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BIOGRAPHY

I earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees in sociology from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh. In my master's thesis, I looked into neoliberal policies in Bangladesh and how they deterred the city's poor from exercising their right to the city. During my undergrad, I also investigated the accumulation and dispossession processes of real estate housing companies in Bangladesh using David Harvey's theoretical lens. My research interests, however, span a wide range of sociological domains, including political sociology, urban sociology, social movements, critical Muslim studies, and public health. I have already supervised four masters and fifty undergraduate students in various fields of sociology. In addition, I've received a total of \$45,000 USD in research grants from various government and non-governmental organizations in Bangladesh. My current research project aims to develop an evidence-based e-health intervention for transgender women in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Besides, I am a reviewer of some journals e.g. Sage Open, Frontiers in Public Mental Health, The Social Science Journal, and the International Journal of Health Planning and Management.

EDUCATION

- 2023-** **PhD Student**, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA-01003, USA.
CGPA: **4.00/4.00** (1st semester)
- 2017** **Masters of Social Sciences (MSS) in Sociology**, University of Dhaka
CGPA: **3.73/4.00** (3rd. Position out of 187 students)
Thesis: Neoliberalism and the Right to the City: A Study of the Urban Poor in Dhaka
- 2015** **Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) in Sociology**, University of Dhaka
CGPA: **3.66/4.00** (3rd Position out of 220 students)
Monograph: The Real Estate and Capital Accumulation: A test of Harvey's model in Dhaka city

EXPERIENCES: ACADEMIC (SOCIOLOGY)

- April 2021 –** **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh
- Dec. 2017- Apr. 2021** **Lecturer**, Department of Sociology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh

Apr. 2017- Dec. 2017 **Lecturer** (Part-time), Department of Sociology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh

Feb. 2017- Apr. 2017 **Lecturer in Sociology**, Department of Economics, Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT), Mirpur-Dhaka, Bangladesh

OTHER POSITIONS

2020 **Guest Teacher**, Department of Public Administration, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh.

2019 **Guest Teacher**, Department of Economics, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh

2018 **Guest Teacher**, Department of Psychology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh

2018 **Guest Teacher**, Department of Agriculture, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh.

COURSES TAUGHT

Bachelors: Introduction to Sociology, Rural Sociology, Political Sociology; Urban Sociology; Fundamentals of Research Methodology; Sociology of Underdevelopment, Family, Marriage and Kinship, Social Thought & Social Forestry.

Masters: Social movement, Theories of Social Change: From Modernity to Post-Modernity; Advanced Research Methodology: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis.

EXPERIENCES (RESEARCH)

2015 **Research Assistant**, Appointed by Dr. Lutfun Nahar Lata, The University of Queensland for her PhD dissertation.

2014-2015 **Research Assistant**, the Nielsen Company Bangladesh Limited.
Role: Conducting In-depth Interviews, Focus Group Discussion (FGD), Key Informant Interviews (KII), Transcription, Report Writing.

2015 **Data Enumeration**, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka.

2014 **Data Enumerator**, Appointed by Dr. Shahadat Hossain, University of Dhaka.

2013 **Data Enumerator**, Appointed by Tahsina Akhter, Associate Professor, University of Dhaka

MEMBERSHIP/FELLOWSHIP

- 2023 Summer Fellowship**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA, Value: 2100 USD
- 2023 American Sociological Association**
- 2023 Eastern Sociological Society**
- 2023 Reviewer**, Heliyon
- 2023 Reviewer**, Frontiers in Public Health
- 2022 Reviewer**, Sage Open
- 2021 Reviewer**, International Journal of Health Planning and Management, John Wiley & Sons Ltd.
- 2021 Regional Editor**, Global Dialogue (Bengali Version), a Quarterly Magazine of the International Sociological Association (ISA)
- 2020 Reviewer**, the Social Science Journal, Routledge & Taylor Francis Ltd

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2022-2023** Developing a Replicable Evidence Base e-health Model for The Transgender Community in Bangladesh, Donor: Iccdr, Bangladesh, Amount: 35, 81000 Taka (41712 USD)
- 2022-2023** A Critical Evaluation of the GST-Integrated University Admission Test in Bangladesh, BSMRSTU Research Cell, Amount: 189000 Taka
- 2022-2023** Socio-Cultural Context of Rape Victims Blaming in Bangladesh, BSMRSTU Research Cell, Amount: 149000 Taka
- 2020-2021** A Qualitative Study on the Lived Experiences of COVID-19 Positive Frontline Workers in Bangladesh, BSMRSTU Research Cell, Amount: 60000 Taka
- 2007** Awarded Board Scholarship for SSC result
- 2004** Awarded Talent-Pole Scholarship, Junior Scholarship Examination, Govt. of Bangladesh
- 2001** Awarded Talent-Pole Scholarship, Primary Scholarship Examination, Govt. of Bangladesh

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023** Arefin, S. (2023). Right to the city in the age of neoliberal development: A case study of two slum communities in Dhaka, Bangladesh. *Society Register*, 7(2), 49-70.
- 2022** Arefin, S., Rashid, T., Bhattacharjee, M., Habib, M. D., Islam, M. A., & Rahaman, M. A. (2022). "The whole sky has broken down on me. I might die alone": A qualitative study on the lived experiences of COVID-19 positive frontline workers in Bangladesh. *Frontiers in sociology*, 7, 1054921.
- 2021** Arefin, S., & Rashid, T. (2021). The urban poor in Dhaka: perspectives on the right to the city. *Journal of Urban & Regional Analysis*, 13(1).
- 2019** Arefin, S., Rashid, T., & Habib, D. (2019). Infrastructural development and vulnerabilities: a sociological study of two selected flyovers in Dhaka city, Bangladesh. *Open Journal of Social Sciences*, 7(7), 18-29.
- 2018** Arefin, S. (2018). The real estate and capital accumulation: An inquiry into Harvey's model in Dhaka. *Peoples' Preface*, 2(2), 153-165.
- 2018** Arefin, S., & Rashid, T. (2018). Access to Urban Services in the Wave of Neoliberalism: A Study of the Urban Poor in Dhaka, Bangladesh. *International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science*, 2(11), 153-158.
- 2018** Rashid, M. A., Amin, M. N., Arefin, S., & Rahaman, M. A. (2018). ICTs and Time Use Behavior of the Students: A Study of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Gopalganj, Bangladesh. *Am. J. Educ. Res*, 6, 1164-1171.

CONFERENCES PAPER

- May 2023** Autocratic Rule, Repression, and Protest: The Rise of 2019's Student's Movement at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University (BSMRSTU) in Bangladesh, Graduate Student Conference, Department of Sociology and Labor Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA
- June 2022** Lived Experiences of COVID-10 Positive Frontline Workers in Bangladesh , 1st International Conferences on Humanities and Social Sciences, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh
- August 2018** The real estate and capital accumulation: A test of Harvey's Model in Dhaka, International Conference of South Asian Sociology and Beyond, Dhaka.

CURRENT RESEARCH WORKING

2023 Stigma and Discrimination against the COVID-19 Patients in Bangladesh: A Comparative Qualitative Study of Non-vaccinated and Vaccinated Patients

2023 Autocratic Rule, Repression, and Protest: The Rise of 2019's Student's Movement at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University (BSMRSTU) in Bangladesh

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