

Curriculum Vitae of A.S.M. Tarek Hassan Semul

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Work & Research Experience

Duration

May 2013- Till Date

Occupation or position held

Research Fellow, Defence Studies Division

Main activities and responsibilities

Research Areas

Rohingya Crisis and Myanmar Studies, Violent Extremism (VE), Globalization and Populism,
Strategic Studies, Foreign Policy Analysis, Security and Defence Studies, Maritime Security and
Great Power Competition in the Indo-Pacific Region.

Key Responsibilities

- Policy and trend analysis, assessment of foreign policy, security, socio-political, and governance issues.
- Designing and Managing research projects, presenting research findings at national and international conferences at home and abroad.
- Writing speeches, research project proposals, concept notes, policy briefs, position papers and talking points for the cabinet ministers of the Bangladesh Government, Chairman and Director General of BISS and different government agencies such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Armed Forces Division.
- Organise national, regional, and international conferences, seminars, webinars, consultative meetings, and workshops.
- Worked as the Focal Point for organising an international conference, a regional conference, seven national seminars and workshops, two consultations and roundtable meetings.
- Contribute to the writing of book chapters and journal articles; work as peer-reviewer and associate editor for BISS Journal and Books and reviews research reports and conferences Seminar debriefings and policy briefing notes.
- Peer reviewer and editorial staff of BISS Journal, monographs, and book.
- Work as a liaison or liaison with partner agencies domestically and internationally.
- Coordinating high-level visits of dignitaries.

Consultancy

• Worked as an Associate Consultant for Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit (CTTC), Bangladesh Police and Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS), the University of Dhaka to edit a Reader on Violent Extremism in Bangladesh: 1940-1970.

• Worked as a translator and consultant for the Asia Foundation for copy editing and translating training manuals

Editorial Board Member

➤ BISS Books

- Bangabandhu and Bangladesh: An Epic of a Nation's Emergence and

- Emancipation
- Bangladesh in International Peacebuilding: Experience from Japan and Beyond
- Changing Global Dynamics: Bangladesh Foreign Policy

➤ **BISS Journal**

- Vol. 42 No.02, April 2021
- Vol. 40 No. 03, July 2019
- Vol. 38 No. 02, April 2017
- Vol. 37 No. 02, April 2016

➤ **BISS Seminar/Conference Proceedings**

- Revisiting Contemporary Peace and Security Challenges in the South Asian Region
- The Rohingya Crisis: Response of the International Community and the Repatriation Process
- Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100
- Rohingya Crisis: Roundtable Conference on Evaluation of Steps Taken by Bangladesh Government (রোহিঙ্গা সংকটঃ বাংলাদেশ কর্তৃক গৃহীত পদক্ষেপ ও পর্যালোচনা শীর্ষক গোলটেবিল আলোচনার কার্যবিবরণী)
- Promoting Cultural Diversity of Small Ethnic Groups in Bangladesh
- 25 March- Gonohottya Dibosh (Genocide Day)
- BISS Country Lecture Series (Part-2)

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| Name and address of employer | Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) |
| Duration | March 2011 - February 2012 |
| Occupation or position held | Research Assistant |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <p>Research Areas</p> <p>Governance, Parliaments of Bangladesh, Political Parties of Bangladesh</p> <p>Key Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the literature for the CPD (Centre for Policy Dialogue)-CMI (Christian Michelsen Institute) research project on the Parliament of Bangladesh. • Conducting interviews, FGDs and consultation meetings with Members of Parliament (MPs) and other stakeholders including civil society members and development partners. • Data collection from the parliament proceedings, and constituency-level survey. • Analysis and interpretation of recent issues of political interest and concern. |
| Name and address of employer | <p>Professor Rounaq Jahan</p> <p>Senior Research Scholar</p> <p>School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University & Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue</p> |
| Duration | October 2009 - February 2010 |
| Occupation or position held | Teaching Assistant |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered Teaching Assistance to the resource persons in preparing class materials, and presentations, reviewing question and answer papers for the exam. • Worked as an exam invigilator |
| Name and address of employer | “Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations Programme 2009”, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka |
| Duration | October 2008 - February 2009 |
| Occupation or position held | Intern |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping violent extremism under the project titled, “Counter-Terrorism in Bangladesh” commissioned by the British High Commission in Dhaka. • Provided assistance in arranging dialogues and workshops. |
| Name and address of employer | Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) |
| Duration | June 2008 – August 2008 |
| Occupation or position held | Research Assistant |
| Main activities and responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing assistance in writing a chapter titled “Trauma, memory and identity” for a research project titled “Mainstreaming Rohingya Refugees”. |

- Led a research team in primary and secondary data collection for the research report based on the field survey at the Rohingya refugee camps in Teknaf.
- Conducting interviews and FGDs with the refugees, security personnel, local administration and members of the local civil society.
- Worked as a copy editor for the publication of the book titled, "The Plight of the Stateless Rohingyas; Responses of the State, Society & the International Community" edited by Imtiaz Ahmed and published by University Press Limited in August, 2010.

Name and address of employer

Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Duration

November 2006-February 2007

Occupation or position held

Research Assistant

Research Assistant

- Provided assistance for the research project titled "Assessing Rights As Citizens for the Camp based Bihari Community of Bangladesh"
- Conducted 110 interviews and 5 FGDs in the camps of Dhaka and Syedpur.
- Reviewed literature for preparing the research report.

Name and address of employer

Dr. C.R. Abrar, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka & Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU)

Paper Presentation and Participation in Seminar & Conferences

- i. Participated in the Raisina Dialogue 2020, organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India from 14 -16 January 2020, held in New Delhi, India.
- ii. Participated in the Dhaka Global Dialogue, jointly organized by the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) from 11-13 November 2019, held in Dhaka.
- iii. Presented a paper titled, "Changing Balance of Power in the Indo-Pacific Region: Challenges for Bangladesh" at the "COSATT Authors' Meeting: Book Project on Indo-Pacific", organized by Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka (INSSSL), Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks (COSATT) and Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) on 19 October 2019, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- iv. Presented a paper titled, "Changing Global Geopolitical Dynamics" at the United Arab Emirates (UAE)-National Defence College Delegation Visit Conference on 27 November 2019, held in Dhaka.
- v. Presented a paper titled, "Balance of Power in the Indo-Pacific Region and Challenges for Bangladesh" at the National Defence College, India Delegation Visit Conference at BISS on 25 August 2019, held in Dhaka.
- vi. Presented a paper titled, "Changing Geostrategic Dynamics: Bangladesh-India Maritime Cooperation" at the Seminar titled, "Bangladesh-India Cooperation in the Changing Regional and Global Context", during the visit of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), India on 03 July 2019 held in Dhaka.
- vii. Presented a paper titled, "Bangladesh-China Relationship and emerging World Order" at the China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) Delegation Visit Conference at BISS on 27 June 2019 held in Dhaka.
- viii. Presented a paper titled, "The Role of Global and Regional Actors in Shaping the Geopolitics in South Asia and Rohingya Crisis" at the National Defence College, Bangladesh Delegation Visit Conference at BISS on 04 June 2019, held in Dhaka.
- ix. Presented a paper titled, "Emerging Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region" at the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) Delegation Visit Conference at BISS on 11 April 2019 held in Dhaka.
- x. Presented a paper titled, "Emerging maritime security challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region" at an International Conference titled, "Security and Economic Challenges in the Indo-Pacific" jointly organized by Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks (COSATT) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) on 11 March 2019, held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- xi. Presented a Paper titled, "Preventing Violent Extremism: A Peacebuilding Perspective" at the international conference on Bangladesh in International Peacebuilding: Experience from Japan from 12-13 August 2018, held in Dhaka.
- xii. Presented a paper titled, "Challenges for Regional Cooperation in South Asia: Interstate Conflicts, Constraints in Forging Regional Consensus" in an international conference on "South Asia Amidst a New World Order" organized by the Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks (COSATT), from 25-26 March 2018, held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- xiii. Presented a paper on Peacebuilding in Africa and Chinese Engagement during a BISS delegation visit to China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS) from 17-21

- July 2017, held in Beijing, China.
- xiv. Presented a paper on “Bangabandhu’s Global Vision for Equity, Justice and Fraternity: NAM Perspective” at a national conference on Bangabandhu in International Relations, organized by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj on 18 March 2017, held in Gopalganj.
- xv. Participated in the 7th Annual Conflict Transformation Workshop, organized by WISCOMP from 22-26 May 2009, held in New Delhi, India.

Participation in Training & Fellowship Programmes

- i. Participated in the EU South Asia Regional Training Workshop on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, organized by European Union (EU), from 3-5 March 2020, held in Dhaka.
- ii. Participated in the Third Kautilya Fellows Programme (KFP) on Indian Foreign Policy and Public Policy, organised by the India Foundation in association with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India from 26 January – 03 February 2020, held in New Delhi, India.

Publications

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| Book Chapter | <p>2020, co-authored with AKM Abdur Rahman, Changing Balance of Power in the Indo-Pacific Region: Challenges for Bangladesh. In: Security and Economic Challenges in the Indo-Pacific, Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks (COSATT) and Political Dialogue Asia Programme, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).</p> <p>2019, co-authored with Nazmul Arifeen, Rethinking Peace as Sustainable Development Goals: Peacebuilding in ‘Apparently-Peaceful’ Societies. In: Bangladesh in International Peacebuilding, Pathak Samabash.</p> |
| Referred Journal | <p>2018, co-authored with Mahbubur Rashid Bhuiyan, The Changing Nature of Warfare: Russian Hybrid Warfare in the 21st Century, BISS Journal 39(4):339-358</p> <p>2018, Balancing Game in the (Indo) Asia-Pacific: From ‘Thucydides Trap to Multiple Discourses? BISS Journal 39(3):321-337</p> <p>2017, Countercurrent to Globalization: Rise of Right-wing Populism in the Global North, BISS Journal 39(1):83-100</p> <p>2016, co-authored with Nazmul Arifeen, Drumming of Nuclear Armageddon: Looming Nuclear Standoff in the Korean Peninsula, BISS Journal 37(4):301-324</p> |
| Commentary | <p>2018, The Other Influx, <i>Centre for Genocide Studies (CGS) Peace Report</i>, CGS, University of Dhaka, pp. 31-35</p> |

Extra-curricular Activities

Champion at the 12th Inter-Club Debate Competition (2008) Organized by the Viquarunnesa Debating Club from the University of Dhaka.

Champion at the 4th Holy Cross College Club Debate Festival, (2008) from the University of Dhaka.

Champion at the 2nd Inter-Club Debate Competition (2007) organized by Stamford Debate Forum from the University of Dhaka.

Ex-President of Notre Dame Debating Club; ex-member of Notre Dame Gold team (2002-2003) and a lifetime member of the club.

“Acclamatory Award” (2002-2003) from Notre Dame Debating Club for leadership excellence.

“Award for Excellence” (2000-2001) from M.G.B.S. Debating Club for debating excellence.

Education

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| Dates | 2009 - 2010 |
| Title of qualification awarded | Master of Social Science (1 st class) |

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| Subject | International Relations |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka |
| Dates | 2004 – 2008 |
| Title of qualification awarded | Bachelor of Social Science (2 nd class) |
| Subject | International Relations |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka |

Personal Skills & Competences

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| Mother tongue(s) | Bengali | | | |
| Other language(s) | English | | | |
| | Listening | Reading | Writing | Speaking |
| | 8.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 6.5 |
| | <i>IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score 7.5 out of 9.0 (Exam held in 2012)</i> | | | |
| Computer skills and competences | Competent with Microsoft Office programmes, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Outlook and Social Media Management. | | | |