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**CAREER PROFILE**

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- Possesses nine years of qualitative and quantitative research experience in economics particularly in open-economy macroeconomics, regionalism, demography and development, urban economics, and governance.
- Spearheaded the State of Governance in Bangladesh 2010-11 Report, Institute of Governance Studies' (IGS) flagship publication;
- Assisted the lead author of the Bangladesh chapter for the Human Development in South Asia 2012: Governance for People's Empowerment, the Mahbub ul Haq Human Development Centre, Pakistan;
- Consulted an ASEAN-member country, the Central Bank of Bangladesh, World Bank, JICA and DFID (UK AID);
- Effectively managed the FEALAC Project, a South American and East Asian Joint project on economic, social and cultural cooperation;
- Served as Assistant Editor for the ASEAN Economic Bulletin (AEB), Institute of Southeast Asian Studies', Singapore, in-house journal;
- Presented at seminars, written numerous articles and published papers in newspapers, reputed journals and top international publications;

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

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- Master of Social Sciences (Economics), National University of Singapore, 2004
- Master of Social Sciences (Economics), University of Chittagong, Bangladesh, 2000
- Bachelor of Social Science (Economics), University of Chittagong, Bangladesh, 1998

**SKILLS**

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STATA, EIEWS, MICROSOFT OFFICE

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**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

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*Part time Consultant*

*Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University, Dhaka*

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*Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) Dhaka*  
*January 2013- to date*

*Research Fellow*  
Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), BRAC University, Dhaka  
*November 2011 to December 2012*

*Research Associate*  
Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, Singapore *April 2007*  
*to October 2011*

*Research Associate*  
Policy Consultancy Associates (PCA), Singapore  
*September 2005 to March 2007*

*Research Associate*  
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore  
*September 2004 to August 2005*

*Senior Officer*  
Agrani Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*January 2001 to July 2003*

## **RESEARCH & WRITINGS**

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### **BOOK PROJECT**

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Currently developing a book proposal on “Demography: the Decider?”

### **SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

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- “China-Bangladesh Economic Cooperation: Focus on Kunming-Chittagong”, presented at the 2nd RIIO International conference on Development of China and Indian Ocean Economies, the Empark Grand Hotel, Kunming , 29 November 2012.
- “The State of Governance (SoG) in Bangladesh 2010-11: Policy, Influence, Ownership”, presented at the launching ceremony of the SoG report, BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka, 21 November 2012.
- "Urban Spatial Growth: the Case of Bangladesh" presented at a policy workshop on Bangladesh Urban Dynamics, the Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, Dhaka, 20 November 2012.

- “Low Intra-regional Trade, Rise of Bilateral FTAs and the Future of South Asia’s Trade”, presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> South Asia Economic Summit, Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, Dhaka, 23-24 October 2011.
- "Should the Sovereign Debt Crisis Worry Emerging Asia?" presented at the conference on the International Conference on The Global Economy after the Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities, organized by the Turkish Economic Association, North Cyprus, September 1-3, 2010.
- "Monetary Policy and the Global Financial Crisis", presented at the Governor's Secretariat, Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 5 May 2010.
- "The Economies in Southeast Asia: Potentials and Pitfalls", at the Citi-Sicci seminar on Regional Business Outlook 2010- Challenges and Opportunities, presented at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Singapore, 11 February 2010.
- "The Kunming Initiative and the Economic Prospects between Northeast India and Bangladesh", presented at the international workshop on "Southern Silk Route: Historical Links and Contemporary Convergences", Kolkata, 2008.
- “Outsourcing, Migration, and Brain Drain in the Globalised Economy”, presented at the 4th Global Conference on Business and Economics, University of Oxford, UK, June 26-28, 2005.

## **SELECTED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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- Internationalization of Renminbi: What does the Evidence Suggest? (with Omar Khaled M R Bashar, Lecturer, Swinburne University of Technology), *World Review of Business Research*, Vol. 2. No. 5, 2012.
- “How Well Has South Asia Coped With the Global Crisis: Monetary Management, Regulation and Market Discipline” (with Dilip Nachane, Professor Emeritus, IGIDR, India), *South Asian Journal of Global Business Research*, Volume 1 No. 2, 2012.
- "Bank Lending Channel of Monetary Policy Transmission: India and the Global Financial Crisis" (with Ramkishan Rajan, Professor, George Mason University, USA), *International Journal of Economics and Business Research*, Vol. 3, No. 5, 2011.

## **SELECTED BOOK CHAPTERS**

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- “External Influence and Economic Governance” in *the State of Governance (SoG) in Bangladesh 2010-11: Policy, Influence, Ownership*” (with Salina Aziz and Rubayet Hamid), Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University, July 2012.

- "South Asia and the Global Financial Crisis: Impact and Monetary Policy Responses" in *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Economics*, edited by Raghendra Jha, Routledge, May 2011.
- "The Global Financial Crisis and Bank Lending Channel" in *International Financial Issues and Policies in Emerging Asia*, edited by Ramkishen Rajan, Palgrave Macmillan, May 2011.
- "How Effective Was Monetary Policy in India During the Global Financial Crisis" in *Capital Flow and Financial Stability in Emerging Market: Issues and Policy Concerns*, edited by Ramkishen Rajan, Oxford University Press, April 2011.
- "Sub-Regional Cooperation under SAARC: An Economic Analysis", in *The Emerging Dimensions of SAARC*, Cambridge University press, India, 2010.
- "Financial Sector Reforms in South Asia- A Perspective" in *South Asian Perspectives*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2010.
- "Energy Cooperation between India and Bangladesh: Economics and Geo-politics" in *The Geopolitics of Energy in South Asia*, edited by Marie-Carine Lall, Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2009.
- "Outsourcing, Migration, and Brain Drain in the Global Economy: Issues and Evidence" (with Habibullah Khan) in *Reverse Brain Drain to India: A Reality in the New Millennium*, Hyderabad: Icfai University Press, January 2008.

## **SELECTED REPORTS AND POLICY PAPERS**

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- "Access to Urban Basic Services and Determinants of Satisfaction: A Comparison by Non-slum and Slum Dwellers in Dhaka City", *IGS Working Paper Series No 10/2013*, Dhaka: Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University
- "Internationalization of the Renminbi: Theory and Evidence" (with Omar Khaled M R Bashar), *IGS Working Paper Series No 04/2012*, Dhaka: Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University, 2011.
- "Women Empowerment in Bangladesh: Causes and Consequences" (with Suvi Dogra), *ISAS Working Paper No 119*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2011.
- "How Well South Asia Coped With the Global Crisis: Monetary Management, Regulation and Market Discipline", (with Professor D M Nachane), *ISAS Working Paper No 131*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies.
- "An Economic Analysis of Bangladesh's Foreign Exchange Reserves", *ISAS Working Paper no. 85*. Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2009.

- “The Bank Lending Channel of Monetary Policy Transmission: India and the Global Financial Crisis” (with Ramkishan Rajan, Associate Professor, the George Mason School of Public Policy, Washington), *ISAS Working Paper, no. 78*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2009.
- “Commodity Boom and Inflation Challenges for Bangladesh”, *ISAS Working Paper No. 40*, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore, 2008.
- "Inflation, Growth and the 3Ds: South Asian Perspectives", *ISAS Insights No. 112*. Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2010.
- “The Economics and Politics of China’s Exchange Rate Adjustment”, *ISAS Insights No. 88*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2010.
- “Bangladesh-China-Northeast India: Opportunities and Anxieties”, *ISAS Insights, No. 36*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2008.
- “Of Agflation and Agriculture: Time To Fix The Structural Problems”, *ISAS Insights No. 30*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2008.
- “South Asia’s Inflation Challenges”, *ISAS Insights No. 26*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2008.
- “Asia’s Economic Revival: Seeking Solutions beyond the Fiscal Stimulus”, *ISAS Brief, No. 101*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2009.
- “The Fall of the Indian Rupee and the Unholy Trinity”, *ISAS Brief, no. 90*, Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2008.
- “Global Economic Slowdown: Can Bangladesh Remain Resilient?”, *ISAS Brief, no. 87*. Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2008.
- “The Third Oil Shock: The Path Forward for Bangladesh”, *ISAS Brief No. 71*, , Singapore: Institute of South Asian Studies, 2008.

## **SELECTED MEDIA ARTICLES**

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- “Three Decades of Banking Reforms”, *Daily Star*, 25 December 2012
- “Expensive Power and Price Adjustment”, *Daily Star*, 19 December 2012
- “In Defence of Bangladesh Bank’s Independence, *Daily Star*, 07 November 2012
- “Arresting Regulatory Failure in the Financial System”, *Daily Star*, 31 August 2012
- “Demography: the Decider?”, *Daily Star*, 08 July 2012
- “Of Youth and Indian Elections”, *Daily Star*, 20 March, 2012

- "China-Bangladesh Relations: Contemporary Convergence", Daily Star, 25 January 2012
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  - "Power of Cities and Division", Daily Star, 2 December 2011
  - 'Standard & Poor's Tests United States' Confidence', Roubini Global Economics, 03 May, 2011
  - 'Is Bangladesh Economy on the Wrong Foot?', The Financial Express, 8 February 2011
  - 'On Corruption, Institutions and TIB surveys', The Independent, 01 January, 2010
  - 'The Rise of the Other Half', The Independent, 23 December 2010
  - 'South Asia's 'Missing Women', The Independent, 08 December , 2010
  - "The Possibilities in Demographic Transition", Roubini Global Economics, 24 November , 2010
  - "Debt, Deleveraging and Growth", The Independent, 11 November 2010
  - "Seeing Inflation and Growth in a 3D Prism", Roubini Global Economics, 07 October 2010
  - "RMG Sector: Challenges versus Opportunities", The Daily Star, 5 August 2010
  - "Window of Opportunity for South Asia", Roubini Global Economics, 12 July 2010
  - "Asia's Decade May be a Century in the Making", The South China Morning Post, 8 April 2010
  - "Asia and the Western Debt Crisis", The Hindu Business Line, 31 March 2010
  - "The Renminbi Challenge", The Hindu Business Line, 05 January 2010
  - "Can Asia Bank on Fiscal Stimulus?", The Hindu Business Line, 29 April 2009
  - "Bangladesh – A Happy Story Amidst the Global Crisis", The Business Times, 5 February 2009
  - "Bangladesh Wakes to a New Dawn", The Business Times, 9 January 2009
  - "The Days of a Stable Indian Currency are Over", The Business Times, Singapore, 18 December 2008
  - "Asia Awaits Advents of Obamanomics", The Business Times, Singapore, 13 November 2008
  - "Silent Tsunami Sends Shockwaves over Asia", The Business Times, Singapore, 27 May 2008
  - "South Asia Struggles to Control Inflation", The Business Times, Singapore, 2 April 2008
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