

International Conference on Gender Mainstreaming in Politics, Administration, and Development in South Asia and beyond

A 2 day International Conference being jointly organized by Public Policy and Governance Program of North South University and Department of Administration and Organization Theory, University of Bergen, Norway on **Gender Mainstreaming in Politics, Administration, and Development in South Asia and beyond** has just been concluded today at North South University, Dhaka. Professor Ragnhild Louise Muriaas, University of Bergen presented the key note paper titled **Gendered Electoral Financing in Democratic and Democratizing States**. The Conference was attended by scholars from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Norway and Bangladesh with a total of 80 research papers being presented in 17 parallel sessions under four Working Sessions. The papers presented come under the following themes:

The Role of Gender Policy and Administrative Process

Gender and Practice of Sustainable Development

Gender and Political Values

Institutionalism and Gender: Process, Practice and Values



The inaugural function of the International Conference was graced by Ms. Ismat Ara Sadique, MP, Honorable Minister of State, Ministry of Public Administration, Government of Bangladesh. Ms. Sidsel Bleken, the Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh attended the program as the Special Guest. Mr. Mohammed Shajahan, Chairman, Board of Trustees remained present as the Special Guest. Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor chaired the session. The conference generated much enthusiasm among the young scholars and participants for offering a platform for promoting research and presenting their research works. The conference organizers look forward to publication of selected articles of the conference in the form of book and special edition of journals by reputed Publishing Company.



End of Day 2, The Closing Session was held at PPG Conference Room of North South University. The session was chaired by the adviser of PPG Program Professor Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman and Shaila Khan, Assistant Country Director of UNDP attended as Special Guest.

On day 3, as a sequel to the International Conference, a PhD workshop has been organized where nine PhD students from Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bangladesh and one from Norway presented their research findings.