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## **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY:**

**Prof. Dr. Taslima Monsoor** is the Professor of the Department of Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law of Dhaka University. She did her LL.B (Hons.), LL.M from Dhaka University and PhD from University of London. She was awarded Commonwealth Post Doctoral Fellowship in the University of London. She was awarded **Fulbright Specialist Exchange Program** from 26<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 to teach in University of PENNSTATE Altoona. She has also taught in post graduate and under graduate students from 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 in University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. She was awarded the grant of British Council London to hold a four days long International workshop in Faculty of Law in collaboration with SOAS, University of London which took place in Dhaka, Bangladesh on February 23rd to 26th, 2015. The workshop was entitled 'Governance and Management of Gender Relations: A Comparative Study of Law and Society'.

She is associated with different institutions and organizations. She is the elected **Governor** of **International Association of Law Schools (IALS)** from 2014-2016. She is the **President** of **Bangladesh Bio-Ethics society** for the last six years. She is a life and executive member of BNWLA (Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association), Consultant of Multi-sectoral Programme on Violence against Women (MSP-VAW), Consultant Judicial Exchange Project of the British Council, Consultant of IDHRB (Action Research Study on the Institutional

Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh). Member of ENBS (European Network of Bangladesh Studies), Consultant of BMRC (Bangladesh Medical Research Council) and was Legal Advisor of Bangladesh Girls Guides Association, Students Advisor of the faculty of Law, Consultant of WID (Women in Development) mission of UNDP, Vice President of BWCCI Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry).

Prof. Dr. Taslima Monsoor has written a book titled **“From Patriarchy to Gender Equity, Family Law and its Impact on Women on Bangladesh”** published by UPL in 1999. In 2005 she has written another book titled **“Judiciary and Gender on Trial: Reported and Unreported Decisions of the Family Courts”** which was published by the Foreign and Commonwealth office and managed by British Council. . In 2008 she has written two books one titled **“Gender Equity and Economic Empowerment: Family Law and Women in Bangladesh”** and another book titled **“Management of gender Relations: Violence Against Women and Criminal Justice System in Bangladesh’**. These books were published by British Council under EWLR (Empowerment of women in the legal regime) an Higher Education Link programme of Law Dept Dhaka University and Law Dept SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies University of London). She has contributed numerous articles in national and international journals. Her area of interest is family law, human rights, judiciary, gender, environment, education and developmental issues. She was awarded Annayas top ten women of the year 2003 for her contribution to education as the first women Dean of any faculty of Dhaka University.

Prof. Dr. Taslima Monsoor specifically does research on Gender empowerment and development and has keen interest on girl child and their problems not only as domestic workers but also as factory workers. Prof. Dr. Taslima has also researched and analysed on child rights and has written articles. She has written an article titled **“Disadvantaged children of the third world and human rights”**. In the **Human Rights in the Third World**, Dhaka 1992. She has also written an article on child rights, the title of the research is: **“The Convention on the rights of the child: Prospects for international enforcement”**. In The Dhaka University Studies, part- F, Vol. iii. No. 1, June 1992. From 2010 she is the editor of The Dhaka University Studies, part- F a journal of the University of Dhaka. She is in the editorial board of the journal of Islamic *Sharia* in the Academy of Islamic studies University of Malaya, Malaysia.

**EDUCATION:**

<b>EXAM</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL/ COLLEGE</b>	<b>BOARD/ UNIVERSITY</b>
<b>Fulbright Specialist Exchange Program</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> March – 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2007	Direct Access to the Muslim World		PENNSSTATE Altoona	University of PENNSSTATE, USA
<b>Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Fellow</b>	2004-March 2005	Law		SOAS (School of Oriental & African studies)	University of London, UK
<b>PhD</b>	1991-1994	Law		SOAS (School of Oriental & African studies)	University of London, UK
<b>LL.M. (Masters)</b>	1984	Law	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Law Dept.	University of Dhaka
<b>LL.B.</b>	1982	Law	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Law Dept.	University of Dhaka
<b>H.S.C</b>	1977	Humanities	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	Holy Cross College	Dhaka Board
<b>S.S.C</b>	1975	Humanities	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division	Shaheen School	Dhaka Board

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

From	To	Employer	Position and Responsibilities
October 2010	to Date	Dhaka University	<b>Dean, Faculty of Law</b> Dhaka University
Aug. 2005	till date	Dhaka University	<b>Professor</b> Dept. of Law, Teaching Muslim & Hindu law
Feb. 2002	to Dec.2003	Dhaka University	<b>Dean, Faculty of Law</b> Dhaka University
Nov. 2000	to July 2005	Dhaka University	<b>Associate Professor</b> Dept. of Law, Teaching Muslim & Hindu law
Nov.'96	to Oct.' 2000	Dhaka University	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Dept. of Law Taught land laws of Bangladesh
Mar.' 89	to Oct.' 96	Dhaka University	<b>Lecturer</b> Dept. of Law Taught Law of Torts
Feb. '87	to Feb.'89	Dhaka University	<b>Lecturer (Part Time)</b> Dept. of Law Taught different types of laws
Apr.' 84	to Jan.' 87	Dr. Kamal Hossain & Associates	Associate Drafting Documents, Conducting cases
1983	to Date	BJMAS	Instructor

## PUBLICATIONS:

1. Monsoor, Taslima: Financial support for women under Islamic family law in Bangladesh and Malaysia. *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*, Volume 21, Issue 4, 2015.
2. Monsoor, Taslima: Child Domestic Workers in Barisal: Need Analysis. Published in the *Journal of the Dhaka University Law Journal*, Vol. 25 No. 1, June 2015.
3. Monsoor, Taslima: Impact of Gender on Custody, Guardianship and Adoption: A Comparative Study of Bangladesh and Malaysia. To be published in the *Journal of Malaysian and Comparative Law*. Faculty of Law, University of Malaya.
4. Monsoor Taslima: Empowerment of Women and Development of Muslim Family Law in Bangladesh. Published in the *Dhaka University Law Journal*, Vol. 25 No. 1, December 2014.
5. Monsoor, Taslima: Maintenance to Muslim Women in Bangladesh and Malaysia: Is the Judiciary Doing Enough? Published in *The Dhaka University Law Journal*, Vol. 21 No. 2, December 2010.
6. ***Gender Equity: Islamic Family Law and Women a research from Malaysia and Bangladesh***. A book published by British Council under EWLR (Empowerment of women in the legal regime) a Higher Education Link programme of Law Dept. Dhaka University and Law Dept. SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies University of London), Dhaka Oct. 2009.
7. **"Management of gender Relations: Violence Against Women and Criminal Justice System in Bangladesh"**. A book published by British Council under EWLR (Empowerment of women in the legal regime) a Higher Education Link programme of Law Dept. Dhaka University and Law Dept SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies University of London), Dhaka Dec. 2008.
8. ***Gender Equity and Economic Empowerment: Family Law and Women in Bangladesh***. A book published by British Council under EWLR (Empowerment of women in the legal regime) a Higher Education Link programme of Law Dept Dhaka University and Law Dept SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies University of London), Dhaka March 2008.
9. ***Judiciary & Gender on Trial***. A book published by British Council and Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Dhaka May 2005.
10. **DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE ON TEST: A STUDY OF ISLAMIC FAMILY LAW AND WOMEN. IN THE DHAKA UNIVERSITY STUDIES, PART- F, VOL. 1 NO. 1, JUNE 2004.**

11. **Gender and the Constitution.** Published in JATI (Judicial Administration Training Institute) Journal Vol. III 2004.
12. **Mahr/Dower the Weapon for Empowerment of Muslim Women.** Published in *The Chittagong University Journal of Law*, Vol. V, 2003.
13. **DOWRY PROBLEM IN BANGLADESH: LEGAL AND SOCIO-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES.** PUBLISHED IN THE DHAKA UNIVERSITY STUDIES, PART- F, VOL. 1 NO. 1, JUNE 2003.
14. **General Law and Family Law relating to HIV/AIDS: A Bangladeshi perspective.** Published in *The Dhaka University Studies*, part- F, Vol. 1 No. 1, June 2002.
15. **Gender in Law: Five decades of struggle for empowerment.** Published in *The Dhaka University Studies*, part- F, Vol. 10 No.2, June 2001.
16. **Gender equity and economic transformation of women by the enforcement of Family Law in Bangladesh: A socio-legal perspectives.** Published in the *BILIA'S Journal of Law*, vol.1 No.2, JUNE 2000.
17. **Judicial decisions in the light of women's rights.** Published in *The Dhaka University Studies*, part- F, Vol. 10 No.1, June 2000.
18. **From patriarchy to gender equity: Family Law and its impact on women in Bangladesh** (Ph.D Thesis, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON) a book published by the *University Press Limited (UPL) Dhaka*, 1999.
19. **FAMILY COURTS AND WOMEN: PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES** an article published in the book on *Gender in Law*, edited by *Dr. Maimul Ahsan Khan & Tahmina Ahmad*, Dhaka 1998.
20. **Prevention of child marriages by the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929: legal implications and social reality-** Paper presented in the Workshop of BLAST (Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust), July 1998. Published in the *Law Journal of Rajshahi University*, 1998, pp.87-108.
21. **In search for security and poverty alleviation: Women's inheritable entitlements to land, the untapped resources-** Paper presented in the Workshop of ENBS (European Network of Bangladesh Studies), University of Bath, UK, April 1998. **Published in the Journal of International Affairs**, Vol. 4, No. 2, July-December 1998, pp.42-57.

22. **Muslim Women's right to maintenance: The legal connotations** a paper presented in the Workshop of BLAST (Bangladesh Legal Aid & Services Trust) 1996. To be published in **The Dhaka University Studies, part- F, Vol. 9. No.1, June 1998.**
23. **Women's Rights under Muslim Family Law with particular reference to custody and guardianship** published in **The Dhaka University Studies, part- F, Vol. 8 No.1, June 1997.**
24. **Women and Development of Family Law: A step towards right direction?** Paper presented in the International workshop of ENBS (European Network of Bangladesh Studies) Ziest (the Netherlands) Aug 25th-27th 1994. **Published in the BILIA'S Journal of Law, Vol.1 No.2, Dec 1997**
25. **Rights of Bangladeshi Women in International and Municipal Law** published in **The Dhaka University Studies, Part- F, Vol. 6 No.1, June 1995.**
26. **Disadvantaged children of the third world and human rights** in **Human Rights in the Third World, Dhaka 1992.**
27. **The Convention on the rights of the child: Prospects for international enforcement** in **The Dhaka University Studies, part- F, Vol. iii. No. 1, June 1992.**
28. **Supremacy of the Constitution** in **The Dhaka University Studies, part- F, Vol. ii. No.1, June 1991.**
29. **Narir Sampattir Odhikar in Women's right to property** published by **Bangladesh Jatiya Mahila Ain-jibi Samity's booklet Nari o Ain.**
30. **Report on Bangladesh cases and materials on Warsaw Convention.**

## **ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTION AND ORGANISATION :**

- ❖ She is in the editorial board of the journal of **International Association of Law Schools (IALS)** from 2014.
- ❖ From 2010 working as the editor of **The Dhaka University Studies, part- F** a journal of the University of Dhaka.
- ❖ From 2012 she is in the editorial board of the journal of **Islamic Studies-Sharia** in the Academy of Islamic studies University of Malaya, Malaysia.

- ❖ Consultant of WID (Women in Development) mission of UNDP investigating legal empowerment of Bangladeshi women under the National Action Plan (Jan-March, 1997).
- ❖ Legal Advisor of Bangladesh Girl Guides Association from 1988-1998 March.
- ❖ Life member and executive member of BJMAS/BNWLA (Bangladesh Jatiyo Mahila Ainjibi Samity/Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association) providing legal literacy and advocacy to women.
- ❖ Student's Advisor, Faculty of Law, University of Dhaka counseling and solving the problems of student's particularly women. [1996-2002 (6 years)].
- ❖ Consultant of IDHRB (Action Research Study on the Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh) project of Ministry of Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, advocating women's rights.
- ❖ Researcher and writer of Open University Television Programme on Women's rights under Family Law.
- ❖ Vice President of Law Readers a research and publication organisation of the student's of the Faculty of Law, Dhaka University.
- ❖ Member of ENBS (European Network of Bangladesh Studies), University of Bath, UK.
- ❖ Consultant BMRC (Bangladesh Medical Research Council) in the certificate Course on Research on Bio-ethics (ICCRB).
- ❖ Consultant Judicial Exchange Program of the British Council.
- ❖ Past Vice President BWCCI (Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry).
- ❖ Dhaka Partner of EWLR (Empowerment of Women in the Legal Regime)a higher education link programme of SOAS(School of Oriental and African Studies) University of London with Law Dept. University of Dhaka-2007-2009.
- ❖ President Bio-Ethics Society of Bangladesh (2<sup>nd</sup> time elected) has activities to upgrade the morality and ethics of the society in different workshops and seminars both national and International, Journal and courses.

### **CONSULTANCY:**

- Consultant of WID (Women in Development) mission of UNDP investigating legal empowerment of Bangladeshi women under the National Action Plan (Jan-March, 1997).
- Consultant of IDHRB (Action Research Study on the Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh) in 1999.
- Consultant of BMRC (Bangladesh Medical Research Council) from 2000-2003.



- Consultant Judicial Exchange Project of the British Council in 2005.
- Consultant of Multi-sectoral Programme on Violence against Women (MSP-VAW) in 2007.
- National Consultant for RCT evaluation of BRCT (Bangladesh Rehabilitation Centre for Trauma victims ) “Strengthening Capacity of the Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture and Organized Violence in Khulna Division of Bangladesh” in Jan- Feb 2008.