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### **EDUCATION**

- University of Sussex** **Brighton, UK**  
Ph.D. in Migration Studies February 2019-present
- Field: Risk-taking in unauthorised migration, young Bangladeshi migrants in South Africa, migrants' lived experiences of risks, intersection of risk, mobility, and fortune
  - Recipient of Bangabandhu Overseas Scholarships for undertaking a four-year Doctoral programme in the UK
- University of Sussex** **Brighton, UK**  
M.A. in Migration Studies 2017
- Passed with Merit (68%, Distinction in Dissertation)
  - Recipient of Commonwealth Scholarship in the UK (2016/2017)
- University of Dhaka** **Dhaka, Bangladesh**  
M.S.S. in International Relations 2013
- CGPA 3.97/4.00 (ranked top)
  - Recipient of Merit Scholarship for the highest CGPA in the Faculty of Social Sciences in MSS examination, University of Dhaka (2013)
- University of Dhaka** **Dhaka, Bangladesh**  
B.S.S. (Hons.) in International Relations 2012
- CGPA 3.74/4.00 (ranked top)
  - Recipient of Abdus Samad Azad Memorial Trust Gold Medal at the 48<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University of Dhaka, 07 April 2014
  - Recipient of Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad Scholarship for the highest CGPA in B.S.S. (Hons.) programme at the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, funded by Bangladesh-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI), 26 February 2014
  - Recipient of Syed Imtiaz Ahmed Memorial Scholarship, 6 October 2012
  - Merit Scholarship, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka (2010)
  - Bangladesh Education Board Scholarship (2008-2012)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

**University of Sussex, School of Global Studies**

**Brighton, UK**

Ph.D. Researcher

04 February 2019-present

Working title for the Ph.D. thesis: Bangladeshi Migrants' Lived Experiences of Risks in South Africa: Ideas and Practices Surrounding Risk, Mobility, Fortune and Autonomy

**University of Sussex**

**Brighton, UK**

M.A. Student

2017

- M.A. Dissertation: Risk Management Strategies of Young Bangladeshi Migrant Men in Malaysia and South Africa

**Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore**

**Singapore**

Asian Graduate Student Fellow

May-June 2014

- Paper Title: A Participatory Action Research Analysis of Rohingya Refugees' Involvement in Early Childhood Learning in Refugee Camps in Bangladesh

**University of Dhaka**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

M.S.S. Student

2013

- M.S.S. Thesis: The Rohingya Issue: Response of the State and Non-state Actors and the Subsequent Politics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

**University of Dhaka**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Lecturer, Department of International Relations

02 August 2015-present

(currently on study leave)

- Instructed three full-credit taught courses at the undergraduate level. Courses included: Ideologies in World Affairs, Diplomacy and International Negotiations, and Refugees, Migrants, and the Displaced
- Taught a course titled "Women and Social Changes in Developing Countries" at the postgraduate level
- Convened a directed reading (DR) group of twelve (12) final-year undergrad students that focused primarily on refugees and forced migration
- Supervised a directed reading group of eleven (11) masters students. Theme of the DR group was Anthropology of Reconciliation and Reconstruction
- Delivered several lectures to the post-graduate diploma students of the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka. Lecture topics included: Multilateralism

and UN Development Goals, Gendering Security, Genocide, Democide and Gendercide, and Role of Non-state Actors in International Relations.

- Assisted in redesigning the curriculum of the Department
- Performed the role of an external examiner for the Department of International Relations in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University
- Acted as one of the coordinators for the Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations (PGDIR)-Spring 2018 session at the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

**Shamsunnahar Hall, University of Dhaka**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Assistant House Tutor

25 February 2016-12 September 2016

- Assisted the Provost and the team of House Tutors in providing a safe living atmosphere for the resident students of the Hall
- Participated in resident students' welfare and annual recreational programs organised by the Hall authority
- Performed administrative duties

**Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB)**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Education Coordinator

18 June 2013-30 July 2015

- Worked extensively with registered Rohingya refugee women and children of the two official refugee camps at Ukhia and Nayapara in Bangladesh from 2013 to 2014
- Helped in developing curriculum for the creches in the refugee camps
- Coordinated a community-owned and community-run early childhood learning program in North Bengal, Bangladesh
- Facilitated community mobilization toward education
- Worked in close collaboration with female teachers and mothers of the kids
- Assisted in forming Mothers' Association where mothers/women sit together once or twice a month to discuss about their daily life problems and how best they can solve them with little or no assistance from outside
- Participated in programmes that encouraged mothers in income generating works where a portion of the profit is spent to ensure the well-running and sustainability of the early childhood learning centres of the locality

**Transparency Advisory group (TAG) Regional Coordination Worksop**

**Dhaka**

Rapporteur

January 2015-february 2015

- Assisted the organizers in tasks related to arranging venue and book launching ceremony,
- Prepared press release
- Wrote reports on the workshop's agenda and recommendations that the participants had put forward during the workshop

**Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore**

**Singapore**

Asian Graduate Student Fellow

May-June 2014

- Conducted a research titled “A Participatory Action Research Analysis of Rohingya Refugees’ Involvement in Early Childhood Learning in Refugee Camps in Bangladesh”

**Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB)**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Academic Intern

2011

- Internship report: Empowering the Disadvantaged in Bangladesh through Access to Justice by the Right to Information Act (RTI)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Momen, L. & Deshingkar, P. (2020) ‘Hyper-precarious Lives: Bangladeshi Migrants on Azad Visas in Qatar during COVID-19’, *Routed: Migration & (Im)mobility Magazine* (Special Issue: Epidemics, Labour and Mobility)

Momen, L. (2018) ‘Risk Management Strategies of Young Bangladeshi Migrant Men in Malaysia and South Africa’, *Journal of International Affairs*, Vol.21 Nos. 1 & 2, June and December 2017:01-20

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Momen, L. (24-28 August 2021). *Risk, Uncertainties, and Drivers of Migration: Bangladeshi Migrant Shopkeepers and Traders in South Africa*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Asian Studies (ICAS-12): Crafting A Global Future, Kyoto Seika University (SEIKA), Japan.

Momen, L. (31 August-04 September 2020). *Walking A Tightrope: Migration, Precarity, and Identity of Bangladeshi Migrant Men in South Africa*. Presented at the AAS-in-Asia 2020, Asia at the Crossroads: Solidarity through Scholarship, Kobe, Japan

Momen, L. (May 2018). *Safe Spaces for Rohingya Women and Girls in the Refugee Camps in Bangladesh: Challenges and Prospects*. Paper presented at the National Conference on the Rohingya Crisis: Future Scenarios, University of Dhaka, Dhaka.

Momen, L. (June 2014). *A Participatory Action Research Analysis of Rohingya Refugees' Involvement in Early Childhood Learning in Refugee Camps in Bangladesh*. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.

### **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Recipient of funding from International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for participating at the regional pilot testing workshop on “Water Governance and Diplomacy”, Bangkok, Thailand, jointly organised by South Asian University, University of Dhaka and IUCN, 22 December – 23 December 2017
- Attained a diploma on 'Creative Diplomacy' from Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Colombo, Sri Lanka, 7 May 2016- 13 August 2016
- Fellowship for attending a short-course on “Water Futures II: A Dialogue for Young Scholars and Professionals”, jointly organized by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India and University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, funded by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), 26 October - 6 November 2014
- Asian Graduate Student Fellowship 2014, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 15 May 2014 - 28 June 2014
- Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS 2.0) Award 08 December-16 December 2013

### **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

Language: English (full professional proficiency), Bengali (native), Hindi (working proficiency), Japanese (beginner)

Computer: Proficient in using Microsoft Office Suite, database searches: JSTOR etc.

Affiliation: Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR), Brighton, UK