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(CSCSS)

## NEWSLETTER

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December 2023



### International Conferences

#### A Three-day 7th International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA) Conference on Humanitarianism in Changing Climates (5-7 November 2023)

The 7th IHSA International Conference on ‘Humanitarianism in Changing Climates’ was held at North South University (NSU) from 5 to 7 November 2023. It was jointly organized by the International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA) and the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the SIPG, NSU. This year’s conference considered humanitarian action, policy, governance, and education within this broader context and explored how humanitarianism intersects with, is influenced by, and impacts local and global economies, political systems, and social structures.

The conference brought together a distinguished assembly of experts, scholars, and practitioners to delve into the dynamic nexus of humanitarianism, peace, and conflict in the context of global challenges. It witnessed the in-person participation of approximately 150 attendees, including 90 international delegates from 39 countries across the Globe. Moreover, many participants joined online due to the hybrid format of the event ensuring a diverse range of perspectives and broad engagement.

The conference was marked by insightful discussions and exchange of ideas on these pressing issues, highlighting the conference's role as a significant platform for dialogue and knowledge sharing in the field of humanitarian studies.

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A key feature of the conference was a roundtable discussion focusing on the ongoing violence and humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The IHSA and CPS of SIPG, NSU, issued a joint statement during this roundtable, expressing solidarity with the affected in Palestine and Israel and condemning acts of violence against civilians. The statement emphasized the critical violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) by the Israeli state and military, particularly referencing the 1949 Geneva Convention. Beyond the focus on the Gaza situation, the conference explored the complex interplay between humanitarianism, climate change, and other global challenges across six key themes. The conference concluded with a call for Humanitarian Studies scholars to use their knowledge and influence to advocate for truth and counter any attempts to silence academic freedom and freedom of expression. The statement also condemned the use of discriminatory language and narratives that promote dehumanization and polarization, emphasizing the need for respect, dignity, and inclusive dialogue in addressing global humanitarian challenges.

## **International Conference on 'Rivers of South Asia: Connecting Ecology, People, and Governance'** (22-23 July 2023)



SIPG of NSU organized a two-day (22-23 July 2023) International Conference on 'Rivers of South Asia: Connecting Ecology, People, and Governance' in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), and National River Conservation Commission (NRCC), Bangladesh at NSU's Syndicate Hall. The South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA) lent its support as an associate partner.

The conference aimed to foster meaningful dialogue among leading scholars, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners. It commenced with an opening ceremony on 22 July 2023. Mr. M. A. Mannan, MP, the Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh, was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session. The closing ceremony was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Shamsul Alam, Hon'ble State Minister of the Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh.

## **International Seminars**

### **Nobel Laureate Addresses GMO Crop Policies at NSU Seminar (28 October 2023)**

SIPG and NSU-UWA Agribusiness Centre of Excellence (ACE) hosted an international seminar on 'GMO Crops in Bangladesh: Policies and Practices,' aiming to assess and discuss the current policies and practices related to GMO crops in the country, along with identifying the significant challenges and advancements in research and production. The keynote speaker for this prestigious event was none other than Sir Richard J. Roberts, a distinguished Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine. Professor Atiqul Islam, the Vice Chancellor of NSU, chaired the session



# Academic Programs

## Continuing joint PhD Program with the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

SIPG is continuing the joint PhD Program with the University of Amsterdam. The University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, will award the PhD degree. Under this program, one Bangladeshi student from North South University (NSU) and one Dutch student from the University of Amsterdam are continuing their PhD. The students defended their PhD proposals successfully on 13th December 2023.

## New 11th Batch of Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG)

The new batch (11th Batch) of MPPG has started again from the Summer semester this year. There are ten students, of which two are from Sri Lanka. The Bangladeshi students are mostly civil servants.



MPPG-11th Batch Orientation Program

Sl.	Name	Last Work Experience
<b>Bangladeshi Students</b>		
1	Sabiqul Islam	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Land, Government of Bangladesh (Galy)
2	Mfiru Isah	Deputy Secretary, BRD, Ministry of Finance (MOF) Govt
3	Musona Begum	Assistant Secretary (I and), Bangladesh State
4	A. B. M. Venen	Producer (News), BTV, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt
5	Md Shaukat Islam	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Govt
6	Kanu Karim Ghosh	Executive, Brand-Save, Mahabir College, Ministry of Education, Govt
7	Zahid Karim Khanolkar	Assistant Director (Finance), Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPPDB), Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Govt
8	Shahin Sultani	Specialist, O&T Training, Candidates Group
<b>Sri Lankan Students</b>		
9	Wijesinghe Madhusankaya Sayama Rajani	Management Assistant, The Open University of Sri Lanka
10	Naliniyani Pindarvan	Project officer, National Private Council of Sri Lanka

Profile of MPPG-11th Batch

## Continuing the Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG)

The EMPG 3rd batch completed their courses in December 2023, and the EMPG-4th batch commenced their classes in July 2023. In the case of the EMPG 5th Batch, the admission procedure has been completed, and their classes will start in the Spring 2024 semester.



EMPG-4th batch Orientation Program

## Regional Seminars

### SIPG Regional Seminar on ‘India-Bangladesh Relations: Opportunities and Challenges (2 October 2023)

The speaker of the seminar was Dr. Sanjay K Bhardwaj, Former Chairperson of the Centre for South Asian Studies and Professor of South Asian Studies, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

## National Seminars

### CMS National Seminar Sheds Light on Student Migration from Bangladesh (July 27, 2023)

The seminar was designed to unravel and discuss trends, hurdles, and unique insights on student migration from the viewpoint of selected students from leading private and public universities across Bangladesh. Prominent figures from both national and international education sectors graced the seminar.



### CMS National Seminar on “Migration, Mobility and Development in a Globalized World” (17th December 2023)

The seminar was organized on International Migration Day and held at Syndicate Hall, NSU. It brought together researchers, policymakers, and migrant rights advocates to explore the motivations, risks, and consequences of this dangerous exodus. Dr. Selim Reza, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Sociology at NSU, delivered the keynote. The seminar painted a poignant picture of the factors pushing many young Bangladeshis towards irregular migration.

## SIPG Talks

### SIPG Talk on Connectivity and Cooperation in the Bay of Bengal Region (13 July 2023)

The keynote speaker was Dr. Constantino Xavier, Fellow in Foreign Policy and Security Studies at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) in New Delhi.

### SIPG Talk on ‘Digitalising State in Bangladesh's Political Society’

An SIPG Talk by Dr. Ipsita Basu from the University of Westminster and Prof. Joe Devine from the University of Bath shared their primary key findings on 'The Digitalising State in Bangladesh's Political Society.' under the FCDO-funded CLEAR Bangladesh program

## Ambassadorial Talk Series:

### Ambassadorial Talk-Session 3: US Ambassador to Bangladesh Talks on Peace (21 September, 2023)

Ambassador Peter Haas, the US Ambassador to Bangladesh delivered a keynote speech on the International Day of Peace at NSU. "The essence of International Peace Day is to remind us of the critical role of peace in addressing global challenges," said the US Ambassador. CPS collaborated with the Office of External Affairs at NSU to celebrate the day. It was also part of the regular ambassadorial talk of CPS.



## Policy Colloquiums:

### SIPG Policy Colloquium on 'Bangladesh's Pivot Towards BRICS: Challenges and Interests' (20 August 2023)

In a bid to delve into the strategic shift in Bangladesh's foreign policy, a significant Policy Colloquium was held today at NSU. Distinguished experts and scholars converged for this thought-provoking discussion on Bangladesh's possible engagement with BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa), assessing the potential challenges and benefits inherent in this geopolitical pivot.

### CPS Policy Colloquium on 'Indo-Pacific– Canada's Strategy and Bangladesh's Outlook: A Deeper Look into the Key Area' (28 August 2023)

This policy colloquium aimed to foster a profound comprehension of the Indo-Pacific dynamics and their implications for Canada and Bangladesh. It was jointly organized by CPS and the Canadian High Commission of Bangladesh. Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam, Acting Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh was the chief guest of the seminar while Lilly Nicholls, High Commissioner of Canada in Bangladesh spoke as a special guest.



### CPS Policy Colloquium on 'Rohingya Repatriation: Who Decides and Why?' (24 August 2023)

To commemorate the Rohingya Genocide Day 2023 and to understand the current condition of Rohingya repatriation, a significant Policy Colloquium was held at NSU. Academics, security experts, senior diplomats, and humanitarian sector specialists emphasized the urgent need for collaborative efforts to transcend geopolitical considerations for turning Rohingya repatriation issues into pathways to justice for the Rohingya people. The colloquium was graced by the presence of Special Guest Mr. Johannes van der Klaauw, the UNHCR's Representative in Bangladesh. The panelists also included Mr. Nurul Islam, a prominent Rohingya political leader; Mr. Enrico Lorenzon, First Secretary, Team Leader-Inclusive Governance, EU Embassy; and Ms. Mackenzie Rowe, Regional Refugee Coordinator, US Embassy in Bangladesh.



## Launching Ceremony

### SIPG Book launching ceremony at Prothom Alo (27 November 2023)

The book launching ceremony of the book titled, 'SDGs in South Asia: A Comparative Study of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka', authored by Professor Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman, Adviser of SIPG, NSU was held at Prothom Alo Office. It was published by the Prothoma Prokashon. It was an outcome of the NSU-funded research project awarded to SIPG for the last two years.



### 'The Displaced Rohingyas'- Book Launching Ceremony (17th December 2023)

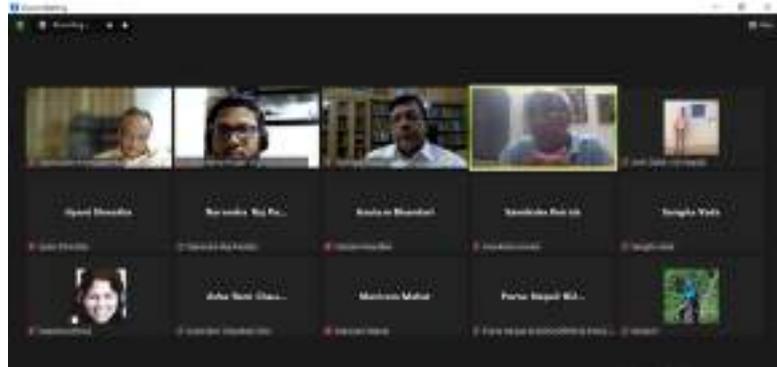
The book launching ceremony titled 'The Displaced Rohingyas: A Tale of a Vulnerable Community' was held at Syndicate Hall, NSU. This book is edited by Dr. Sk Tawfique M Haque, Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi, and Dr. Mahmudur Rahman Bhuiyan. Published by Routledge India, this book delves into the socio-cultural and humanitarian challenges faced by the Rohingya community, providing an in-depth analysis of the crisis as portrayed by local and international media and literature.



## Webinars

### Webinar on 'Institutional Framework of Implementation of SDGs in Nepal: A Diagnostic Review from a Public Policy and Governance Perspective' (26 November 2023)

This was a dissemination webinar on the outcomes of the GIZ Nepal-funded Research Project conducted by SIPG & KUSOM Policy Lab. The study aimed to contribute to the discussions and debates on SDGs and their implementation concerns and issues specifically in the context of Nepal with a shade of South Asian experiences. The study assessed the process and constraints of implementation and localization issues of SDGs.



### Webinar on 'Ethics of Global Migration' (17 August, 2023)

The Speaker was Dr. Serena Parekh, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Northeastern University, Boston, USA. It was jointly organized by the Northeastern University, Boston, USA, and the Center for Migration Studies (CMS) of SIPG.

## CPS Research Talks

### Research Talk 11 (19 October 2023)

Speaker: Ms. Sabeeha Saleque, Senior Lecturer, Department of English and Modern Languages, NSU.  
Topic: Gender and Intimacy: "Love Jihad" as Constituting Authoritarian Populism in Indian Society

## SIPG-SANPA Webinar Series 2023

SIPG and its partner South Asian Network For Public Administration (SANPA) organized a total of 4 webinars in 2023 on various interesting topics. These are mentioned below:

The 1st SIPG-SANPA webinar 2023 was held on 12 February 2023. The topic was '**Publishing scholarly writings: how and where**'. Professor Ishtiaq Jamil, University of Bergen, and Professor Leslie A. Pal, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, discussed the topic.

5.9.4 The 2nd SIPG-SANPA webinar 2023 was held on 29 April 2023. The topic was the '**New Neo-Weberian State**'. Professor Wolfgang Drechsler from the Tallinn University of Technology, an adjunct with the UCL and Harvard University, presented the keynote paper.

The 3rd SIPG-SANPA webinar was held on 30 September 2023. The topic was '**Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic and Building State Capacity for a Transformative Future**'. Associate Professor Maria Victoria R. Raquiza gave the keynote presentation.

The 4th SIPG-SANPA webinar was held on 25 November 2023. The topic was '**Political Patronage in Asian Bureaucracies**'. The keynote speakers were Professor B. Guy Peters, University of Pittsburg, and Professor Colin Knox, Ulster University.

## SIPG Policy Debates:

In 2023 SIPG organized a total of 6 Policy Debates for engaging students with burning policy issues. During some debates, the students were divided into two groups while some debates were in the format of open discussion. All the participants used to get motivational and fictional books as awards. The titles of the 6 policy debates conducted in 2023 are as follows:

1. Is there an alternative to student politics to maintain a peaceful environment on university campuses?
2. How rational is the Motorcycle Traffic Policy – 2023?
3. How logical is it to show Hindi movies in Bangladeshi theaters?
4. The role of ChatGPT in academia
5. Integration or Repatriation of the Rohingya
6. Has the Student-teacher relationship improved in the digital age?



## SIPG 5 Minutes Talk:

The SIPG 5 Minutes Talk is designed to distill complex topics into easily understandable language within five minutes, making them accessible to a broad audience. In 2023, topics such as air pollution, the Rohingya crisis, and opportunities at the UN were covered. The recordings were done by the NSU TV Radio & Digital Lab. These talks were disseminated using our social media handles especially YouTube and Facebook.

In 2023 there were a total of 8 SIPG 5 Minutes Talks on various topics. These are:

1. Explaining Times Higher Education (THE) Ranking- World University Ranking 2023 by Parisa Shakur, Member, CPS
2. The Dangers of Nuclear Weapons by Norman K Swazo, Director, Office of Research, NSU
3. Tips for Choosing a Candidate in National Election 2024 by former Election Commissioner M Sakhawat Hossain, Senior Fellow, SIPG
4. How to get a job at the UN & its agencies? by Dr. Susan Vize, UN Representative
5. Causes of Dengue and its treatment by Prof. Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Dean, School of Health & Life Sciences, NSU
6. Beat the heat! Paint hot tin roofs with red oxide paint! Action research by Dr. Nadim Khandaker and Arup Das, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, NSU
7. Rohingya Crisis: Lost and Forgotten in the World's Eye? by Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam, Professor, Department of Law of North South University
8. Air Pollution by Dr. Firoz Khan, Associate Professor, the Department of Environmental Science and Management, North South University

## Other Events:

### CPS celebrated the International Day of Peace 2023 (21 September 2023)

CPS celebrated the International Day of Peace on 21 September 2023. The celebrations resonated with this year's United Nations theme: 'Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #Global Goals'. A standout moment of the day was the keynote speech delivered by Ambassador Peter Haas, the US Ambassador to Bangladesh. NSU's main auditorium experienced the full capacity of 1200 audience comprised of students, faculties, and officials of NSU.



Welcoming all, Mr. Javed Muneer Ahmad, Chairman, NSU Board of Trustees said that peace is the most precious resource now in the conflict-ridden world. With activities ranging from a peace rally, and pigeon release, to a tree plantation, CPS united students, faculties, and officials in a shared commitment to peace, sustainability, and diplomacy. The symbolic release of pigeons, universal emblems of peace, underscored the importance of resolving disputes without conflict. The olive tree plantation by the Chair of NSU's Board of Trustees further cemented the NSU's commitment to environmental sustainability, drawing a parallel between a peaceful world and a thriving planet.

### **SIPG Retreat & Strategic Planning Meeting (25 October 2023)**

The SIPG retreat and strategic planning meeting for 2024 was held at Cadet College Club Limited, Purbachal. Senior fellows, faculty members, and staff of SIPG, CPS, and CMS gathered there to brainstorm and plan the activities for the upcoming year. Firstly, a critical review of the 2023 activities was done and then a strategic planning meeting was held to plan the activities for 2024. The day-long retreat was fruitful as it refreshed our minds and helped us to plan for the next year.



## **Externally Funded Projects in 2023**

### **Nationwide Research- Nepal (Completed)**

#### **2.5.1 GIZ, Nepal funded Research Project on *'Institutional Framework of Implementation of SDGs in Nepal: A Diagnostic Review from a Public Policy and Governance Perspective'***

SIPG has conducted a nationwide research project in Nepal titled, 'Institutional Framework of Implementation of SDGs in Nepal: A Diagnostic Review from a Public Policy and Governance Perspective', with funding from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Nepal. The project aimed to contribute to the discussions and debates on SDGs and their implementation concerns and issues specifically in the context of Nepal with a shade of South Asian experiences. The study assessed the process and constraints of implementation and localization issues of SDGs. Academicians and other professionals from Nepal were involved with the project implementation.

One (1) project completion report, one (1) policy brief, and four (4) case studies have been developed under the project. A dissemination webinar was also organized on 26 November 2023.

### **7th IHSA Conference on *Humanitarianism in Changing Climates***

**Funded by: International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA)**

### **External-Funded Nationwide Research- Bangladesh (Ongoing)**

Examining the Impact of Social Capital on Return Migrant Workers in Rural Bangladesh

Funded by: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Currently, the CMS of SIPG is conducting a nationwide research project in Bangladesh titled, 'Examining the Impact of Social Capital on Return Migrant Workers in Rural Bangladesh' with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The main objectives of this study are to:

- Investigate the dynamics of social capital among return labor migrants from the Middle East and South East Asian countries in rural Bangladesh
- Assess the impact of social capital on socioeconomic development, reintegration, and empowerment in their origin communities.

## Assess and review national and sectoral policies to identify gaps in policy coherence vis-à-vis mainstreaming migration

### Funded by: International Organization for Migration (IOM), Bangladesh

The project aims to mainstream migration into development planning for policy coherence. We believe that our contributions from this study would create high impacts and thus significantly supplement IOM's notable work for ensuring mainstreaming migration in South Asia and other regions. The CMS of SIPG will conduct this project with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in Bangladesh in 2024.

### Development of International Logistics Chanel in the BCIM Economic Corridor: Focusing on Kurigram, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar, and Chittagong

### Funded by: International Logistics Channel of BCIM Economic Corridor, China

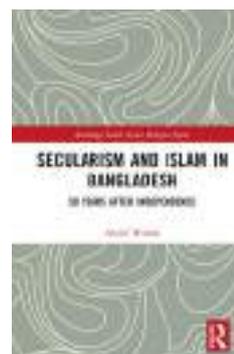
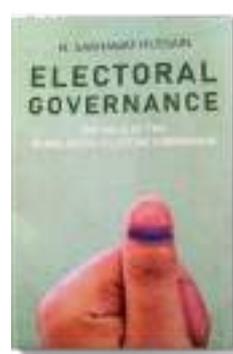
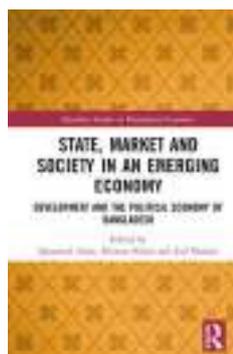
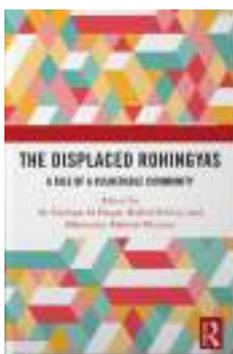
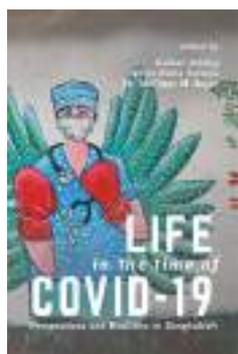
The primary objective is to create a more cohesive and efficient network of transport and trade within the BCIM (Bangladesh, China, India, Myanmar) Economic Corridor. Specifically, the research focuses on the Bangladeshi localities of Kurigram, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar, and Chittagong, exploiting their unique geographic and economic positions to strengthen regional connectivity and economic vitality.

## Publications:

### Books

1. The Displaced Rohingyas: A Tale of a Vulnerable Community, (2023), published by Routledge, jointly edited by Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi, & Mahmudur Rahman Bhuiyan
2. Life in the Time of COVID-19: Perspectives and Realities in Bangladesh, (2023), published by The University Press Limited (UPL), jointly edited by Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi, Dr. Ishrat Zakia Sultana, & Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque.
3. Electoral Governance: The Role of the Bangladesh Election Commission, (2023), published by Prothoma Prokashon. Author- Dr. M. Sakhawat Hussain.
4. State, Market, and Society in an Emerging Economy-Development and the Political Economy of Bangladesh, (2023), published by Routledge, Dr. Rizwan Khair is one of the editors of this book.
5. Secularism and Islam in Bangladesh: 50 Years After Independence, (2023), published by Routledge, Author- Dr. Abdul Wohab
6. SDGs in South Asia: A Comparative Study of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, (2023), published by Prothoma Prokashon, Author- Professor Salahuddin M Amiunzzaman

*The cover pages of the books published in 2023 are illustrated below:*



## Publication of CPS New Journal titled: North South Journal of Peace and Global Studies (NSJPGS)

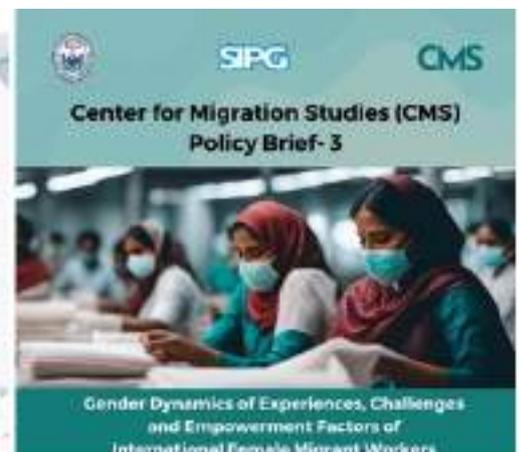
The Institute published its first volume a peer-reviewed journal titled: North South Journal of Peace and Global Studies. The editor of this journal is Dr. Norman Kenneth Swazo. The managing editor of this journal is Dr. Mohammed Nuruzzaman. This journal published research papers on the topics of domestic, geopolitical, and international peace and justice; issues of political culture and diversity; issues in international law, global security, and world order; problems of socioeconomic development, public health, and environment related to Sustainable Development Goals; proposals for practicable solutions to problems of social and distributive justice and reduction or elimination of structural violence, armed conflict, and forced migration; governance policy related to the preceding themes, etc. A new website was developed for NSJPGS

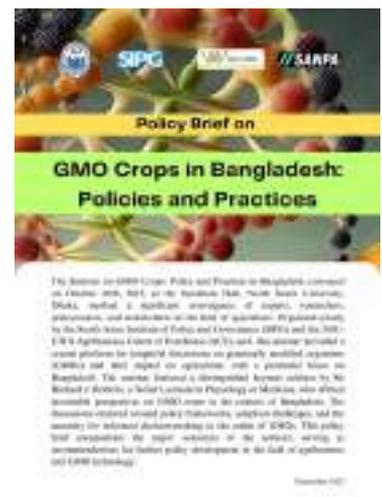
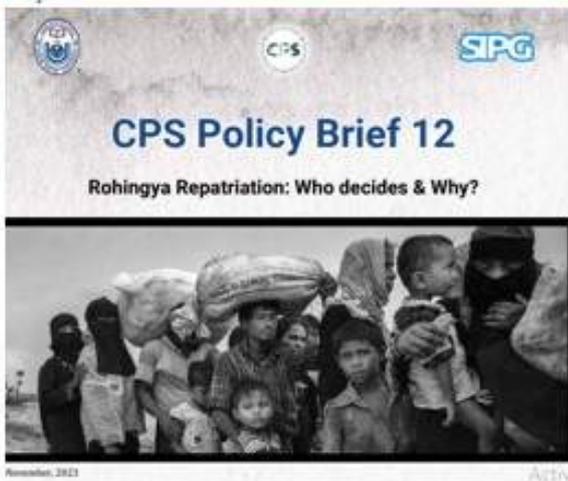


## Policy Briefs

Ten policy briefs with the outputs of various seminars and policy colloquiums have been published by the Institute in 2023.

1. Risks and Opportunities: Bangladesh's Strategic Choices in a Post-Coup Myanmar
2. An Assessment of Bangladesh's Indo-Pacific Outlook
3. Rohingya Repatriation: Who decides & Why?
4. Bangladesh's Pivot towards BRICS: Challenges and Interests
5. The RMG Sector Goes Ahead Leaving its Workers Behind
6. Migrants in Times of Crisis
7. Gender Dynamics of Experiences, Challenges, and Empowerment Factors of International Female Migrant Workers
8. Indo-Pacific – Canada's Strategy and Bangladesh's Outlook: A Deeper Look into the Key Areas
9. GMO Crops: Policy and Practices in Bangladesh
10. Nepali Policy Brief: SDGs Implementation in Nepal- Institutional Framework of Implementation of SDGs in Nepal: A Diagnostic Review from a Public Policy and Governance Perspective





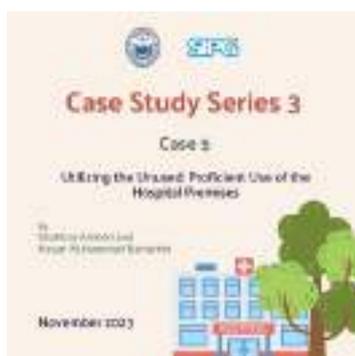
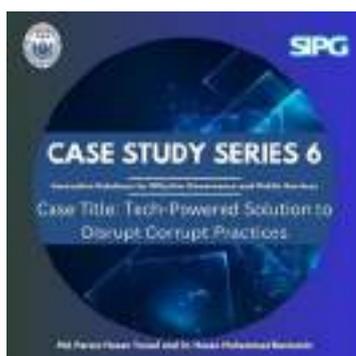
## Case Studies

The SIPG Policy Lab has developed Thirteen (13) Case Studies (9 Bangladeshi cases and 4 Nepali Cases) in 2023. The objective of developing such case studies is to learn and be familiar with the activities of innovative and proactive civil servants and to disseminate those activities among other civil servants and students/ researchers of Public Administration. The case studies can be used as teaching material for students in classroom teaching.

1. Consular Service Decentralization during COVID-19
2. Personal Initiative to Bring Policy Changes
3. Addressing Fishermen's Misery: Digitalization of Bangladesh's Closed Water Body Leasing
4. Three-Wheeler Ambulance: Pathway to Accessible Healthcare in Grassroots of Bangladesh
5. Transferring Pension of Public Officials to a Family Pension in Bangladesh: Making Life Easier for Beneficiaries
6. Tech-Powered Solution to Disrupt Corrupt Practices
7. Solving the Water Woes: A Sensor-Based Solution for Water Management
8. Utilizing the Unused: Proficient Use of the Hospital Premises
9. Establishing a Centralized Digital Database for Efficient Healthcare Management in Bangladesh

### Nepali Case Studies:

1. Role of Migrant Resource Center (MRC) in Solving Migration-related Fraudulent Activities
2. Role of Local Government (LG) towards providing migration-related services at the Local Level in Nepal
3. Disability-Friendly Infrastructure in Pokhara: A Quest for Inclusivity
4. Overcoming Maternal Health Challenges in Gandaki Province



## Networking (MoU Signing and Events)

### Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

#### 3.3 MoU signing ceremony between NSU & CPD (4 September 2023)

The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), and North South University (NSU) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) intending to promote and strengthen cooperation in areas such as research and organization of academic events. SIPG will also conduct joint research and nationwide surveys on policy and governance issues in the upcoming days under this MoU



#### MoU signing ceremony between NSU & Prothom Alo (27 November 2023)

Prothoma Prokashon has already published 5 books of SIPG and CPS. It wants to publish more books in the future. This MoU is about strengthening the existing partnership and exploring new opportunities for joint research and publications. Distinguished faculty members from SIPG, CPS & the Dept. of PSS of NSU, and Prothom Alo's editorial team were present at the signing ceremony.



#### Accelerating the China-South Center for Asia Socio-cultural Studies (CSCSS) (12 Oct 2023)



A preparatory meeting was held to accelerate the China-South Center for Asia Socio-cultural Studies (CSCSS) on 12 Oct 2023. Prof. Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director, SIPG & Chair, Dept. of PSS, and Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi, Director, Confucius Institute at NSU and Associate Professor, Dept. of PSS were present at the event. Moreover, an MoU was signed between the School of Ethnology and Sociology, Yunnan University, China, and the Dept. of Political Science and Sociology (PSS), North South University, Bangladesh.

## Academic Dialogue with Sichuan University, China (27 July 2023)

An academic dialogue between the faculty members and students of the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) at Sichuan University, China, and faculty members and students of North South University. SIPG facilitated and hosted the dialogue jointly with the Confucius Institute.



## Activities in 2023 at a Glance

Activity Types	Activities	Number of Outputs
Academic Programs	Joint Ph.D. program with the University of Amsterdam	Ongoing (1 Bangladeshi & 1 Dutch Student)
	Master in Policy and Governance (MPPG)	The 11th Batch commenced classes
	Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG)	3rd batch continued the classes and 4th Batch commenced classes
Research Projects		
Individual Faculty Research	Non-Funded by NSU (completed)	5
	NSU Funded (completed)	8
	NSU Funded (Ongoing)	3
Externally Funded Projects	Nationwide Research-Nepal (funded by GIZ- completed)	1
	7th IHSA International Conference (funded by IHSA- completed)	1
	Nationwide Research-Bangladesh (funded by SDC- ongoing)	1

Publications	Books	6
	Journal Articles & Book Chapters	30
	North South Journal of Peace and Global Studies (NSJPGS) Vol 1, No 1	1
	Policy Briefs	10
	Case Studies	13
	Newsletters	2
Networking	Signed MoU and Networking events	6
Training programs	Training and Workshops	2
Dissemination and Knowledge-Sharing Events	International Conferences	2
	International Seminars	2
	Regional Seminars	3
	National Seminars	5
	Launching of Books & Journals	4
	SIPG Talks	4
	Ambassadorial Talks	2
	Policy Colloquiums	5
	Webinars	6
	CPS Research Talks	3
	SIPG Policy Debates	6
	SIPG 5 Minutes Talks	8
Other events	4	



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