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**Profile**

Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir is a Professor of Economics at the Department of Development Studies of the University of Dhaka. He has worked in diverse constituencies, namely, academia, governments, think-tanks, international organisations and media.

Prof. Titumir holds Ph.D. in Economics from the University of London, M.Sc in Development and Financial Economics from the University of London, Certificate in Trade Policy and Commercial Diplomacy from the Universities of Carleton and Ottawa, BSS (Hons.) from the University of Dhaka, and HSC and SSC from Jhenidah Cadet College.

He has written books and articles in the areas of sustainable development, macroeconomic and sectoral policies, agriculture, biodiversity, climate change, education and health, and on implications of state formation, structural adjustment, poverty reduction strategies, world trading system, and regional economic cooperation. He edited a series titled, Imagine a New South Asia, comprising four volumes.

As a senior staff member and a senior advisor, Dr. Titumir has working experience with international organisations, civil society and NGOs in multicultural, multinational and diverse environments at home and abroad. He has provided advisory services to governments on multilateral negotiations such as WTO, UNFCCC, UNCBD. He has been contributing as a member of committees of experts of different UN bodies.

Professor Titumir is on boards of different organisations and is the founding Chairperson of the Unnayan Onneshan, a multidisciplinary independent think-tank. He is currently Vice-Chairperson of Asia Regional Committee of IUCN and Chairperson of Bangladesh National Committee of IUCN. He served on the Syndicate, the decision making body of a university, and was Joint Secretary General of Bangladesh Federation of University Teachers' Association. He also has taught at the Royal Holloway, University of London and the Bangladesh Open University.

He also acts as an Independent Director in publicly traded private companies and is a Member of Board in different social welfare organisations.

Prof. Titumir is currently researching on ideas of state and policymaking in developing countries, focusing on five areas, namely expansion of productive capacity, fiscal and monetary policies, social policies, natural resource management, and agrarian transition.

**Countries of Work Experience**      Bangladesh, United Kingdom, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, China and South Africa.

## **A. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

### ***Academic Qualifications***

1. Ph. D. in Economics, University of London
2. M. Sc. in Development and Financial Economics, University of London
3. Certificate in Trade Policy and Commercial Diplomacy, Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Universities of Carleton and Ottawa, Canada.
4. B. S. S. (Honours) in Economics, University of Dhaka.
5. H.S.C and S.S.C, Jhenidah Cadet College, BISE, Jessore.

### ***Professional Training***

1. Sustainable Development Training Programme, Centre for Our Common Future, Geneva, Switzerland.
2. Reporting on Complexity, Arizona University and the USIS.
3. Production for Educational Television, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada.

## **B. PROFESSIONAL RECORD**

### ***B.1 Teaching***

1. Professor of Economics, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
2. Former Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
3. Former Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
4. Former Assistant Professor, Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur, Bangladesh.
5. Former Part-time Teacher, Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka.
6. Former Part-time Teacher, Military Institute of Science and Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh
7. Former Teaching and Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway, University of London, U.K.

### ***B.2 UN Committees of Experts and Advisory Services to International Organisations***

1. Former Member of UN-CBD Committee of Experts on Scaling Up Finance for Biodiversity
2. Former Member of UN-CBD Committee of Experts on Poverty Reduction and Biodiversity
3. Former Head of Policy, Asia Region, ActionAid International
4. Consultant, ILO, UNFPA, DFID and European Union
5. Consultant, Oxfam, Novib, ChristianAid
6. Former Research Coordinator, Structural Adjustment Participatory Review Initiative (SAPRI), Government of Bangladesh, World Bank and CSOs

### ***B.3 Expertise and Advisory Services to the Government of Bangladesh***

1. Former Member, WTO Advisory Committee, Ministry of Commerce
2. Former Consultant Trade Economist on WTO, Ministry of Commerce
3. Former Member, Government Delegation to WTO Negotiations

4. Former Member, Government Delegation to Climate Change Negotiations, UNFCCC
5. Former National Consultant, Bangladesh Tariff Commission

#### **B.4 Boards and Professional Associations**

1. Chairperson, Board of Trustees, the Unnayan Onneshan, an independent think-tank
2. Former Member, Board of Governors (Syndicate), Bangladesh Open University
3. Former Joint Secretary General, Bangladesh Federation of University Teachers' Association
4. Former General Secretary, Bangladesh Open University Teachers' Association
5. Independent Director, Pragati Life Insurance Limited
6. Former Member, Board of Trustees, the Climate Action Network – South Asia
7. Former Secretary General, Imagine a New South Asia
8. Former Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
9. Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association
10. Life Member, Jhenidah Ex-Cadets Association
11. Vice-Chairperson, Gopalpur Mohammadia Orphanage, Pangsa, Rajbari, Bangladesh

#### **B.4 Media**

1. Columnist, the Daily Prothom Alo, Bangladesh
2. Columnist, the Daily Bonik Barta, Bangladesh
3. Columnist, the Daily New Age, Bangladesh
4. Columnist, the Weekly Holiday, Bangladesh
5. Former Staff Reporter, The Daily Star, Bangladesh
6. Former Staff Writer, The Weekly Bichitra

### **C. PUBLICATIONS**

#### **C.1 Articles in Journals**

1. Titumir, R. A. M. and Rahman, M.Z. 2019. "Economic Implications of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): The Case of Bangladesh," *China and the World*. Vol. 02, No. 04 <https://doi.org/10.1142/S2591729319500214>
2. Titumir, R. A. M. and Rahman, M.Z. 2019. "Strategic Implications of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): The Case of Bangladesh," *China and the World*. Vol. 02, No. 03 <https://doi.org/10.1142/S2591729319500202>
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4. Titumir, R. A. M and Rahman, M.Z. 2017. "Changes in Population Age Structure and Economic Development: The Case of Bangladesh," *Florya Chronicles of Political Economy*, Vol - 3 No. 1 - 2017 (1-54).
5. Titumir, R. A. M and Rahman, M.Z. 2017. "Demographic Transition and Its Implications for Productive Absorption of Labour Force: The Case of Bangladesh", *Dhaka University Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 2. No. 1.
6. Titumir, R.A. M., Rahman, K.M. R. and Hoque, M.N. 2016. "Progress and Pitfalls of Women in Bangladesh: Structural Rigidities and Embedded Institutions" *Demography India*, Vol. 45, No. 1 and 2 (102-116).
7. Titumir, R. A. M and Baten, M. A. 2015. "Environmental challenges of trans-boundary water resources management: the case of Bangladesh," *Sustainable Water Resources*,

8. Titumir, R.A.M. 2015. "A Review Study on Food Consumption and Hovered Nutrition in Bangladesh: Progress and Determinants of Food Security," *Bangladesh Journal of Environmental Science*, Vol. 29 (with J.K. Basak, M. A. Baten and N.C. Dey)
9. Titumir, R.A.M. 2015. "Future Fertiliser Demand and Role of Organic Fertiliser for Sustainable Rice Production in Bangladesh," *Journal of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*, Vol. 4, No. 5 (with J.K. Basak, M. A. Baten and K Alam)
10. Titumir, R. A. M. and M A Hossain. 2014. "Inflation and Growth: An Empirical Analysis of Bangladesh," *Jahangirnagar Economic Review*, Vol. 25.
11. Titumir, R. A. M. and M Kamal. 2013. "Growing Together Sustainably: A zero-poverty post-2015 development framework," *Development*, Vol. 56. No. 2.
12. Titumir, R.A.M. and Rahman, K.M.M. 2013. State of Labour in Bangladesh: Dispossession amidst Accumulation. *Reading on Governance and Development*, XV: 57-67
13. Titumir, R. A. M. and J K Basak. 2013. "Climate Change and Food Security in Bangladesh: An Application of DSAAT Model," *Asia Pacific Journal on Environment and Development*, Vol. 20-21.
14. Titumir, R. A. M., J K Basak, J K Biswas, and M Mohiuzzaman. 2013. "Impacts of Temperature and Carbon Dioxide on Rice Yield in Bangladesh," *Bangladesh Rice Journal*, Vol. 17 (1 &2).
15. Titumir, R. A. M. and J K Basak. 2012. "Effects of Climate Change on Crop Production and Climate Adaptive Techniques Agriculture in Bangladesh," *Social Science Review (Dhaka University Studies, Part – D)*. Vol. 29. No. 1.
16. Titumir, R. A. M. and J K Basak. 2010. "A Long Run Perspective on Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in South Asia," *Dhaka University Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 1. No. 1.
17. Titumir, R. A. M. 2004. "The Collapse of Cancun: A Perspective on the Problematic," *Social Science Review (Dhaka University Studies - Part-D)*, Vol. 21, No. 2. December.
18. Titumir, R. A. M. and J Hossain. 2004. "Barriers to Access to Public Services for the Urban Poor: An Enquiry into Dhaka Slums," *Journal of Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, Vol – 17.
19. Titumir, R. A. M. 2002. "International Restructuring and Bangladesh Women Garment Workers," *Social Science Review (Dhaka University Studies - Part-D)*, Vol. 19, No. 2.
20. Titumir, R. A. M. and J Hossain. 2003. "Learning for Skills Formation and Employability: A Strategic Framework for Informal Sector in Bangladesh," *Journal of Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, Vol – 16.
21. Titumir, R. A. M. 2002. "South Asian Integration: The Hamletian Way?" *Journal of Social Science and Humanities*. Vol. 1. No. 2.
22. Titumir, R. A. M. 1998. "An Enquiry into Fungibility of Foreign Aid in Bangladesh," *Social Science Review (Dhaka University Studies - Part-D)*, Vol - 15, No. 2.
23. Titumir, R. A. M. and D Bhattacharya 1999. "Towards Demystifying a Process: The Structural Adjustment Policies in Bangladesh," *Discourse*, Summer, Vol. 3 No. 1.
24. Titumir, R. A. M. and Bhattacharya 1998. "In Search of Unheard Voices: A Pre-Study Consultation Exercise on Structural Adjustment Policies in Bangladesh," *Discourse*, Summer, Vol. 2 No. 1.
25. Titumir, R. A. M. 1999. "An Introduction to Theories and Empirics of Growth," *Dhaka Viswavidyalaya Patrika (University of Dhaka)*, No. 64.
26. Titumir, R. A. M. and M.U. Ahmad. 1998. "Attracting Foreign Direct Investment and Technological Flows in Asia and the Pacific- An Analysis of Policy Perspectives", *BISS Journal*, Vol – 19, No. 3.

## C.2 Chapters in Books

1. “Traditional Knowledge, Institutions, and Human Sociality in Sustainable Use and Conservation of Biodiversity of the Sundarbans of Bangladesh” in Osamu Saito, Suneetha M Subramanian, Shizuka Hashimoto, Kazuhiko Takeuchi (eds.) *Managing Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes for Sustainable Communities in Asia: Mapping and Navigating Stakeholders, Policy and Action*. 2020. (with Tanjila Afrin and Mohammad Saeed Islam). Springer Open <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-1133-2>
2. “The Sundarbans is our mind”: An exploration into multiple values of nature in conversation with traditional resource users,” in UNU-IAS and IGES (eds.) 2019, *Understanding the multiple values associated with sustainable use in socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (Satoyama Initiative Thematic Review vol. 5)*, (with Md. Shah Paran and Mostafa Walid Pasha). Tokyo: United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability.
3. “The complementarity of human and nature well-being: A case illustrated by traditional forest resource users of the Sundarbans in Bangladesh” in UNU-IAS and IGES (eds.) *Sustainable livelihoods in socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (Satoyama Initiative Thematic Review vol. 3)*. 2017. (with Tanjila Afrin). Tokyo: United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability.
4. “Industrialisation in Bangladesh,” in Ali Riaz and Mohammad Sajjadur Rahman (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Bangladesh*, 2015. London and New York: Routledge.
5. “Countering the Contraction: The Emerging Stylised Facts and the Way Forward,” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Dealing with Deceleration: State of Bangladesh Economy and Development 2014*. (with Ebney Ayaz Rana). Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
6. “Poverty Measurements: Comparing Different Approaches” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Measuring Multidimensionality: State of Poverty in Bangladesh 2013*. (with K M Mustafizur Rahman) Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
7. “Emerging Trends: Exigency or Expediency?” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Exigency or Expediency?: State of Bangladesh Economy and Development 2012- 2013*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
8. “Accumulation by Dispossession: State of Labour in Bangladesh,” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Accumulation and Alienation: State of Labour in Bangladesh 2013*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
9. “Compulsive Structures and Embedded Institutions” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Institutions Matter: State of Women in Bangladesh 2013*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
10. “Poverty in Bangladesh: Slowing Down in Decline,” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Decelerated Decline: State of Poverty in Bangladesh 2012*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
11. “Approaching Food Security in Bangladesh,” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Elusive Progress: State of Food Security in Bangladesh 2012*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
12. “A Fork in the Path: Growth or Contraction,” in R A M Titumir (ed.) *Growth or Contraction?: State of Bangladesh Economy and Deveelopment 2011- 2012*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
13. Skills Formation for the Informal Sector in Bangladesh: A strategic Framework,” in Madhu Singh (ed.)
14. *Meeting Basic Learning Needs in the Informal Sector: Integrating Education and Training for Decent Work, Empowerment and Citizenship*, 2004. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers B.V.

15. "Bangladesh Section – *Policy (In) Coherence in European Union Support to Developing Countries: A Three Country Case Study*," 2003. Brussels: ActionAid Alliance.
16. "Economic Restructuring and *Chandabaji*: An Expository Sketch," in S A Khan and S Afroze (eds.) *Chandabaji versus Entrepreneurship*. 1999. Dhaka: Academic Press and Publishers Ltd. and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS).
17. "Touts: Influential Component of Rural Power Structure --- A Politico-economic Study," in G. Hossain (ed.) *Government and Politics*. 1992. Dhaka: Academic Publishers for Jahangirnagar University.

### **C.3 Books**

1. Titumir, R. A. M. 2002. *Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics*, Gazipur: Bangladesh Open University.
2. Titumir, R. A. M. and D Bhattacharya. 2001. *Reforms and Consequences: Stakeholders' Perceptions*, Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashoni.
3. Titumir, R. A. M. and Jakir Hossain. 2004. *Encountering Exclusion - Primary Education Policy Watch*, Dhaka: Samabesh.
4. Titumir, R. A. M., Sk Md Mamunur Rahman Malik, and S M Moazzem Hossain. 2000. *Public Health Expenditure in Bangladesh: Do We Need a Reform Agenda?* Dhaka: Save the Children.
5. Titumir, R. A. M. and Jakir Hossain. 2004. *Listening to the People Living in Poverty: Oral Testimony of Dhaka Slum-Dwellers*.

### **C.4 Editors of Books**

1. *Dealing with Deceleration: State of Bangladesh Economy and Development 2014*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
2. *Measuring Multidimensionality: State of Poverty in Bangladesh 2013*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
3. *Exigency or Expediency?: State of Bangladesh Economy and Development 2012- 2013*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
4. *Accumulation and Alienation: State of Labour in Bangladesh 2013*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
5. *Institutions Matter: State of Women in Bangladesh 2013*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
6. *Decelerated Decline: State of Poverty in Bangladesh 2012*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
7. *"Elusive Progress: State of Food Security in Bangladesh 2012*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.
8. *Growth or Contraction?: State of Bangladesh Economy and Development 2011- 2012*. Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani.

### **C.5 Occasional Papers/ Monographs**

1. Poverty and Employment Lost in The Queue? Background paper for ILO contribution to the PRSP in Bangladesh, Geneva: ILO.
2. Scaling Up: Gender Equality in Primary Education in Bangladesh, February 2006, Dhaka: Unnayan Onneshan.
3. Undercutting Small Farmers: Rice Trade in Bangladesh and WTO Negotiations, Dhaka: Unnayan Onneshan.
4. Unkept Promises; Non-agricultural Market Access at the WTO – A Case Study of Apparel Trade of Bangladesh, Dhaka: Unnayan Onneshan
5. Dodging Development; Doha Round and Least Developed Countries, Dhaka: Unnayan Onneshan
6. "Cancun Conundrum: A Perspective on the Problematic," Department of Development

- Studies, Dhaka.
7. "EU-Bangladesh Aid and Trade policy Regime: A Citizen's Perspectives," ActionAid Alliance, Brussels.
  8. "Spinning the Chain, Lost in the Queue: International Restructuring and Bangladesh Women Garment Workers," CIDA - Nari Uddug Kendra, Dhaka
  9. "The Saga of PRSP: Penned in a Pegged Perspective," ActionAid Asia, Thailand.
  10. "Bangladesh's Compliance with WTO-GATS," Bangladesh Tariff Commission, Dhaka.
  11. Titumir, R. A. M. and M Asaduzzaman, "WTO Negotiations on Agriculture: Major Issues and Possible Positions for Bangladesh," International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington and Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka.
  12. "Skills Development for Informal Sector in Bangladesh: A Strategic Approach," UNESCO Institute for Education, Germany.
  13. "Social Dimensions of Globalisation: Role of Policy," ILO, Dhaka.
  14. Titumir, R. A. M. and D Bhattacharya: "Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh: Absence of a National Framework, Abundance of Donors' Strategies," Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Occasional Paper No. 4, CPD, Dhaka.
  15. Titumir, R. A. M. , M Rahman and D Bhattacharya: "Setting the Agenda for the Next WTO Round: Perspectives from Bangladesh on the Seattle Ministerial," Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Occasional Paper No. 3 CPD, Dhaka.
  16. "South Asia in Multilateral Trade Regime: Current Position and Future Strategy," Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka.
  17. Titumir, R. A. M. , D Bhattacharya and A Rabbani: "Structural adjustment and macroeconomic Performance of Bangladesh Economy," Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka.
  18. "A Note on Participatory Techniques for Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation," Centre for Our Common Future, Geneva.
  19. "The Infinite Variety between being Restrictive and Losing Perspective: Debates in Economic Methodology" mimeo.
  20. "Foreign Aid and The Question of Fungibility: The Case of Bangladesh," dissertation submitted as requirement for the degree of M. Sc. in Development and Financial Economics, University of London.

#### **D. TEAM LEADER IN KEY PROJECTS**

<b>SL. No</b>	<b>Name of activity/Project/funding organisation, if applicable</b>	<b>Title and Activities</b>
1.	Frost Peoples, Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods (FPBP) Forest People's Programme, U.K., SwedBio/Stockholm University-SIDA (ongoing)	Senior Advisor and team leader Research conceptualisation and overseeing the management of the long-running partnership-based programme between Unnayan Onneshan and FPP, UK and participating in different conferences as key-note speaker.

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| 2. | Interlinkage of Ecosystem Services and Human Wellbeing to Enhance Climate Smart Landscapes in Small Watersheds: Analysis for Policy-Relevant Solutions in South Asian Context, Hosei University, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh Tokyo, Japan, Pokhara University, Nepal and Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India, sponsored by Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research. (ongoing) | Principal researcher in Bangladesh<br>The study area focuses on Sundarbans mangrove forest in Bangladesh.  |
| 3. | State of Inequality in Bangladesh, Oxfam International  | Principal researcher<br>Conceptualisation and measurement of inequality from the triangle of desire, development and democracy.  |
| 4. | Regenerative Agriculture and Sustainable Livelihood for Vulnerable Ecosystems (RESOLVE) - Pilot Phase<br>Government of the Kingdom of Netherlands and Oxfam Novib   | Chief Technical Advisor<br>Steering the project on-behalf of the Technical Partner, Unnayan Onneshan in a multi-partnership programme, involving international and national organization.                  |
| 5. | Enhancing the responsiveness of the government to address exclusion and inequality<br>Christian Aid   | Principal Advisor<br>Provided guidance and conceptualization of Bangladesh Economic Update, presided multi-stakeholders' consultations and held policy dialogues   |
| 6. | Agrarian Transition and the Livelihoods of the Rural Poor<br>Oxfam International  | Lead Consultant<br>Contributed writing of the reports  |
| 7. | Bangladesh Trade Support Programme (BTSP), Ministry of Commerce, GoB under- Local Consultants Tenders (LCT -1 and 2)<br>Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh<br>European Commission   | Principal Representative of Unnayan Onneshan.<br>Led the management of the local experts, comprising over 40 persons, including top-ranking former bureaucrats and experienced academics and professionals |
| 8. | Trade Negotiations and Livelihood of the People: Advancing Evidence to Underpin Bangladesh's WTO Negotiations<br>G8 Japan Global Project<br>DfID Key Stakeholder Perceptions of Multilateral Organisation Effectiveness Survey, Overseas Development Institute (ODI) under PPA of the UK DFID   | Lead Specialist<br>Contributed as the lead author  |



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| 9.  | Perspective building and Capacity Development<br>Nijera Kori/ UK DFID  | Principal Researcher   |
| 10. | Trade Negotiation and Livelihood Programme<br>Oxfam  | Principal specialist<br>Read numerous policy papers and participated the WTO meeting as an expert. |
| 11. | Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) Study and Prevalence Survey on Disability in Bangladesh<br>Handicap International/UK-DFID | Team Leader<br>Led the team and wrote on the survey findings                                       |
| 12. | Primary Education Policy Watch (1 and 2) Commonwealth Education Fund of UK-DFID, managed by Actionaid                              | Team Leader<br>Managed the team and wrote two books as the lead author                             |