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Research Interests

Repression in Deeply Divided Societies; Genocide Studies; Comparative Politics (South Asia; Africa); Human Rights

Education**Doctor of Philosophy, expected Spring 2027**

Department of Political Science

University of Connecticut

Subfields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Masters of Arts (M.A.), Spring 2025

Department of Political Science

University of Connecticut

CGPA: 3.93

Masters of Philosophy (M.Phil.), 2021

Department of Political Science

University of Dhaka

Thesis: Securitization of Rohingyas in Myanmar

Masters of Social Science (M.S.S), 2016

Department of Political Science

University of Dhaka

CGPA: 3.94, Merit Position- 2nd

Bachelor of Social Science (B.S.S), 2015

Department of Political Science

University of Dhaka

CGPA: 3.74, Merit Position- 4th

Current Affiliation

Primary Instructor: Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Connecticut, Hartford (Fall 2025)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political science, University of Connecticut (Fall 2022 to present)

Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2025)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

Politics of Crime and Justice (Spring 2025)

Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2023)

Congress in Theory and Practice (Fall 2024)

State and Local Government (Fall 2024)

Professional Experience

Research Assistant, University of Connecticut, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Summer 2025)

Project: Archival research on the politics of disability institutionalization in the US and beyond

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), Sylhet, Bangladesh (2019-2022)

Courses Taught: Comparative Politics, Major Political Systems (UK, USA, China, Japan), Political Economy, Public Administration, Governance & Politics, Gender Politics, International Relations.

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Sheikh Burhanuddin Post Graduate College Dhaka, Bangladesh (Feb 2019-June 2019)

Research Projects Directed

Year	My Position	Supervisor	Projects
2021-22	Co-Investigator	Dr. Fahmida Akter	Bangladesh-India Economic Relations: A Study on Cross-Border Trade; funded by SUST Research Centre, SUST, Bangladesh
2020-21	Team Member	Prof. Dr. Sabbir Ahmed	Geo-politics, Bangabandhu and the Independent State of Bangladesh; funded by Banglapedia, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Graduate Supervision (Masters Supervisor)

- 2021 : Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Digitalization in Bangladesh, Prianka Saha, MSS, Session: 2018-2019, Department of Political Studies, SUST.
- 2020 : Climate Change-induced Migration in North-Eastern Region of Bangladesh, Adel Ahmed, MSS, Session: 2019-2020, Department of Political Studies, SUST.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2025 : Howard L. Reiter Memorial Award for Political Science Graduate Education
- 2024 : J. Garry Clifford Graduate Fellowship Fund, which is given annually to a graduate student who demonstrates academic excellence in graduate program
- 2023 : J. Garry Clifford Graduate Fellowship Fund
- 2023 : POLS Teaching Assistant of the Year Award for demonstrating excellence in teaching.
- 2015 : BSS (Hon's) Merit Scholarship, 2015 awarded by University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- 2011 : Talent Pool Scholarship awarded by Board of Intermediate and Higher Secondary Education (Sylhet) for securing 4th Position (Combined) in Sylhet Board [1st Position in Humanities Group].

Language Proficiency

English : IELTS: 7, Bangla (Vernacular), Hindi (Novice)

Software Skills

- Microsoft office (MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint)
- STATA
- Slido

Publications

Journal Article(s):

Akter, F., and Akter, M. T., Bangladesh-India Economic Relations: A Study on Cross-Border Trade, *SUST Journal of Social Sciences*, 34(1), 67-95.

Akter, M.T., Female Students' Representation in Student Political Organizations of Bangladesh: An Analysis, *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (Hum.)*. 2020, 65(1), 25 – 49.

Akter, M.T., Islamphobia in Myanmar and the Making of Minority Muslims 'Fearsome Other': An Analysis from Psycho-cultural and Legal Perspective, *Journal of politics and Administration*, 2021 (Forthcoming).

Book Chapter(s):

Akter, M.T., Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and Bangabandhu's Leadership: A Geopolitical Analysis, in Ahmed, S. (ed.), *Geo-politics, Bangabandhu and the Independent State of Bangladesh*, 2021, Banglapedia (Forthcoming).

Akter, M.T., and Akter, S., Nationalism and Nation-state Idea of Swami Vivekananda: The Indian Renaissance Context, in Srabasti Roy (ed.), *Bisshawjoyi Biresshor*, Egra Sarada Sashi Bhusan College, 2021. 210-224, ISBN: 978-81-951409-9-2

Conference and Seminar Proceedings

Year	Conference / Seminar
June 8-13	Scheidt Family Seminar on Genocide Studies and Prevention, hosted by the Dodd Human Rights Impact Programs of the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute at University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
April 2025	Presented a paper (in collaboration) titled "Impact of Protest Violence on Human Security Dynamics in Bangladesh: Study from Human Rights Perspective" in the 82nd Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, USA
April 2024	Presented a paper titled "Ethic Repression and Survival of Authoritarianism in Deeply Divided Societies" in the 81st Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, USA
Oct 20, 2023	Fifth Annual Conference on Decolonizing International Relations (DIR) held at the Fletcher School, Cabot Intercultural Center, Tufts University, USA.
November, 2022	Attended Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Annual Conference held on November 12, 2022 at Boston, MA, USA
2020	Presented paper titled 'Land Boundary Agreement, 1974 and Bangabandhu's Leadership: A Geopolitical Analysis' at a virtual conference on 'Geo-politics, Bangabandhu and the Independent State of Bangladesh' held on 27 August 2020, Dhaka, Bangladesh
2019	Presented paper titled 'Female Students' Representation in Student Political Organizations of Bangladesh: An Analysis' at an international conference, organized by Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) at the University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 16 September, 2019.
2018	Attended a national conference on 'The Rohingya Crisis: Future Scenarios' organized by Department of International Relations, Dhaka University at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on March 14 to March 15, 2018.

2017	Presented Paper titled ‘Student Politics in Bangladesh: A Study on Female Students’ Representation’ at an International Conference on ‘Gender Mainstreaming in Politics, Administration and Development in South Asia and Beyond’, organized by University of Bergen, Norway and North South University, Dhaka on 18 November 2017 at North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
2017	Participated a seminar on ‘Youth Road Show for Parliamentary Democracy’ organized by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) at National Parliament, Bangladesh on 23 May 2017.
2017	Presented paper titled ‘Intra-party Democracy in Bangladesh: A Study on Candidate Nomination Process in the Ninth Parliament Elections’ at a national conference on ‘Parliamentary Democracy in the Age of Globalization: Bangladesh Perspective’, organized by Bangladesh Centre for Political Studies (BCPS) at the University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 7th January 2017.

Professional Training/Workshop

Training Title	Institution	Duration	Covered Topics
Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	ICPSR	June 20- July 7, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative Methods
Data Processing and Analysis	ASB, Dhaka	March 28 to April 3, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paradigms of Social Research, Basic Preparations of Qualitative Research, Research Approach/Strategy, Thematic Analysis, Data Collection Techniques, System of Analysis Data Interpretation
Academic Paper Writing	IQAC, SUST	November 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to write manuscript, grammatical errors, how to review manuscript
Research Paper Writing	IQAC, SUST	June 10, 2021	Manuscript’s guidelines, content representation, publication procedure, journal selection criteria, research ethics
Teaching Learning and Assessment for Quality Education	IQAC, SUST	February 15-18, 2020	Interactive teaching methods, course content preparation, course material sharing tools, question framework, assessment guidelines, teaching norms and ethics, project writing
Research Methodology	ASB, Dhaka	March 1 to 2, 2019	How to conduct qualitative research, Literature review, Data collection methods, Data analysis

ASB – Asiatic Society of Bangladesh
IQAC – Institutional Quality Assurance Cell

External Affiliations

Secretary, Political Science Graduate Students Association (PSGSA) since April, 2023 to 2024; Treasurer (2024-present)
Research Assistant, Bangladesh Centre for Political Studies (BCPS), Dhaka, Bangladesh (2016-2018)
President, Political Science English Adda (PSEA), Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka (from July 2016 to October 2017)

Memberships

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Member, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh

REFERENCE

Prof Shareen Hertel

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