&A Session****Session Chair***Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Director, BIDS Graduate School of Economics***Academic Session 10****Child Marriage**

10:30 am - 12:05 pm

Paper 1**Effectiveness of girls' empowerment and social norm intervention in reducing child marriage***Ruchira Naved, Emeritus Scientist, icddr,b*

Paper 2	Edutainment and the prevention of under-age marriages: The evaluation of a television series designed to promote positive role models in Bangladesh <i>Muhammed Nazmul Islam, Lead Researcher, Development Programs, Sajida Foundation</i> <i>Atonu Rabbani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</i> <i>And others</i>
Paper 3	Can Child Marriage Law Change Attitudes and Behaviour? Experimental Evidence from an Information Intervention in Bangladesh <i>M. Niaz Asadullah, Professor of Development Economics, Monash University Malaysia</i>
Paper 4	Intrahousehold Bargaining and Girls' Time-Use Spent on Unpaid Domestic Work  <i>Momoe Makino, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO)</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>Sajeda Amin, Senior Associate, Population Council, New York</i>
Academic Session 11	BIDS Work V: Credit, Agricultural Productivity and Land Use
12:05 pm - 01:15 pm	
Paper 1	Agricultural Credit, Training, and Farm Household Welfare in Bangladesh <i>Mohammad Yunus, Research Director, BIDS</i> <i>Taznoore Samina Khanam, Research Fellow, BIDS</i>
Paper 2	Agricultural Productivity and Technical Efficiency in Bangladesh <i>Mohammad Yunus, Research Director, BIDS</i> <i>M A Sattar Mandal, Professorial Fellow, BIDS</i> <i>Azreen Karim, Research Fellow, BIDS</i> Taznoore Samina Khanam, Research Fellow, BIDS <i>Rizwana Islam, Research Associate, BIDS</i>
Paper 3	Impact of International Migration on the Use of Agriculture Land: Evidence from Bangladesh <i>Kazi Iqbal, Research Director, BIDS</i> Md. Nadim Uddin, Research Associate, BIDS <i>Kazi Zubair Hossain, Research Associate (Temporary), BIDS</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>Quazi Shahabuddin, Former Director General, BIDS</i>
01:15 pm - 02:15 pm	Lunch
Public Lecture 9	Political Economy of Food System Transformation 
02:15 pm - 03:15 pm	<i>Johan Swinnen, Director General, IFPRI & Managing Director, System Transformation Science Group, CGIAR</i>
Q&A Session	
Academic Session 12	Research Methods on Poverty, Vulnerability, and Poverty Dynamics: Oxford Policy Management (OPM) Supported Works 
03:15 pm - 04:15 pm	
Public Lecture 10	Constructing Synthetic Panels for the Study of Poverty Dynamics 
04:15 pm - 05:15 pm	<i>Peter Lanjouw, Professor of Economics at VU University, Amsterdam</i>
05:15 pm - 05:30 pm	Tea Break
Public Lecture 11	Does Nutrition-Sensitive Social Protection Build Long-Term Resilience? Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh 
05:30 pm - 06:30 pm	<i>John Hoddinott, Professor of Economics, Cornell University, USA</i>
Public Lecture 12	Poverty Dynamics amidst Intersecting Crises in Rural Bangladesh 
06:30 pm - 07:30 pm	<i>Vidya Diwakar, IDS, Sussex University, UK</i>
Q&A Session	
Session Chair	<i>Umar Salam, Senior Economist, Oxford Policy Management</i>
07:30 pm - 07:40 pm	Vote of Thanks by Kazi Iqbal
07:40 pm	Dinner