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**EDUCATION**

**M.A. Johns Hopkins University** Baltimore, MD  
*Department of Political Science* 2013  
With Full Funding & Grant

**B.A. Amherst College** Amherst, MA  
Double major in **Political Science & Economics** 2010  
With Academic Distinction, *Cum Laude*  
With Full Scholarship

Honors Thesis: *Politics in Times of Nothingness: Comparing the notion of political identity and apathy in the works of Hannah Arendt, Martin Heidegger, and Jacques Rancière*

**Statistics & Computer:** STATA (proficient); R (preliminary); good command over MS Excel, creating Powerpoint presentations; web designing (preliminary)

**Language Skills:** English (native); Bengali (native); German (proficient); Hindi (speaking); Persian (*/Farsi*, beginner)

**ARTICLES**

"Large Dams as Engines of Nationalism: The Case of the Sardar Sarovar Dam in India." *South Asian Journal of Policy and Governance* 40(1).

2017. "Patterns and Players in Clientelism: Glimpses from Bangladesh" in Sk. Tawfique Haque (Ed.) *Case-studies in Governance*. Dhaka: University Press Limited. (forthcoming)

Working Paper: *Insurgent Statesmen: Maoist rise to power and the army in Nepal* (forthcoming)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Lecturer (Core Faculty), North South University** Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Department of Political Science & Sociology* Spring 2013- Present

Courses Taught:

POL101: Introduction to Comparative Politics

PAD201: Introduction to Public Administration

POL202: Introduction to International Relations

I designed my own syllabi for the above courses and taught them

I was recognized for my teaching excellence by the department, and subsequently nominated to the official self-assessment committee

**Deputy Project Manager, North South University**

Dhaka, Bangladesh

*Masters program in Public Policy and Governance*

2014- Present

- As deputy project manager was involved in receiving a HEQEP grant from the University Grants Commission (Ministry of Education, Bangladesh) and the World Bank to establish a new Executive Masters program in Policy & Governance
- Currently managing the establishment of the new executive Masters program
- Was a member of the curriculum development team for the new program; Led a faculty delegation, representing North South University to visit similar masters programs in top US universities and to exchange curriculum development lessons with luminaries in the field

**Graduate Teaching Fellow***Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University*

Baltimore, MD

190: 392 "Introduction to Latin American Politics"

Spring 2012

190: 102 "Introduction to Comparative Politics"

Spring 2013

- Lectured and led discussions in 2 class meetings per week with approx. 15-20 students
- Translated academic articles, making them comprehensible for undergraduates
- Communicated with students during weekly office hours on how to develop their ideas
- Designed exams and graded the midterm and final papers of approx. 30 students

**Activist Work**

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Translated from Bengali to English narrative accounts given by surviving factory workers of the 2013 Rana Plaza tragedy

**Peer Tutor (Microeconomics) Amherst, MA***Department of Economics, Amherst College*

2009-2010

- Tutored and mentored individual students in need of extra help in Microeconomics

**Research Assistant**

Amherst, MA

*Department of Political Science, Amherst College*

December 2005--February 2007

- Co-designed a new course on American Diplomacy (taught in the fall by P. Machala)
- Researched surveys, scholarly books/ articles, and compiled a reading list
- Refined the syllabus over the years by testing, eliminating nonrelevant, outdated readings, and adding more timely, suitable readings

**Intern (Non-profit Management)**

Boston/ Amherst, MA

*The Class of '69 Project*

June--October 2008

- Assisted in the start up and incorporation of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization called the "Class of 1969 Project," that earned the *Lives of Consequence Award* from the President of Amherst College.
- Spearheaded the Project's efforts to bring green energy to campus
- Organized events to forge mentoring relationships between alumni involved in social entrepreneurship with current students
- Created and managed a website for the Project: a forum where alumni can co-develop projects with students (<https://www.amherst.edu/alumni/classpages/1969/1969clpr>)

**Research Intern**

Bangladesh

*Grameen Bank* (Winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize)

June--August 2006

- Studied microcredit schemes at this Nobel Prize winning organization
- Toured with the regional manager in several villages in Northern Bengal, gaining hands-on experience about microcredit, borrower meetings, savings projects
- Conducted interviews with borrowers: 'ultra-poor' women panhandlers, on the part of Grameen Bank in order to develop a loaning scheme suitable for them
- Presented a policy recommendation paper; identified the problem of lack of diversity in borrower investments; advocated the development of insurance schemes to soften risk

**Cartoonist/ Satirist**

Amherst, MA

*The Indicator* (The leading Amherst College magazine for social and political thought) 2009

**For adventure** In 2014, I trekked the Annapurna mountain range in Nepal, and climbed over the highest pass, *Thorung La* at 5500m. I also lived and worked as a farmer apprentice on an organic vegetable farm in Maine, U.S.A. in the spring/summer of 2011, where I shingled my wood cabin, built a working bed from scratch, and by natural necessity became a well-tempered cook.

**References available upon request.**