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**EDUCATION**

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Friendship University, Moscow, Russia	<b>Ph.D.</b> Specialization in International Law	1984
Friendship University, Moscow, Russia	<b>LL.M.(International Law)</b>	1981
Stockholm University, Sweden	<b>PGD in Legal Studies</b> Specialization in International and Comparative Law	1985
Stockholm University, Sweden	<b>MCL</b> Specialization in Consumer Protection Law	1992

**LANGUAGE(S) Spoken**

Bengali, (Mother Tongue), English (Fluent), Russian (Fluent), Spanish (Good), Swedish (Fair)

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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2000-	Professor of Law, Department of Law, University of Dhaka
1993-2000	Associate Professor of Law, Department of Law, University of Dhaka
1989-1993	Assistant Professor of Law, Department of Law, University of Dhaka
1985-89	Assistant Professor, Department of Law, University of Rajshahi

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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1. Visiting Professor, SUM, University of Oslo, Norway, 2009
2. Visiting Professor, UMEA University, Sweden, 2006
3. Guest Lecturer, Foreign Service Academy, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

- Government of Bangladesh.
4. Guest Lecturer, BCS Training Academy, Shahbagh, Dhaka.
  5. Guest Lecturer, PATC, Savar.
  6. Guest Resource person, Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA).
  7. Former guest Lecturer, Islamic University, Bangladesh.
  8. Guest Lecturer, Press Institute of Bangladesh.
  9. Guest Lecturer, Bangladesh Insurance Academy, Dhaka.
  10. Guest Lecturer, Academy for planning and Development, Government of Bangladesh.
  11. Guest Lecturer, Human Rights Programme for Lawyers (HRTP), Bangladesh Bar Council, Dhaka.
  12. Guest Lecturer, Coordination Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh, CCHRB.
  13. Guest Resource Person, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Dhaka.
  14. Guest Resource Person, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA).
  15. Guest Resource Person, Democracy Watch, Dhaka.
  16. Guest Resource Person, Madaripur Legal Aid Association.
  17. Occasional speaker in various NGOs and Institutions.
  18. Founder Academic Coordinator (School of Law), Queens University, Bangladesh.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

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Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission, Bangladesh (2010-16)

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

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Member, Advisory Board, Asian Journal of Legal Education  
Member, Editorial Board, Ius Jentium, Springer (present)  
ELCOP Journal of Human Rights (present)  
Kathmandu School of Law Journal (present)  
DIU Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (present)  
Stamford Law Journal (present)  
Guru Govind University Journal of Muslim Law (present)  
Dhaka University Law Journal

## **RESEARCH AND CONSULTING POSITIONS**

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2018- 20 ILO-ITC Project on Paralegal Training of Trade Union Leaders  
2008-10 IOM on Migrant workers from Bangladesh  
2008-10 Save the Children- UK on Safe Custody of Children  
2007

2007	The Daywalka Foundation (USA)
2008-10	Manusher Jonno Foundation
2004-06	The SOROS Foundation, to develop clinical legal education in various universities in Ukraine
2002	The Ford Foundation, Moscow, to popularize the concept of public interest litigation in Russia
2001	The SOROS Foundation as Expert Trainer for Training of Clinical Teachers in Central Asian Countries
2000	Dhaka Area Office (August – October) on Child Labour Legislation in Bangladesh
2000	Ford Foundation, Moscow, Russia, for development of Clinical Curriculum in Russian Law Schools
2000	Legal Expert to the Public Administration Reforms Commission, Government of Bangladesh
1999	World Bank Bangladesh Judicial Capacity Building Project
1997	National Consultant and Coordinator of the Grameen Courts Project under the
1997	Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and sponsored by UNDP
1997	UNICEF, Bangladesh to conduct survey on Birth, Death and Marriage Registration practices obtaining in rural & urban areas of Bangladesh
2003	UNICEF conducted a study on alternatives and diversions to deprivation of liberty of Child offenders
1982	Drafting Committee, Proposed Grameen Court Bill and translated the proposed Consumer Protection Act, 2003

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

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2001	Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellow at University of Baltimore
2010	SILF-MILAT Best Law Teacher in South Asia Award
2014	Mother Teresa Peace Award
1984-85, 1990-92	Swedish Institute Fellowship
1998	International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP)

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND COLLOQUIA**

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2020	Presentation on New Horizons in Legal Education and Professorship, ROYA Institute, USA
2019	Asia Pro Bono Conference, Nepal on Rebellious Lawyering
2018	Rebellious Lawyering, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, NYU

- Law School
- 2011-2016  
2009 Represented Bangladesh at Universal Periodic review (UPR) at UNO HRC Presentation on “Use of Street Law by Law Students and Empowerment of the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh”.
- 2008 Keynote paper in the international conference on ‘Genocide and Universal Declaration of Human Rights’, Dhaka.
- 2006 International conference on ‘Justice Education’ organized by Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) in Krakow, Poland.
- 2005 Regional Conference on Law Clinics organized by Panasastra University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- 2005 Presented paper in the Commonwealth regional Legal education Association (CLEA) conference in New Delhi, India.
- 2004 Presented paper at the UNDP sponsored regional workshop on ‘Law and Social Justice’ held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- 2003 International expert on clinical legal education participated in the First All Africa Colloquium on Clinical Legal Education held in Durban, South Africa.
- 2003 Key-note speaker at the SIDA sponsored ‘Regional Conference on Lawyering for the Poor’ in Bangkok, Thailand.
- 1996 Visited the University of East London, U.K., under a British Council sponsored Link- Programme with the Faculty of Law, to familiarise the Faculty of the University of East London with the clinical legal educational programme at the Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka.
- 1996 Attended the Australasian Professional Legal Education Council (APEC) international Conference on “Skills Development for Tomorrow’s Lawyers : Needs and Strategies” held in Sydney, Australia.
- 1996 Attended the month long study session on Economic, Social and Cultural rights organized by the international Institute of Human Rights (II HR) Strasbourg, France, under a fellowship from the European Union.
- 1996 Concurrently with the II HR study session, attended the International Center for University Human Rights Teaching (CiedhU) programme offered by the Institute.
- 1996 Attended the American Association of Law Schools conference and presented a paper on Clinical Legal Education held in Miami, Florida, and thereafter visited several US Law Schools.

- 1996 Participated in the national workshop on child rights and juvenile delinquency jointly organised by the Ministry of Law, Justice & Parliamentary affairs and UNICEF.
- 1994 Visited the National Law School of India University at Bangalore, India to see closely the clinical legal education programme there, under an Asia Foundation grant.
- 1993 Presented the country paper on Child Labour Legislation in Bangladesh in the National Seminar organised by the Ministry of Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and UNICEF.
- 1993 Under a Ford Foundation grant visited the Law Campus of Tribhuvan University, Nepal, to watch and examine the clinical programme conducted by the Law School.
- 1993 Attended the 10th Commonwealth Lawyers Conference in Cyprus.
- 1993 Participated in the UNCITRAL Regional Conference on Debt Management in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 1990 Participated in the international Development Law Institute (IDLI) Seminar on Divestiture on State Owned Enterprises (Privatization of SOES) held in Rome, Italy.  
Represented Bangladesh in individual capacity in the international Seminar on Foreign Investment organised by IDLI in Rome

### **SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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Director, Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka, 2018-  
 Advisor, iProbono (Bangladesh) 2019-  
 President, ELCOP , 2018-  
 Executive Director, ELCOP 1998-2010  
 Director, Human Rights Summer School, 2000- 2010  
 Director, Community Law Reform, 2000- 2010  
 Chairperson, Department of Law, University of Dhaka 1998-2000  
 Coordinator, Continued Legal Education Program Bangladesh Bar Council, (1994-2000)

## **EXPERT TRAINING AND FACILITATION PROFILE**

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- 2008 Expert trainer to teach Iranian law teachers on CLE organized by the Johns Hopkins University, USA in Istanbul, Turkey
- 2007 Expert trainer to teach Iranian law teachers and students from the universities in Tehran, Qom, Shiraj, Isfahan etc. on CLE organized by the Sahid Behesti University, Tehran
- 2007 Expert trainer of law teachers from Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey and Azerbaijan sponsored by the Open Society Justice Initiative (Columbia University, USA) in Istanbul, Turkey
- 1994-2000 Joint Coordinator of the Law clinic, Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka (clinical legal education project funded by the Ford Foundation)
- 1992-2000 President, the Law Review (University Students Centre for Legal Research)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Public International Law  
Private International Law  
Comparative Law  
Jurisprudence and Legal Theory  
Lawyering Skills  
Trial Advocacy  
International Human Rights Law  
International Refugee and Migration Law  
International Humanitarian law  
Roman Law

## **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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Founder Member, South Asian Network for Justice Education (SANJE)  
Founder Member, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE)  
Founder Vice President, SALS Forum (South Asian Law Schools' Forum)  
Member, Legal Education and Training Institute (LETI)  
Life Member, Bangla Academy  
Member, the Asiatic Society  
LTS Member, Old Rajshahi Cadets' Association (ORCA)  
Member, Bangladesh Law Teachers' Association (BLTA)  
Life Member, Soviet Alumni Association in Bangladesh  
Member, Bangladesh Law Teachers Association (BLTA)  
Founding member SAARCLAW – Bangladesh, (Association of South Asian academics, lawyers and judges)  
Founding member of the Moot Court Society of the Department of Law, University of Dhaka

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

1. Anti-generic Learning and rebellious Lawyering: Reflections on Legal Education in Bangladesh, Bijoy Prakash, 2020
2. Bangabandhu and Bangladesh (New Bijoy edition in Bangla) , 2020
3. Bangabandhu and Bangladesh (collection of essays in Bengali), Parama Publications, Dhaka, 1989
4. Human Rights. Theory, Law and Practice in Bangladesh, New Warsi Book Corporation, 2018
5. Society, State, Human Rights (in Bangla), Palal edition, 2018
6. Comparative Law. An Updated edition (in Bangla), Palal Prakashani, 2012
7. Teaching and Learning of Advocacy Skills, Palal Prakashani, 2011
8. Tracing the Missing Cord: A Study on the Children Act, 1974, Save the Children - UK Dhaka.
9. Tracing the Missing Cord: A Study on the Children Act, 1974, Save the Children-UK, 2004
10. International Law in a Changing World, (in Bengali), Palal Prakashani, 2003
11. Unveiling Democracy: State and Law, Parama Publications, 1999
12. Society, State and Human Rights, Hakkani Publications, 1999
13. Consumer Protection Law and the Swedish Approach, Prudential Publications, Dhaka, 1994
14. Comparative Law (in Bangla), Bangla Academy, Dhaka, 1990

### Selected Research Articles

1. Mizanur Rahman, *The 1971 Bangladesh Genocide: Need (?) for International Recognition*, DUCSU Law and Politics Review, V.1, 2020
2. Mizanur Rahman, *CLR, Rebellious Lawyering and Justice Education: A Few Lesson from Bangladesh*, Jindal Global Law Review, (forthcoming issue on Clinical Legal Education)
3. Mizanur Rahman and Emraan Azad, *Assessing the Efficacy of Bangladesh's Maritime Legal regime towards Ensuring a Sustainable Blue Economy*, Dhaka University Law Journal, V.29, 2018, 1-18
4. Mizanur Rahman and SM Masum Billah, *Prosecuting 'War Crimes' in Domestic Level: The Case of Bangladesh*, The Northern University Journal of Law, V.1 ,2010, 14-23
5. Mizanur Rahman, *Socially relevant Legal Education: Role of Law Schools and 'Rebellious Lawyering'*, Journal of Law and Development, V. 31, 2009
6. Mizanur Rahman, *Addressing Poverty and Lawyering for Justice*, in Human Rights and Good Governance, 2004

7. Mizanur Rahman, *Clinical Legal Education in Bangladesh: Establishing a New Philosophy*, CLEA Newsletter, 2002.
8. Jane E. Schukoske & Mizanur Rahman, Empowerment of Community Members through Grass-Roots Organization: What Roles for Lawyers?, *Human Rights & Empowerment*, 2001.
9. Mizanur Rahman, *A National Law School for Bangladesh: The Way Out of the Quagmire in Legal Education*, Democracy and Human Rights, 1999, Dhaka.
10. International criminal court (ICC): Revisiting its composition and cognizance procedure, Dhaka University Law Journal, V.9(1), 1998, 31-41
11. Mizanur Rahman, *Teaching Lawyering: The Clinical Method, The CLEP: A Critical Review*, 1 CLEP Bul. 12–16 (July 1996).
12. Mizanur Rahman, *Clinical Legal Education in Bangladesh: Establishing a New Philosophy?* Chittagong University Studies V.(1), 1996
13. Mizanur Rahman, *Consumer protection institutions in Sweden an overview*, Dhaka University Law Journal, V. 4(1), 1993, 53-67
14. Mizanur Rahman, *Child labour & human rights: Bangladesh perspective*, Dhaka University Law Journal, V.5(2) 1994, 75-85
15. Mizanur Rahman, *Human rights: The bridge across borders*, Dhaka University Law Journal, V.6(1), 1996, 13-32
16. Mizanur Rahman, *Consumer Protection in Bangladesh: Law and Practice*, Journal of Consumer Policy V. 17, 1994
17. Mizanur Rahman, *Recent trends in consumer protection law in Europe*, Dhaka University Law Journal, V. 3(1), 1992, 61-75
18. Mizanur Rahman, *United Nation's Code of Conduct on Transnational Corporation (TNCS) in the Aspect of Private International Law*, Dhaka University Studies (Part F) V.1 (1), 1989, 101-115

### **Book Chapters**

1. Pursuing 'Justice' in an Unjust Society: The case of 'Rebellious Lawyers' in Bangladesh, in Korean Legislation Research Institute/ALIN Book Project, (*forthcoming*)
2. S M Masum Billah and Mizanur Rahman, *War Crimes and Genocide 71: Bringing the Perpetrators to Justice*, in Mizanur Rahman (ed) Post-conflict Justice, Peace and Human Rights (ELCOP, Dhaka, 2009).

### **Edited Books**

1. Economic Development versus Human Rights Abuse: Shrimp Culture in the South, ELCOP and UNDP, 2019, ISBN 978-984-34-7371-4
2. Human Rights and Rebellious Lawyering, ELCOP, 2019 ISBN 978-984-34-7372-1
3. Human Rights and Digital Age, ELCOP, 2018 ISBN 978-984-34-5114-9
4. Human Rights and Women, ELCOP, 2017 ISBN 978-984-34-2440-7

5. Human Rights and Displacement, ELCOP, 2016 ISBN 978-984-34-1261-4
6. Human Rights and Terrorism, ELCOP, 2015 ISBN 978-984-33-9751-5
7. Human Rights and Religion, ELCOP, 2014 ISBN 978-984-33-8204-7
8. Human Rights and Climate Justice, ELCOP, 2013 ISBN 978-984-33-6133-2
9. Human Rights and Critically Disadvantaged People, ELCOP, 2012 ISBN 978-984-603-250-5
10. Human Rights and Environment, ELCOP, 2011 ISBN 978-984-603-233-4
11. Human Rights and Sovereignty over Natural Resources, ELCOP, 2010 ISBN 978-984-603-221-5
12. Post-conflict Justice Peace and Human Rights, ELCOP, 2009 ISBN 984-70090-0031-7
13. Life on a Swing: Human Rights of the Riverbank Erosion Induced Displacees, ELCOP, 2009, ISBN 984-70090-0034-4
14. Trial of War Criminals: A Legal Investigation, Palal Prakashani, 2008
15. Human Rights 60 Years after UDHR, ELCOP, 2008 ISBN 984-70090-0010-0
16. Human Rights and Corruption, ELCOP, 2007 ISBN 984-70091-0000-0
17. Agony of Development: A Study in Pauperization of Displaced Communities, ELCOP, 2007, ISBN 984-8295-08-9
18. The Garos: Struggling to Survive in the Valley of Death, ELCOP, 2006, ISBN 984-8295-05-6
19. Human Rights and Domestic Implementation Mechanism, ELCOP, 2006 ISBN 984-8295-07-
20. Human Rights and Non-State-Actors, ELCOP, 2005 ISBN 984-8295-06-2
21. A Community in Transition: The Biharis in Bangladesh, ELCOP, 2003, ISBN 984-8295-01-1
22. Combating the Khasi Uprooting: Humanity Cries, ELCOP, 2004,
23. Human Rights and Good Governance, ELCOP, 2004 ISBN 984-8295-04-6
24. Human Rights and Globalization, ELCOP, 2003 ISBN 984—8295—02—X
25. Human Rights and Development, ELCOP, 2002 ISBN 984-8295-00-3
26. In Search of a Withering Community: The Santals of Bangladesh, ELCOP, 2002, ISBN 984-603-002-9
27. Human Rights and Empowerment, ELCOP, 2001 ISBN 984-31-1510-8
28. Tying the Knot: Community Law Reform & Confidence Building in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, (M. Rahman and T.H. Shawon eds.), ELCOP, 2001, ISBN 984-31-1115-X
29. Human Rights Summer School Manual, ELCOP, 2000 ISBN-984-31-0980-5