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### AFFILIATION

Professor, Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University

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Visiting Fellow, Institute for South Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley

### EDUCATION

2015. PhD Department of History, Lancaster University. Thesis Title: 'Trails of Prolonged Partition: Truncated East Bengal, Forgotten East Pakistan and the Aftermath in Bangladesh.'

2003. MA in Social Science, International School for Humanities and Social Science, Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Thesis Title: 'Neither Hybrid Nor Trapped: The Bangladeshi Migrants in Netherlands.'

1991 [Exam Year 1993] MSS in Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Thesis Title: 'Muslim Stratification and its Changing Trends.'

1990 [Exam Year 1992]. BSS in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Dissertation Title: 'Perpetuation of Poverty: Perspective from a Bangladeshi village.'

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Borders and borderlands; South Asian studies; Bangladesh studies; nation, state and the subaltern; postcolonial historiography; history from below; Partition (1947) studies; history, memory and narratives

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015–. Jahangirnagar University, Department of Anthropology, **Professor.**

2023 (Spring). North South University, Department of Political Science and Sociology, **Adjunct Faculty.**

2022 (Spring). East West University, Department of Sociology, **Adjunct Faculty.**

2019 (Spring). East West University, Department of Sociology, **Adjunct Faculty.**

2005–2015. Jahangirnagar University, Department of Anthropology, **Associate Professor.**

2010–2011. Lancaster University, Department of History, **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

2009 (Spring). Hawaii Pacific University, USA, Department of Anthropology, College of International Studies, **Single Course Tutor.**

2007 (Fall). Eastern University, Dhaka, Department of English, **Adjunct Faculty.**

2005. Pathshala, The South Asian School of Photography, Dhaka, **Part-time Tutor.**

1998–2005. Jahangirnagar University, Department of Anthropology, **Assistant Professor.**

1995–1998. Jahangirnagar University, Department of Anthropology, **Lecturer.**

### AWARDS

2014. Peel Trust Studentship, Lancaster University.

2010–2014. Faculty of Arts and Social Science Fee Waiver Bursary for PhD, Lancaster University.

2013. Peel Trust Studentship, Lancaster University.

2013. Charles Wallace (Bangladesh) Trust Doctoral Bursary: Writing Grant.  
2012. Peel Trust Studentship, Lancaster University.  
2011. Peel Trust Studentship, Lancaster University.  
2008. Fellowship, Asia Pacific Leadership Program, East West Center & US Department of State.  
2002. Faculty Development Grant for the Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka; sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Partition as Border-Making: East Bengal, East Pakistan and Bangladesh* (London & New York: Routledge, 2022)

### Forthcoming Book

Co-edited with M.T. Sultana & P.S. Sajeed, *A Bangladesh Reader: Beyond Nation and State* (London & New York: Routledge, 2024)

### Book Chapters

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- “Passage Through Partition: Stories of Five Families” in *Migration, Memories, and the “Unfinished” Partition*, (London & New York: Routledge, 2024)
- “1947-er bangla bhag, bhartot kendrikotar poropare” (Bengal Partition of 1947: Beyond Indocentrism), in *Danga, Desbbhag O Udbastu Shomoy: Poshchim theke Purbobongo*, (Kolkata: Mandas, 2024)
- “kolpolok hotey nojardarir rashtro” (From utopia to the state of surveillance), in *Dui Banglar Sanskriti: Porbantorer Kotha* (Burdwan: Bharat Vidya Charcaha Kendra, 2023)
- “The Living Labyrinth of ‘Prolonged Partition’” in *Revisiting Partition: Contestation, Narratives and Memories* (Delhi: Primus Books, 2022)
- “‘Surgery’ in rush and affected lives in borderland: East Bengal experiences of Partition” in *The 1947 Partition in the East and North-East: Trends and Trajectories* (London & New York: Routledge, 2021)
- “Baad Porader Itihash” (History of the Left-out), in *Probol O Prantik Series 1* (Dhaka: Public Nribiggyan, 2011)
- Co-authored with S.N. Islam, “Bhasha Nari Purusher Jonno Shoman Noe” (Language is Not Equal for Woman and Man), *Chorcha*, Proceedings of Annual Seminar of the Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, 2002
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### Forthcoming Book Chapters

- “Bangalee-Musalman: Configuration and Contestation of Identities” in *A Bangladesh Reader: Beyond Nation and State* (London & New York: Routledge, 2024)
- “Bangalee-Musalman: Entangled in a Constant Struggle of Distancing” in *Islamisation, Secularisation and Bipolar Politics in Bangladesh* (London & New York: Routledge, 2024).

### Articles and Proceedings

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- “*partition oddboyoner je paathgulo amader bhulte hobe*” (Lessons we need to unlearn in Partition studies), *Aneek, Special Issue on deshbhaag(Partition)* 75, 59 (2023):7-8, Kolkata.
- satyasatyer bhedrekha muchhe Nuruldeen-er talash: Rangpur-er doshokjora bidroho*” (Search for Nuruldeen transcending the boundaries of truth-false: The decade-long revolt of Rangpur), *Monon Rekha, Special Issue on Nuruldeen and Peasant Revolt of Rangpur* 6 (2022):11, Dhaka.

- “Passage through the Partition: Stories of five families,” *Journal of Migration Affairs* 4:1, <https://migrationaffairs.com/passage-through-partition-stories-of-five-families/> (2021)
- “Partition Prolonging Along the Bengal Borderlands.” *Partition Studies Quarterly*, (2020), Issue 03, [Partition Prolonging Along the Bengal Borderlands - Partition Studies \(partitionstudiesquarterly.org\)](http://partitionstudiesquarterly.org) Partition Prolonging Along the Bengal Borderlands - Partition Studies (partitionstudiesquarterly.org)
- “1947-er bangla bhaḡ, bharot kendrikotar poropare” (*Bengal Partition of 1947: Beyond Indocentrism*), Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Tenth Monthly General Meeting, 2018
- “‘Surgery’ in rush and affected lives: Make-Believe stories in understanding History” in *The Journal of Social Studies* 146 (2015), Dhaka University, Dhaka.
- “On Remembrance/Forgetting: Issues Related to Partition Memories”, in *The Jahangirnagar Review* XXXVI (2015), Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
- “‘Onno’ Jatirashter Kechcha: Uttor-Ouponibeshik Prekkhapote Itibash, Shomproday ar Porichiti Proshongo” (Stories from the ‘Other’ nation-states: History, Community and the Issue of Identity in a Post-Colonial Context), *Nrivijnana Potrika* 11 (2006), Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
- “*Poshchimer Udarnoitik Hegemony te Boshobash: Genealogies of Religion-er Path Protikria*” (Living under the liberal hegemony of the West: A response to *Genealogies of Religion*), *Nrivijnana Potrik* 9 (2004), Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
- Co-authored with Mahmudul H. Sumon, “Exploring the “Indigenous”: Dilemmas of Academics in Bangladesh,” *Jahangirnagar Review Part II, Social Science* XXV-XXVI (2002), Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
- Co-authored with Mirza Taslima Sultana, “*Paththakrom o Gayan Utpodoner Rajnoitic Baeboস্থা*” (Political system of production of syllabus and knowledge), *Nrivijnana Potrika* 7 (2002), Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
- Co-authored with Ainoon Naher, “*Ongsbogrohon: Unnoyon Rajnitir Ekti Bobul Uchcharito Prottoy ke Phire Dekha*” (Participation: A buzzword of development politics revisited), *Bangladesh Unnoyon Shomikhsba*, Journal of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, 2001.
- Co-authored with S. N. Islam, “The Gendered Construction of Language,” *The Journal of Social Studies*, Special Issue: Language and Society 90 (2000), Dhaka University
- Co-authored with Mirza Taslima Sultana, “*Patthokromer Rupantoron: Bangladeshe Nribigyaner Poriborton Probonota*” (Changes in institutional anthropology: Recent trends in curricula), *Shamprotik Nribigyan* (2000), the edited proceedings of the Annual Seminar of the Department of Anthropology, held in July 1999, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
- “*Nribigyane Totto Alochonar Prarombhika*” (An introductory note on anthropological theories), *Nrivijnana Potrika* 4 (2000), Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka
- “*Jatitabaad ebong Attosbondhaner Tagid*” (Nationalism and urge of self-investigation): in *Samaj Nirikkhon* 72 (1999), Dhaka University
- “*Shongskritir Boyan: Didhannito Shotto Nirman?*” (Writing culture: Construction of confused truth?), *Nrivijnana Potrika* 3 (1995), Jahangirnagar University

### Journal Editor

*Nrivijnana Patrika* Vol 22 & 23 (2017–2018)

### Forthcoming Publication

“Selective Remembrance and Erasure in the Historiographical Practice in Bangladesh: 1947 Partition as a Case Point” in *The Encyclopedia of Historiography: Africa, America, Asia* (2024)

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## RECENT CONFERENCES/WEBINARS

### 2024

“Bangladesh Studies Beyond Hegemonic Narratives” Plenary speech in the Bangladesh Conference 2024, titled New Directions of Bangladesh Studies. The conference was jointly organized by American Institute of Bangladesh Studies and South Asian Institute @ UT Austin.

“*Partition As Border-Making*” discussion on my research at Subir and Malini Center for Bangladesh Studies, ISAS, University of California, Berkeley.

### 2023

“*deshbhager hegemonic akkhyan: oporer osrutopray swor*” (Hegemonic narrative of Partition: Unheard voices of the Other) keynote speech at the annual seminar organized by the Department of Bengali, Jahangirnagar University.

“*Bangladesh oddboyoner ishthebar*” (The manifesto of Bangladesh studies). Invited lecture organized by the Department of Anthropology, Rajshahi University.

“*proshongo: bismriti o upekkha: bangladeshe partition oddboyoner gurutto*” (Issues of Amnesia and Erasure: Significance of Partition studies in Bangladesh) invited lecture titled organized by Jahangirnagar University Research Forum.

“Beyond A Hegemonic Understanding of 1947 Partition” public lecture organized by the Department of English, Stamford University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### 2022

“*1947 er dirgho ochena procchaya*” (The Unknown prolonged shadow of 1947), a webinar organized by Swapner Bangladesh

Invited speaker, 4<sup>th</sup> ULAB Literary Salon on the theme on “Partition and its Aftermath” organized by the Department of English and Humanities, University of Liberal Arts

Keynote speaker, “Lessons We Need to Unlearn in Partition Studies,” International Conference on Partition organized by the Department of Sociology and the Department of English, North Bengal Saint Xavier's College, Siliguri, India

Plenary speaker, “*desh chbere jaoa manush ar je manushke chbere gelo desh: 1947-71*” (People who had left the country and the people, abandoned by the country: 1947-71,” International Webinar on Literature and Culture of India on Patriotism versus Angst of Partition, Tripura University, India

### 2021

Reading Between the Lines: History and Nation in Bangladesh, Conference on Bangladesh at 50: Beyond Rhetoric, South Asia Forum, Queen Mary University, London.

### 2018

Prolonged Partition in Bengal Borderland, Conference on “Locating Northeast India: Human Mobility, Resource Flows, and Spatial Linkages” Tezpur University, India.

## Reviewer

Journal Article Reviewer

*Modern Asian Studies*

*Journal of Contemporary South Asia*

*Journal of Historical Sociology, India Review*  
*Nrivijnana Patrika;*

Manuscript Reviewer  
Cambridge University Press  
Routledge India  
University Press Limited Dhaka

**CONVENOR**

**2023** Organized the annual seminar of the Department of Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University on *Partitioner 75 bochbor: bobusworer sondhan* (75 Years of Partition: In search of multivocality)

**2022** Jointly organized an International Web Symposium on Fight for Rights of Bengali Muslim Women in Post-Partition Era, International Society of Bengal Studies.

**2021** Jointly organized a conference on Bangladesh at 50: Beyond Rhetoric, South Asia Forum, Queen Mary University of London;  
<https://bangladesh50beyondrhetoric.wordpress.com/>