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**Mr. Labib Mahmud**

Moderated the SHSS Faculty Seminar titled, "Youth-Led Movements to Governance Reform: What Nepal's Gen Z uprising can learn from Bangladesh's 'Monsoon Uprising' and Sri Lanka's 'Aragalaya.'"



**Ms. Musharrat Hossain**

Hosted a podcast episode titled, "Is Bangladesh's Spiritual and Folk Culture Under Attack?" for *The Post*

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17Vk81gXsc/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



**Ms. Nasrin Pervin**

Published an article titled, "Artificial Intelligence as a Muse or a Rival? A Comparative Study of Poetic Creativity between Algerian EFL University Students and ChatGPT-4" in the *An-Najah University Journal for Research*

<https://shorturl.at/SITp2>



The Department of English and Modern Languages at NSU hosted a its Colloquium Series featuring British-Bangladeshi novelist Zia Haider Rahman in conversation with Dr. Nazia Manzoor, Chair of DEML



The Department of English and Modern Languages at NSU hosted a Discourse Series lecture titled, "Academic versus Non-academic Language: A Propaganda for the Sake of the Industry" by Professor Manosh Chowdhury, Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University



**Professor Dr. Ishtiaque Ahmed**

Published an op-ed titled, "Bamako Convention Cuts Africa Out of the Ship Recycling Industry" in *The Maritime Executive*.

<https://maritime-executive.com/editorials/op-ed-bamako-convention-cuts-africa-out-of-the-ship-recycling-industry>



Department of Law at NSU successfully hosted its Business Law Talk titled, "Ethics in Journalism: The Risks of Being Sued" delivered by Mr. Nayem Ali, Journalist, Asst. Press Secretary to the Chief Advisor, Government of Bangladesh.



Department of Law in collaboration with the Center for Legal Research at NSU hosted a seminar titled, "Locus Standi: Global Perspective"





## Dr. Jalal Uddin Sikder

Published an article titled, "From Marginalization to Silent Decline: Understanding Systemic Barriers of Women's Future in Bangladesh's RMG Industry in the *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*. Dr. Siker also published two op-eds in *Prothom Alo*

<https://doi.org/10.1353/jsa.2025.a970119>  
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/5l8mczq0li>  
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/euopjgzyqa>



## Dr. Mohammad Bulbul Ashraf Siddiqi

Co-authored a book titled, *China in the Eyes of Bangladesh's New Generation*. Dr. Siddiqi also published three journal articles, partook in two international conferences and published two op-eds

<https://doi.org/10.2196/65650>  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00127-025-03012-0>  
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fhumd.2025.1736799>  
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/bd19xw5tec>



## Dr. Noor Mohammad Sarker

Published a book chapter titled, "The 'China Factor' in Bangladesh's Foreign Policy" in the book titled, *China in the Eyes of Bangladesh's New Generation*



## Dr. Raymond Kwun-Sun Lau

Co-authored an article titled, "Emerging Dynamics of Contemporary Bangladesh-UK Relations in the Post-Brexit Era" in the *Journal of Governance, Security, and Development*

<https://jgsd.cgs-bd.com/Journal/JournalAbstract?id=70105>



## Dr. S M Rezwan ul Alam

Published an op-ed titled, "When will the News Media Dare to Question Itself?" in *The Daily Star*

<https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/when-will-the-news-media-dare-question-itself-4046606>



## Dr. Soumik Pal

Co-hosted a podcast titled, "The Mamdani Phenomenon and the Global Left" where journalist Arka Bhaduri was interviewed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEDtSTpe2mA>



## Professor Sk Tawfique M Haque

Co-authored three op-eds titled, 'We "Need a New Vision for Shared Rivers in South Asia," "Money Games in Elections and the Commercial Model of Politics," and "What is India's Position on Bangladesh Elections? in *The Daily Star* and *Prothom Alo* respectively

<https://url-shortener.me/4QRK>  
<https://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/column/h0I22u9hg4>  
<https://url-shortener.me/4QRW>

01

Brig. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. M. Sakhawat Hussain, Adviser to the Ministry of Shipping and the Ministry of Labour and Employment, shared his insights on electoral institutions, governance reforms, and democratic preparedness ahead of the 2026 General Election at The SIPG Talk titled, "Electoral Governance in Bangladesh: Challenges and Possibilities of the 2026 General Election"



02

Dr. Kawser Ahmed, Executive Director of the Conflict and Resilience Research Institute, Canada presented at the SIPG Talk titled, "Charting a Lasting Stability in Myanmar"

03

Dr. Nikolay Yagodka, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia presented at the SIPG Talk titled, "Contemporary Foreign Policy of Russia"



04

SIPG hosted H.E. Ambassador Håkon Arvid Gulbrandsen and the distinguished team from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and the Royal Norwegian Embassy.



05

North South University warmly welcomed representatives from the Russian House and esteemed professors from the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia. As part of their visit, the delegation also toured the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance



06

China-South Asia Center for Socio-Cultural Studies (CSCSS) of SIPG was honored to host a delegation from the Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences. The discussion focused on the Rohingya issue, regional cooperation among Bangladesh, China, and Myanmar, and the upcoming national election in Bangladesh.



# DEAN, SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

01

**The SHSS Faculty Seminar Series** titled, "Youth-Led Movements to Governance Reform: What Nepal's Gen Z uprising can learn from Bangladesh's 'Monsoon Uprising' and Sri Lanka's 'Aragalaya'" was delivered by Professor SK Tawfique M. Haque, Department of Political Science and Sociology, and Director, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance, NSU.



02

**The SHSS Undergraduate Colloquium Series** featured presentations by Ms. Miftahul Jannat Sachi, Department of English & Modern Languages, Mr. Bashirul Islam Bihango, Department of Law, and Ms. Tanzim Binta Pervaz, Department of Political Science and Sociology.

03

**The SHSS Distinguished Lecture Series** titled, "Human Rights and National Security: Why Open Societies Need Open Voices" was presented by H.E. Irina Schoulgin Nyoni, Ambassador for Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden



**Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam**  
**Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Published Oxford ILDC Headnote titled, "Ain-o-Salish Kendra (ASK) and Another v Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Manpower and Others."



## MEMBERS



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