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Launching of Training Module on 'Migration Diplomacy' by SIPG, ILO & IOM

The training module on "Migration Diplomacy" was officially launched on 24 July 2022 at North South University. The training module has been jointly developed by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University, the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the

International Organization for Migration (IOM). The module aims to enhance the capacity of diplomats, labour attachés, government officials, and policymakers for improved migration governance, negotiation on overseas employment, and providing effective services for the

protection of migrants. The Module will be hosted by the Foreign Service Academy (FSA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to ensure capacity building initiative is sustainable and effective. Representatives from ILO, IOM, FSA, SIPG, and faculties and students of NSU attended the event.



Photo: Launching of Training Module on 'Migration Diplomacy' by SIPG, ILO & IOM

SIPG-UNDP Trainings and Workshops on “Enhancing Negotiation Skills for Smooth Transition of Bangladesh from LDC Graduation” in 2022

A series of training programs and workshops on “Enhancing Negotiation Skills for Smooth Transition of Bangladesh from LDC Graduation” was conducted in 2022 at the NSU campus for civil servants, government officials, business leaders, CSO members, journalists, and MPPG alumni. It was jointly organized by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh.

- Workshop on Enhancing Negotiation Knowledge of the Media Personnel, on 02 July 2022
- Training on Enhancing Trade and Investment-Related Negotiation Skills, on 24-26 May 2022
- Training on Enhancing Development Financing-related Negotiation Skills on 24-26 May 2022
- Training on Enhancing Climate Change-related Negotiation Skills, on 21-23 May 2022
- Workshop on Negotiation Skills for the MPPG Alumni, on 14 May 2022
- Training on Enhancing Trade-related Negotiation Skills, on 27-29 March 2022
- Pilot Training on Enhancing Negotiation Skills, on 12-16 March 2022
- Inception Workshop for the Training on Enhancing Negotiation Skills, on 15 January 2022



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Workshop on Negotiation Knowledge of the Media Personnel, on 02 July 2022

A Lecture on 'Indian Foreign Policy and South Asia'

A Lecture on 'Indian Foreign Policy and South Asia' was organized by South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University on 7 April 2022. Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Director of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF), India graced the event as a Keynote Speaker. Amb. Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow, SIPG, NSU and Dr. Mohammed Nuruzzaman, Professor, Dept. of Political Science & Sociology (PSS), NSU were the discussants. Professor Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS), NSU moderated the session.

War is the result of the desire for power: Nobel Laureates say at CPS webinar on Russia-Ukraine War

On 1 April 2022, Two Nobel laureates Jody Williams (Peace) and Richard J. Roberts (Medicine) spoke on an international webinar about the ongoing Russia-Ukraine War. The webinar titled, "Is War Inevitable? Can We Change the Paradigm?" was jointly organized by the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University (NSU) and the Daily Prothom Alo. Nobel laureate Jody Williams was the keynote speaker in the webinar. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work in the banning and clearing of anti-personnel mines through the International Campaign against Landmines.



Russia's invasion in Ukraine: The Potential for Diplomacy in times of war

On 12 May 2022, the 3rd CPS international webinar about the ongoing Russia-Ukraine War, titled, "Russia's invasion in Ukraine: The Potential for Diplomacy in times of war" was held. It was jointly organized by the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University (NSU), Bangladesh, and the Leibniz Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Germany.

The distinguished panelists from Germany were Prof. Dr. Christopher Daase, Co-Director of PRIF, and Dr. Caroline Fehel, Project Leader & Senior Researcher of PRIF; and from Bangladesh were Ambassador Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow at SIPG, NSU, and Former Foreign Secretary, Government of

Bangladesh, and Brig. Gen (Retd.) Dr. M. Sakhawat Hussain, Senior Fellow at SIPG, NSU, and Former Election Commissioner of Bangladesh. The moderator of the webinar was Dr. Stefan Kroll, Head of Communications & Senior Researcher, PRIF, Germany.





International Seminar on “Importance of Diplomacy in Conflict Resolution: The Current War between Russia and Ukraine”

On 7 June 2022 the 4th CPS International Seminar on “Importance of Diplomacy in Conflict Resolution: The Current War between Russia and Ukraine” was held at North South University (NSU). The seminar was organized by the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of SIPG, NSU, Bangladesh.

The distinguished panelists were: H.E. Alexander Vikentyevich Mantytskiy, H.E. Mustafa Osman Turan, Ambassador of Turkey to Bangladesh, Ambassador Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow, SIPG, NSU & Former Foreign Secretary, Government of Bangladesh, Prof. Nicole Deitelhoff, Director, Leibniz Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Germany., and Professor Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørnv, Professor in Security Studies, The Arctic University of Norway (UiT). Professor M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor of NSU chaired the session.

CPS of NSU holds Seminar on ‘Russia-Ukraine War: Who gains, Who loses?’

A seminar titled, ‘Russia-Ukraine War: who gains, who loses?’ was organized by the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) at North South University (NSU) on 8 March 2022 at NSU Syndicate hall in a blended mode. The distinguished panelists were Ambassador Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow at SIPG, NSU, and Former Foreign Secretary, Government of Bangladesh,

Mr. Raheed Ejaz, Diplomatic Correspondent, Prothom Alo, Professor Helal Mohiuddin, Professor Mohammed Nuruzzaman, and Assistant Professor Dr. Ishrat Zakia Sultana from the Department of Political Science and Sociology, NSU.





CPS of SIPG, NSU celebrated its 2nd Anniversary

The Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University (NSU) celebrated its 2nd Anniversary on February 28, 2022. The first part of the Anniversary Celebration was held in person at Syndicate Hall, NSU.

Professor M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor, North South University graced the

event as the Chief Guest. A talk on “Reclaiming Peace in the Current World Order” was delivered virtually by Dr. Kevin Barrett in the second half of the program. Dr. Kevin is an American Scholar and a renowned critic of the ‘War on Terror’. The Center for Peace Studies (CPS) was founded in 2020 with the aim to facilitate the academic study of peace building and the promotion of a resilient society through evidence-based and empirical research under SIPG of NSU. CPS is a platform for academics, researchers, and practitioners from various academic backgrounds to collaborate in order to create a peaceful world, with a focus on long-term and inclusive solutions to contemporary humanitarian crises.

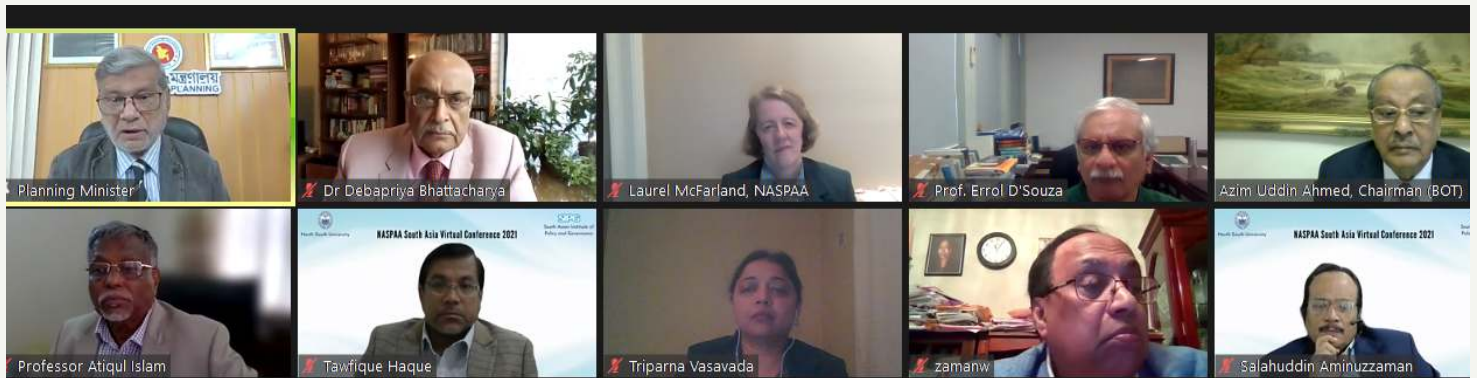
Mega Projects and Economic Crisis in Sri Lanka: What Lessons Bangladesh may take?

A webinar on "Current Sri Lankan Economic Crisis: Lessons for other South Asian Countries" was held on 24 April 2022, organized by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University (NSU). The panelists from Sri Lanka were Mr. Channa De Silva, Chairman, Sarvodaya Development Finance, Sri Lanka; Ms. Sulochana R. Mohan, Deputy Editor, Ceylon Today, Sri Lanka;

and from Bangladesh Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Country Economist, UNDP, Bangladesh, and Amb. Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow, SIPG, NSU.



SIPG of NSU holds the three-day NSU-NASPAA South Asia Virtual Conference 2021 on “Preparing Public Leaders in South Asia for a Post-Pandemic World”



Inaugural session of the NSU-NASPAA South Asia Conference on 12 November 2021

The NSU-NASPAA South Asia Virtual Conference 2021 on “Preparing Public Leaders in South Asia for a Post-Pandemic World” was held on 12-14 November 2021. It was organized by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) at North South University, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) of the USA, and the JSW School of Public Policy, the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), India.



Closing session of the NSU-NASPAA South Asia conference on 14 November 2021

The conference aimed to bring together academics, practitioners, members of civil society, and representatives from the public and private sectors across South Asia to share lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic and discuss ways to prepare public leaders for a post-pandemic world. Around 87 paper presentations & 14-panel discussions from 13 different countries & 78 universities across the globe were presented at this virtual conference.

Mr. M. A. Mannan, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh was the chief guest and inaugurated the three-day NASPAA South Asia Virtual Conference 2021 on 12 November 2021. Mr. Bhawani Prasad Khapung, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal was the chief guest at the closing session on 14 November 2021. Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, a Distinguished Fellow of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) was the inaugural keynote speaker.



Seminar on “Climate Justice in Bangladesh” held at NSU

The Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), and the Department of Environmental Science and Management (ESM), at NSU, had jointly organized a seminar on “Climate Justice in Bangladesh” on 22 November 2021, at the Syndicate Hall, NSU.

The seminar gathered eminent speakers and scholars like Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Special

Envoy of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Presidency, Bangladesh Government; Mr. AKM Mamunul Rashid, Climate Change Specialist of UNDP Bangladesh, along with Mr. Muqeed Majumder Babu, Chairman, Prokriti O Jibon Foundation were present.

Professor Md. Jakariya, presented the keynote paper in the seminar.

SIPG, NSU, and KAS hold a two-day virtual National Seminar on “Accelerating Progress and Equity in Education during the Pandemic in Bangladesh”

The virtual National Seminar titled “Accelerating Progress and Equity in Education during the Pandemic in Bangladesh” was organized by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) at North South University and KASpaces of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Germany on 18-19 September 2021. The purpose of the national seminar was to share experiences and address the challenges of SDG 4, which is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning

opportunities for all in this pandemic. Dr. Shamsul Alam, Hon’ble State Minister, Ministry of Planning inaugurated this virtual seminar on 18 September 2021. Mr. M A Mannan, MP, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh was present as the Chief Guest in the closing session on 19 September 2021.



Celebration of International Peace Day 2021 and Exhibition of Rohingya Artifacts



CPS also celebrated International Peace Day 2021 through in-person activities on 21 September 2021. These are; releasing balloons and pigeons, organizing a peace rally, and a week-long Exhibition of Rohingya Artifacts. The week-long exhibition was organized by CPS and International Organization for Migration (IOM) from 19-25 September 2021.



CPS-IOM Rohingya Artifacts exhibition at NSU on 19-25 September 2021

CPS & Artolution organized an art program for the Rohingya and Host Community Children

On 18th August 2021, an art program for the Rohingya and Host Community children was jointly organized by the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of SIPG, NSU, and Artolution at Ukhaia, Cox's Bazar to enhance social cohesion between the communities.



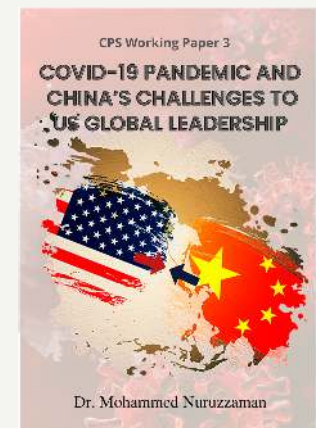
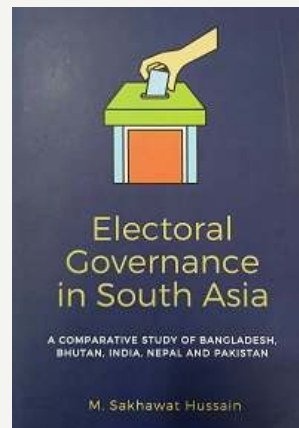
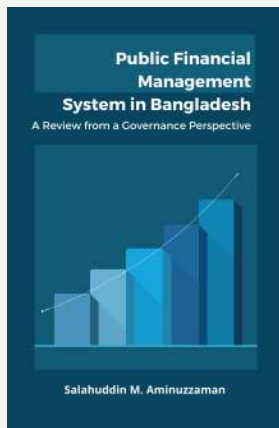
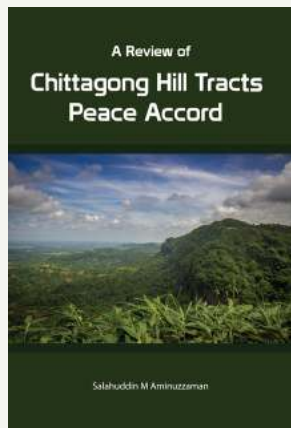
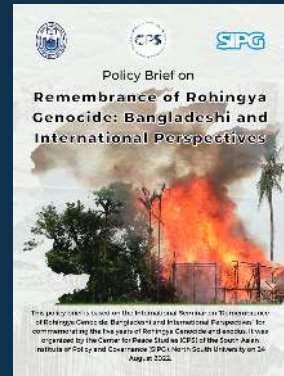
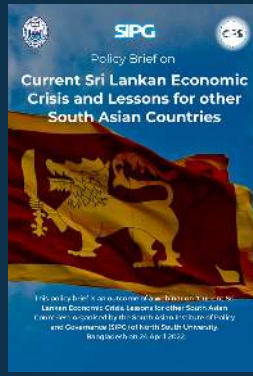
MoU signing ceremony between the South Asian Network for Public Administration [SANPA] and SIPG, NSU

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed today between the South Asian Network for Public Administration [SANPA] and SIPG, North South University. It aims to establish a collaborative relationship through cooperation in the areas of public administration and governance research and advocacy. Professor Habib Zafarullah, Chairperson, Executive Committee, SANPA & Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director,

SIPG, NSU were the signatories on behalf of the two parties. Professor Salahuddin M. Aminuzzaman, Adviser of SIPG, Dr. Rizwan Khair, Associate Professor, SIPG Dr. M. Mahfuzul Haque, Associate Professor, SIPG. From SANPA: Dr. Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Deputy Secretary, Planning Commission, Dr. Mahfuzul Haque, Ex-Secretary, GoB, Dr. K. M. Kabirul Islam, Deputy Secretary, GoB were present during the signing ceremony.



Selected Publications



Way Forward

As we are now in the middle of the year 2022, the new 2nd batch of Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG) students started their classes in person in July. The EMPG 1st batch is expected to graduate by the end of this year. The 10th batch of Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) has already graduated in Summer 2021. The new 11th batch of MPPG will commence early next year. SIPG conducted a series of training programs and workshops on “Enhancing Negotiation Skills” in collaboration with UNDP, Bangladesh. The next phase of training will commence next year. The research and publications works of SIPG and CPS are also progressing. Moreover, based on the experience of previous conferences, webinars, and seminars, more such events will be arranged in the upcoming days.

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