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CPS of North South University and Bangladesh Army organized a National Seminar on the “Role of Bangladesh in Global Peace”

The National Seminar on the “Role of Bangladesh in Global Peace” to observe the International Day of Peace was held on 21 September 2022 at Sena Malancha, Dhaka Cantonment. It was jointly organized by the CPS of SIPG, NSU, and Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT), Bangladesh Army.

In the seminar, the Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, Member of Parliament was present as the chief guest. And the keynote speakers were

General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed, SBP, OSP, ndu, psc, Ph.D., Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army and Ambassador Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow, SIPG, NSU & and former Senior Secretary and Foreign Secretary of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.





Launching Ceremony of the Center for Migration Studies (CMS) and International Seminar on “Migrants in Times of Crisis”

The Launching Ceremony of the Center for Migration Studies (CMS) and the International Seminar on “Migrants in Times of Crisis” was held on 17 December 2022 at North South University.

CMS of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), NSU aims to be a source of knowledge on migration and a means of achieving human rights and justice for those who are moving in need. The vision of CMS is to be the foremost regional think tank on migration issues by bringing together academics, scholars, researchers, and practitioners to produce, learn and share knowledge that is useful and informs policy, a source of knowledge on migration, and a means of achieving human rights and justice for those who are moving in need. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Dr. Ahmed Munirus Saleheen, Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates’ Welfare and Overseas Employment, Government of Bangladesh. The Guest of Honor was Ms. Huma Khan, Senior Human Rights Adviser to the UN Resident Coordinator & UN Country Team in Bangladesh. The Session Chair was Prof. M. Ismail Hossain, Pro Vice-Chancellor, North South University. The Keynote Speaker was Ambassador Shahidul Haque, Professorial Fellow at SIPG, NSU, Bangabandhu Chair at the University of Delhi, India, Senior Advisor of IOM, and Former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh. Mr. Abdusattor Esoev, Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Bangladesh was a discussant. And Professor Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, North South University gave the vote of thanks.



CPS of SIPG, NSU Celebrated International Day of Peace 2022



CPS of SIPG, NSU Celebrated International Day of Peace by holding a Peace rally, releasing pigeons, and planting a tree at NSU on 21 September 2022. This year the motto of Peace day was ‘End Racism, Build Peace’.

Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU was the chief guest at the Peace Day events. Ms. Rebecca (Becky) Adda-Dontoh, Peace and Development Advisor, & Ms. Flavie Bertouille, Peace & Development Specialist at the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator, United Nations, Bangladesh were present at the events.

CPS Lecture on ‘Community-Based Public Art Education’

A CPS lecture on Community-Based Public Art Education: A Way of Transforming Lives, A Case Study of the Rohingya Community’ was held on 31 July 2022 at NSU. The speaker was Dr. Max Frieder, Ed.D, Ed.M, Chief Creative Officer and Co-Founder of Artolution.

He discussed understanding the value of facilitating local artists to transform their communities through community-made public art programs, the importance of supporting the arts and art education in crisis response contexts, social and emotional learning and psychosocial support through community-based public art education, how community-based public art education can cultivate the next movement in the history of the arts and education.



CPS International Seminar on “Remembrance of Rohingya Genocide: Bangladeshi and International Perspectives”



An International Seminar on “Remembrance of Rohingya Genocide: Bangladeshi and International Perspectives” for commemorating the five years of the Rohingya Genocide was held on 24 August 2022 at NSU. It was organized by the CPS of SIPG, NSU. In this seminar, the Keynote Speaker was Dr. Syed Hamid Albar, Former Foreign Minister, of Malaysia and now Chairman of the World Islamic Economic Foundation, and Adjunct Professor, of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. Mr. M. A. Mannan MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Planning, People's Republic of Bangladesh, was the Chief Guest. This is the first time CPS also presented a Resolution and a position paper on "the Rohingya in Bangladesh: five years later, our vision for the future" at this seminar.

A day-long movie screening was also conducted on August 23, 2022, to commemorate the incident of the Rohingya Genocide. It was organized by CPS and supported by North South University Cine & Drama Club (CDC). Three movies were screened followed by a quiz competition.

SIPG of NSU & SANPA holds a Webinar on "Dr. Akbar Ali Khan: Contribution to Bangladesh State and Society"

A webinar on "Dr. Akbar Ali Khan: Contribution to Bangladesh State and Society" was organized by the SIPG and South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA) on 3 October 2022 at NSU.

Dr. Akbar Ali Khan was an influential academic, researcher, active and objective public intellectual, and renowned bureaucrat who reached the position of Cabinet Secretary in Bangladesh. He successfully combined multiple roles in his career- academia, research, and national and international bureaucracies. He died on 8 September 2022. His demise is a great loss for the nation. This webinar was organized to commemorate and discuss his contribution to Bangladesh's state and society. The distinguished panelists were; Mr. Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, Former Advisor, Caretaker Government; Md. Aminul Islam Bhuiyan, Former Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Finance Division, Government of Bangladesh; Dr. Mohammad Tareque, Director, Bangladesh Institute of Governance & Management (BIGM) & Former Finance Secretary, GoB, and Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). The moderator was Professor Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman, Advisor, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), NSU. Academics, researchers, practitioners, civil servants, journalists, and students from both Bangladesh and abroad participated in the webinar.



CPS Ambassador Talk Series 1

H.E. Mr. Rinchen Kuentsyl, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bhutan spoke on the topic: "Gross National Happiness- Bhutan's Development Philosophy". The Ambassador Talk Series: Session 1 was jointly organized by the CPS of SIPG, NSU, and the Office of External Affairs (OEA), NSU on December 22, 2022, at Syndicate Hall, NSU.



SIPG Research Talk on 'Geopolitical Developments in the Indian Ocean'

The SIPG Research Talk on 'Geopolitical Developments in the Indian Ocean' was held on October 26, 2022, at SIPG Conference Room. The speaker was Dr. David Brewster, Senior Research Fellow, National Security College, Australian National University.



SIPG Lecture by Prof. Takahara Akio on 'Towards a Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Its Vision, Significance, and Practices in the Bay of Bengal'.



A Lecture Program by Professor Takahara Akio on “Towards a Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Its Vision, Significance, and Practices in the Bay of Bengal” was held online on October 27, 2022. Professor Takahara Akio is a Professor at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, at the University of Tokyo. This program was jointly organized by the SIPG of NSU and the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh.

SIPG Webinar on “Nepal’s National Election 2022: Impacts on her Relations with the Regional Powers”



A Webinar on “Nepal’s National Election 2022: Impacts on her Relations with the Regional Powers” was held on 19 November 2022 (Saturday). It was jointly Organized by the SIPG of North South University, Bangladesh, and the Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM) & Policy Lab of Kathmandu University School of Management (KUSOM), Nepal. The panelists were: Prof. Dr. Achyut Wagle, Registrar, Kathmandu University; Mr. Yubaraj Ghimire, Editor, Deshsanchar.com; Dr. Uddhab Pyakurel, Director, Global Engagement, Kathmandu University.

CPS Research Talk on ‘Migrants, Displaced Persons, and Human Rights Winners’

The CPS Research Talk 8 on ‘Migrants, Displaced Persons, and Human Rights Winners’ was held at NSU on 17 July 2022. The speaker was Dr. William Paul Simmons, Professor of Gender & Women’s Studies and Director of the online Human Rights Practice Program at the University of Arizona, USA. He said that unprecedented numbers of people are on the move around the globe and with climate change, COVID, and increasing conflict, these numbers will



greatly increase by 2050. While macro-level solutions are desperately essential, we need to understand the experiences faced by migrants and forcibly displaced persons. In this talk, Professor Simmons drew upon his decades of experience studying migration and human rights in several contexts around the globe, of particular focus on the surprising resilience and posttraumatic growth that migrants often exhibit. He described how these ideas connect to his current research with faculty from North South University on the forcibly displaced Rohingya in Bangladesh.

Other Selected Activities of SIPG, NSU



The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) delegates visited CPS of SIPG on 15 November 2022 to discuss the state of the Rohingya crisis.



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Professor Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal, India visited SIPG on 14 November 2022 to deliver a lecture on Indian democracy and elections.

Mr. Vette Movold, a Representative from Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh visited SIPG on 15 November 2022 to discuss further collaboration between the Norwegian Embassy and SIPG.



The Orientation Program of the 2nd batch of Executive Masters in Policy and Governance (EMPG) was held on 22 July 2022 at SIPG, NSU.



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