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APPOINTMENTS

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Bangladesh

Advisor, EoT Fellowship

June, 2025 – present

North South University

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

2022 - present

Independent University, Bangladesh

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics

2012 - 2015

Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

Lecturer, Department of Economics

2010 - 2011

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

Research Associate

2007 - 2010

EDUCATION

University of Missouri, Columbia, Ph.D., Public Policy (Labor Economics), 2021

Harry S Truman Presidential School, University of Missouri

Dissertation: Three Essays on Labor Economics

Committee Chair: Prof. Peter Mueser, Department of Economics

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, MSc., Economics, 2011

Jahangirnagar University, MSc., Economics, 2004

Jahangirnagar University, BSc., Economics, 2003

RESEARCH INTEREST

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Program Evaluation

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Paul, T. K. (2023). The Impact of Married Women's Labor Market Participation on Poverty during the Great Recession. *Journal of Poverty*, 27(1), 60-81.

Rahman, M., Khan, T., Nabi, A., & Paul, T. (2011). Bangladesh's Export Opportunities in the Indian Market: Addressing Barriers and Strategies for Future. *South Asia Economic Journal*, 12(1), 117-141.

Kreiter, Z., & Paul, T. (2010). Deficit financing and inflation in Bangladesh: A vector autoregressive analysis. *The Jahangirnagar Economic Review*, 21, 9-26.

Rahman, M., Bhattacharya, D., Iqbal, M., Khan, T., & Paul, T. (2009). Macroeconomic Management in the Face of Global Challenges. *The Bangladesh Accountant*, 62(35), 57-95.

BOOK CHAPTER

Pedagogy of Applied Economics Courses in *Teaching Economics at the Undergraduate Level* (2025); Nova Science Publishers, New York. (chapter 8: co-author). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.52305/LXDI1132>

Macroeconomic Management in the Face of Global Economic Crisis in *Development of Bangladesh with Equity and Justice: Immediate Tasks for the New Government* (2009); Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD); (chapter 1: co-author).

DISCUSSION PAPER

Rahman, M., Bhattacharya, D., Iqbal, M., Khan, T., & Paul, T. (2009). Global financial crisis discussion series, paper 1: Bangladesh. *Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London*.

REPORT

Predicting Kindergarten Readiness and Receipt of Early Childhood Services: A County-Level Study in Missouri. (2021). Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri and Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. (unpublished)

Early Care and Education Programming: Costs, Benefits, and the Case for Data-Driven Decision-Making. (2020). Institute of Public Policy, University of Missouri and Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. (unpublished)

FUNDED RESEARCH

2025 “Study to understand structural and non-structural factors involved in informal channels of remittance transfer (hundi)”, PI Kazi Mahmudur Rahman, Co-PI Marufa Akter, Rama Rani Sutradhar, Tapas Paul (*HELVETAS* Bangladesh, Research Grant, Tk. 1,000,000)

2023 “Motorcycle Revolution: Economic Opportunities in the Informal Sector”, PI Tapas Paul, Mortuza Ehsan, Ismail Hossain (North South University CTRG Research Grant, Tk. 500,000)

AWARDS

Deaton Scholar, University of Missouri, 2019

DAAD Fellowship, Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Bonn (award only), 2017

Fulbright Fellowship, MSc. in Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 2010

University Merit Scholarship, Jahangirnagar University, 2004

CONFERENCE AND TRAINING

Conference Presentations

2023

Conference on “2023 Virtual SIPP Conference” organized by the Census Bureau, US; paper titled “The Impact of Married Women’s Labor Market Participation on Poverty during the Great Recession.” (2/2023)

2021

Paper titled “*The Impact of Married Women's Labor Market Participation on Poverty during the Great Recession*” organized by the Midwest Economics Association at the MEA’s 85th Virtual Annual Meeting, at United States. (3/2021)

2015

Conference on “Rethinking Political Economy and Development” organized by the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA); paper titled “*Transition from Autocracy to Democracy: How it Affected Bangladesh’s Economy?*” at Dhaka, Bangladesh. (1/2015)

2013

Conference on "Aid for Trade" organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP); paper titled “*Revisiting aid for Trade Initiative in Bangladesh*” at Bangkok, Thailand. (11/2013)

Conference on "WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property" organized by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); paper titled “*The Conflicting Issues on Geographical Indications of Bangladesh with India: A Gravity Model Analysis*” at Geneva, Switzerland. (6/2013)

Conference on “Women Empowerment, Environment, and Sustainable Economy of Bangladesh” organized by Fulbright Alumni Association of Bangladesh (FAAB); paper titled “*Inflation Targeting and Monetary Policy Response in Bangladesh: A Time Domain Approach*” at Dhaka, Bangladesh. (3/2013)

Conference and/or Training

2019

Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. (3/2019)

2017

Inter-Policy Summit at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA (3/2017)

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Conference, Chicago, IL, USA. (11/2017)

2013

South Asian Training Program on CGE modeling, SWATEE & UNESCAP, Nepal. (10/2013)

2011

Fulbright Enrichment Seminar; Greening of the Planet: Global Challenges, Local Solutions, US Department of State, Los Angeles, CA, USA. (2/2011)

2010

Investment Targeting and Trade Flow Analysis, ITC, Bangladesh. (3/2010)

2009

Strengthening the Response to the Global Financial Crisis in Asia-Pacific: The Role of Monetary, Fiscal and External Debt Policies, UNESCAP, Bangladesh. (7/2009)

ESCAP/WTO ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop for Trade Research, Thailand. (6/2009)

Foreign Exchange and Trade Finance Management, BFTI-IIFT, Bangladesh. (4/2009)

2008

How are the Poor Affected by Trade, UNCTAD, India. (10/2008)

TEACHING (G: Graduate; UG: Undergraduate)

North South University

- ECO 690: Experiments and Causal Inference (Spring 2025) (G)
- ECO 682: Contemporary Economic Ideas (various semesters) (G)
- ECO 503: Microeconomic Theory (Fall 2022) (G)
- ECO 441: Labor Economics (various semesters) (UG)
- ECO 301: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory II (Su 2024, Sp 2024, Su 2024) (UG)
- ECO 172: Introduction to Statistics (Sp 2025, Su 2025) (UG)
- ECO 135: Applied Mathematics for Economics I (Spring 2024) (UG)
- ECO 104: Introduction to Macroeconomics (various semesters) (UG)
- ECO 101: Introduction to Microeconomics (various semesters) (UG)

Independent University, Bangladesh

- ECN502: Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (G),
- ECN 402: Macroeconomic Theory (UG),
- ECN 320: Econometrics (UG),
- ECN 435: Game Theory (UG)

Jahangirnagar University

- ECO 210: Agricultural Economics (UG)
- ECO 303: International Economics I (UG)

ADVISING

North South University, Graduate Students

- Md. Rafiqul Islam, Summer 2024

Independent University, Bangladesh, Undergraduate Students

- Aninda Mustafa, Spring 2015
- Mushfiqa Rahman, Spring 2014
- Arafat Islam, Spring 2013

SERVICE

Journal Referee (Member, Editorial Board): *Anti-Poverty*, 2023 - 2025

North South University

- Lead Coordinator, Assessment and Curriculum Planning (ACPC) Committee, 2025 - present
- Lead Coordinator, Student Engagement & Support Committee, 2024
- Member, Research Committee, Dept. of Economics, 2022 - present
- Faculty Advisor, Young Economists' Forum (YEF), 2022 - 2024

Independent University, Bangladesh

- Coordinator, Live in Field Experience (LFE), Spring, 2013

CONSULTANCY

Project title “Study to understand structural and non-structural factors involved in informal channels of remittance transfer (hundi)”, *HELVETAS*, 2025.

Project title “NSW Workforce Adaptation Research and Analysis” for Transport for New South Wales (*TfNSW*), Australia, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- *Life Member*, International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP)
- *Life Member*, Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA)
- *Life Member*, American Alumni Association of Bangladesh (AAA)
- *Life Member*, Fulbright Alumni Association of Bangladesh (FAAB)
- *Life Member*, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University Alumni Association
- *Life Member*, Notre Dame College Alumni Association

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Bengali (Mother Tongue), English (Mother Tongue Equivalent), French (Basic), German (Basic)

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