



**SIPG**



# A Journey since 2008



Regional Graduate Program



Networking and Training with Government Organizations



Regional Research and International Publications



International Student Exchange Program



South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG)



Center for Peace Studies (CPS)

South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) was formally inaugurated in 2008 as a tailor-made education and research program under the then Department of General and Continuing Education. The International Master degree program in Public Policy and Governance had been a landmark in the history of North South University in Bangladesh. The program has been able to attract a formal recognition as an attractive centre of higher learning of the incumbent young civil servants of the Government of Bangladesh and other South Asian Countries (Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Nepal). Till 2022, the MPPG program has produced more than 170 graduates from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Malaysia.

# Vision

## To become a leading academic institution and think tank on policy and governance

SIPG runs Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) Program which educates young professionals in public policy and governance and follow interdisciplinary approaches covering policy, development economics, political science and comparative governance including gender, culture, and society.

It prepares the students to undertake applied analysis by developing institutional designs which can transform public administration system and overall quality of public services in the region.

The institute strives to undertake an inventory of the key thematic challenges related to public policy and attempts to develop a collective and synchronized strategy to address such challenges through research and education.

# Goals

- To develop professional leaders in policy and governance through education, training, and research
- To generate and disseminate research and evidence based knowledge on policy and governance issues across national, cross national and regional levels



MPPG 7th Batch students completed one semester at University of Bergen (UiB), Norway under the student exchange program.

# Mission

- Providing quality education by national/regional/international faculty members and practitioners;
- Analyze policy and governance issues and discourses through Bangladeshi, South Asian and international researchers, scholars and experts;
- Develop network and partnership with national, regional, and international institutions for knowledge generation, dissemination and capacity building;
- Blend teaching, research and practice together through cutting-edge teaching and learning methods that work in practice;
- Develop and promote outstanding public sector leadership with vision and professional commitment;
- Advance knowledge for improvement of governance practices.



# Strengths of SIPG's Graduate Studies

- Thesis based Master program which helps critical thinking of students;
- The curriculum is designed on the basis of a leading European University i.e. University of Bergen, Norway and customized with local context;
- Gender and ethnic representation in the selection process;
- Involvement of the guest faculty members chosen from the government and other organizations;
- Involves students exchange program as students can complete one semester in a reputed university from Europe or South East Asia.
- More emphasis is given on group work, syndicate exercise and take home exercises;
- Online examination system.



# MPPG Program

Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) is an international master degree program started in 2008 in collaboration with University of Bergen (UiB), Norway; Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal; and University of Peradeniya (UoP), Sri Lanka. The MPPG program is designed for the Civil servants from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and other South and East Asian Countries. MPPG students complete one semester in a reputed university from Europe or South East Asia. Till 2022, 10 batches of MPPG students have already been graduated from North South University.

Country	Graduated	To be Graduated	Total
Bangladesh	110	10	120
Nepal	35	2	37
Sri Lanka	13	1	14
Bhutan	01	0	01
Malaysia	00	1	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>173</b>

# MPPG Students Photos



Field visit by MPPG 8th Batch students at RDRS, Rangpur



Field visit by MPPG 9th Batch students including Norwegian exchange Students at Rohingya Camp Cox's Bazar



Exposure Visit in Malaysia by MPPG 5th Batch



Exposure Visit by 6th batch in kungming ,China





Norwegian Exchange Students of MPPG program at NSU

# EMPG Program

The Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG) is designed to offer high quality and international standard education and training on governance and policy analysis for the young professionals of Bangladesh. It aims to strengthen academic competence and professional skills among professionals from public bureaucracy, development executives, embassy officials, managers of NGO, private sector officials in Bangladesh.

The EMPG aims to develop problem-solving and analytical skills of the participant students from a wide range of scholarly resources/ case studies/ learning materials on major policy and governance issues in the broader South Asian context with particular reference to Bangladesh. The program aims to make a unique balance of theory and practice. Practical approaches would include the development of a practicum by the students independently based on work-life experiences.

## **EMPG in Brief**

**Department :** Department of Political Science and Sociology (PSS)

**University :** North South University (NSU), Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Duration :** 1 Year in 2 Semesters

**Class time :** Friday and Saturday

**Credits :** 36 Credits



# Network and Collaboration

*University of Bergen, Norway*



*Royal University of Bhutan*



*University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*



*Tribhuvan University, Nepal*





# Network and Collaboration

## Major Research Partnership

- Yunan Academy of Social Sciences, China
- Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC), Nepal
- American University, Washington DC, USA
- Center for the Study of Developing Societies, India
- American University in Cairo, Egypt
- University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA
- O.P Jindal Global University, India
- World Bank
- Conflict and Resilience Research Institute Canada (CRRIC)
- Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS), Mumbai, India



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# PEACE DAY 2021

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CPS celebrates Peace Day through

- Holding a week-long exhibition on Rohingya art and culture jointly with IOM.
- Launching of a Bengali Book on the Rohingyas.
- Releasing colorful balloons and white pigeons at NSU.
- Organizing a peacefully with campus maintaining physical distance.

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Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world

# Center for Peace Studies (CPS)



The Center for Peace Studies (CPS), the center of South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) is an interdisciplinary initiative, which aims to facilitate the academic study of peacebuilding and the promotion of a resilient society through evidence-based and empirical research at North South University (NSU). The Center aspires to be a hub of academic research and activity in the areas of conflict studies and peace promotion that will have national, regional and global implication. CPS is a platform for academics, researchers and practitioners from diverse academic backgrounds working together to create a peaceful world with a focus on sustainable and inclusive solutions for contemporary humanitarian crises.

The vision of CPS is to become a recognized platform in South Asia and beyond where academics, scholars, researchers and practitioners come together to create sustainable and inclusive approaches to peace building using evidence-based knowledge and skill development.

# SIPG Policy and Innovation Lab (PLab)

The SIPG Policy and Innovation Lab (PLab) is a research and policy innovation initiative at the North South University (NSU) with a specific objective of bringing together scholars, researchers, and policymakers to build new knowledge and research expertise to initiate public debate on burning policy issues and advocate future policy decisions. The PLab is a social science laboratory which will be able to bring out breakthrough research on policy matters based mostly on evidence.

The PLab welcomes current and former Civil Servants in South Asia to share stories of actions and outcomes that describe how innovative measures made significant improvements in the service delivery mechanism and timeliness with some concrete solutions to the problems. It also encourages sharing experiences related to Negotiation & Conflict Resolution and Addressing Citizen's Concerns. The overall goal of this initiative is to produce a series of impact case studies that will motivate other civil servants to be more proactive and innovative.

# PLab Case Study Series

## Case Study Series 1:

### Learning from Innovative Civil Servants



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Policy and Innovation Lab (PLab) of South  
Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG)  
North South University, Bangladesh



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## Case Study Series 2:

### Negotiation & Conflict Resolution

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## Case Study Series 3:

### Addressing Citizen's Grievances: Inspiration from Proactive Civil Servants

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# International Conferences



*Nobel Laureate Richard J. Roberts speaks in SIPG on GMO*



*Mr. Syed Hamid Albar Former Minister of the Government of Malaysia speaks as Keynote Speaker at the International Conference on Rohingya Crisis in 2019 at NSU*

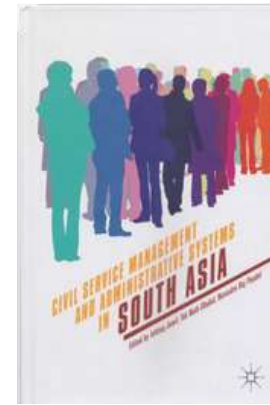
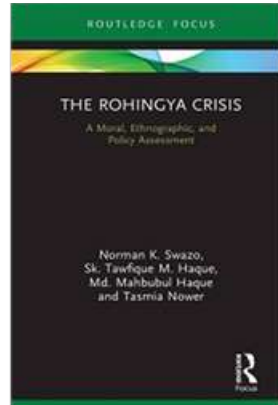
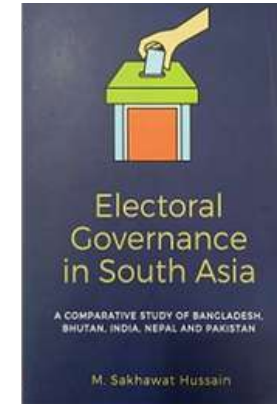
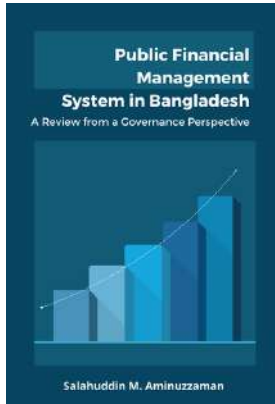




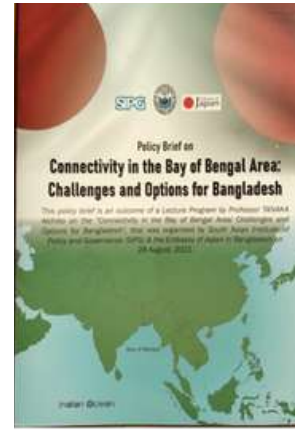
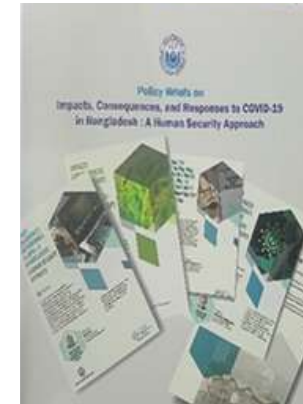
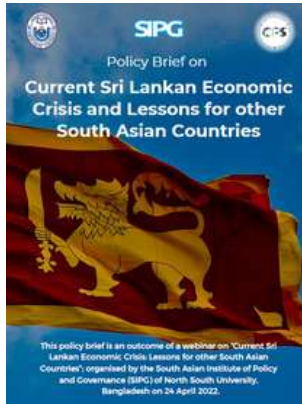
## Publications

- The institute has been publishing a number of books, policy briefs, working papers as an output of research activities, seminars and webinars. The publications are mostly concentrated around the major thematic areas of the institute namely; policy, governance, migration, refugee crisis, geo politics, electoral governance. As part of policy advocacy, The SIPG has been publishing policy briefs in regular basis. The objective of these policy briefs is to assist the government in making public policy.
- The SIPG is also publishing two scientific journals namely ; South Asian Journal of Policy and Governance (SJPG) and North South Journal of Peace and Global Studies. Both of the journals are peer reviewed. SJPG is a biannual journal jointly published by SIPG and Central Department of Public Administration (CDPA) of Tribhuvan University (TU).

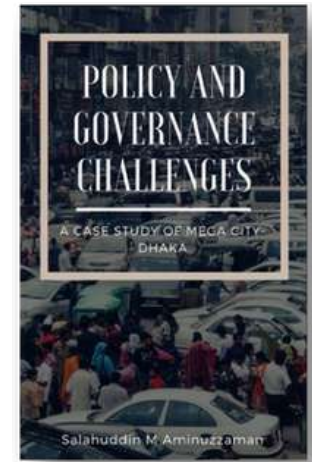
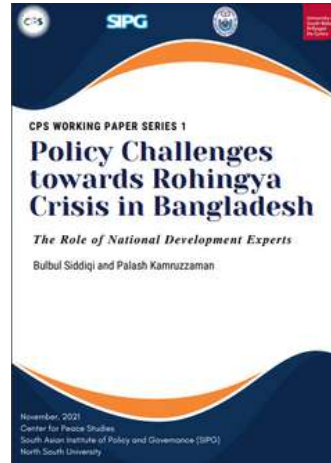
# Selected Publications (Books)



# Selected Publications (Policy Briefs)



# Selected Publications (Working Papers)





# Major Training and Certificate Courses

- Training on Enhancing Negotiation Skill for Smooth transition of Bangladesh from LDC Graduation funded by UNDP
- Training on Migration Diplomacy funded by ILO and IOM
- Certificate Course on 'Humanitarianism, Policy, and Diplomacy' jointly organized by CPS and Bangladesh Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT)
- Certificate Course on 'The Rohingya Crisis' jointly organized by CPS and The University of Arizona, USA
- Certificate Course on 'Geopolitics of Peace, Pandemic & Development in Asia and Beyond' jointly organized by CPS and O.P Jindal Global University, India

*SIPG-UNDP Training program on Enhancing Negotiation Skills for government officials*





- Training on Managing Change for Innovation for the Officials of Economic Relations Division (ERD) under Ministry of Finance GoB
- Training on 'Change Management for the Civil servants' jointly organized by SIPG, Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA) and United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- Executive Certificate Course on 'Governance & Development' jointly organized by SIPG, MOPA and UNDP
- Training on 'Governance in Higher Education: Learning from Bangladesh' organized for midlevel officials of University Grants Commission (UGC), Nepal

*Training on Innovation and Change Management for Economic Relations Division Officials*





*International Conference on Gender Mainstreaming in Politics, Administration and Development in South Asia and Beyond, in 2017*



Organized by **PSS** **SPG**  
Public Science & Policy

North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. July 27-28, 2019



*International Conference on Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions in 2019*

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