

Research Interest

Care Economies, International Relations, Climate vulnerabilities, Masculinity, Gendered Beauty Standards

Atia Sanjida Sushoma is a Lecturer in the Department of Women and Gender Studies at the University of Dhaka. She completed both her BSS and MSS from the same department with the highest CGPA, securing top position in her cohort and earning multiple prestigious academic scholarships in recognition of her outstanding performance.

Her research sits at the intersection of gender, climate vulnerability, care economies, and critical studies of masculinity. She adopts an interdisciplinary and feminist analytical approach to examine how structural inequalities shape lived experiences across diverse social groups in Bangladesh.

Her recent publication includes the 2026 peer-reviewed Scopus indexed single-authored journal article, *A Qualitative Study of Violence Against Married and Unmarried Men in Urban Bangladesh*, published in Springer's Discover Global Society, where she critically interrogates patriarchal structures through the lens of men's differentiated vulnerabilities. This work expands contemporary debates on gender, intersectionality, and hegemonic masculinity. She has also contributed to research on climate-induced vulnerabilities, including a 2025 publication exploring the gendered burden of heat stress on women's caregiving roles, as well as a book chapter on gender-transformative approaches to climate change adaptation in Bangladesh, published from Springer Nature. In addition, her work in feminist literary analysis examines constructions of masculinity in South Asian texts, further demonstrating the breadth of her scholarly engagement.

Beyond publications and achieving multiple prestigious scholarships from University of Dhaka, Sushoma has been involved in research. Through engagement with critical feminist scholarship, she is establishing herself as a promising academic voice, contributing to nuanced understandings of gender, power, and social transformation in contemporary Bangladesh.

Educational Qualification

(2021-2022) - **Master of Social Sciences (MSS)** in Women and Gender Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka, (Bangladesh)

CGPA- 3.94 on the scale of 4.00 (Secured First class First Position)

Thesis- Not Always Privileged: Impact of Patriarchy among the Married and Unmarried Men of Bogura, Bangladesh

(2017-2020) - **Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS)** in Women and Gender Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Dhaka, (Bangladesh)

CGPA- 3.88 on the scale of 4.00 (Secured First class First Position)

Thesis- Living on the Margin: Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Livelihood of Hijra Communities.

Publications

Sushoma, A. S. (2026). A qualitative study of violence against married and unmarried men in urban Bangladesh. *Discover Global Society*, 4(1), 61.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s44282-026-00415-5> (Journal Article. Springer, Scopus and Web of Science Indexed)

Sushoma, A. S. (2025). The Tapestry of Masculinities: A Critical Analysis of Heterogeneous Masculinities in Begum Rokeya's Padmarag. *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Humanities*, 70(2), 143-153. <https://banglajol.info/index.php/JASBH/article/view/87525> (Journal Article)

Jasmin, I. A., **Sushoma, A. S.**, Hosen, I., & Biswas, A. K. (2025). The Gender Divide: Factors Amplifying Women's Vulnerability During Extreme Events in Bangladesh. *Gender-Transformative Approaches for Climate Change Adaptation: Policies and Practices from the Global South*, 123-140. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-90236-9_7 (Book Chapter, Springer Nature)

Sushoma, A. S. (2025) Classed Beauty Practices among Female Students in Dhaka, Bangladesh, *Journal of Sociology*, 15(1-2) University of Dhaka. 111-123.
<https://doi.org/10.62272/JS.V15A06> (Journal Article)

Sushoma, A. S. (2025). Gendered Heat Stress: Assessing the Hidden Toll of Heatwaves among Lower Middle Class and Middle-Class Women's Care-giving Responsibilities. *Perspectives in Social Science*, 19, 179-196. <https://www.doi.org/10.59146/PSS.V19.A10> (Journal Article)

Newspaper Publications

Sushoma, A. S. (2022). The age of public patriarchy. *New Age*.

Sushoma, A. S. (2022). Does participation alone ensure women empowerment in Bangladesh? *New Age*.

Sushoma, A. S. (2022). Ignore social stigma of using menstrual cup. *Daily Sun*

Sushoma, A. S. (2021). Colonial Representation: The Other Side of History.

Sushoma, A. S. (2020). Can Death Penalty Prevent Rape in Bangladesh. *New Age*.

Work Experience

University of Dhaka

2023-Cont.

Lecturer- Department of Women and Gender Studies

- Delivered lectures on gender and media, feminist research, gender-based violence and social transformation, facilitating critical and interdisciplinary learning environments for diverse student cohorts.
- Supervised and mentored undergraduate research projects, guiding students in qualitative and feminist research methodologies, academic writing, and field-based inquiry.
- Contributed to course planning and assessment design within the Department of Women and Gender Studies.
- Engaged in research and publication activities on gender, climate vulnerability, masculinities, and unpaid care work, strengthening the department's research and scholarly contributions.
- Participated in departmental academic committees, seminars, workshops, and co-curricular initiatives aimed at promoting inclusive, research-oriented, and student-centered higher education.
- Provided academic advising and mentorship to students, supporting their research development, critical thinking skills, and professional growth in gender and development studies

Additional Experiences

Research Assistant (2018-2019)- Government Report- Redefining Unpaid Care Work: Recognition or Redistribution

- **Consultant-** Dr. Tania Haque, Professor, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- **Responsibilities-** Conducted Time- surveys, IDIs and report writing.

Research Assistant (2023-2024)- Government Project- Cyberbullying among Dhaka University Students: Gender Dimensions and Ways of Prevention in Collaboration with ICT Division of Bangladesh

- **Consultant-** Dr. Tania Haque, Professor, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- **Responsibilities-** Prepared research proposals, conducted surveys, IDIs and report writing.

Project Lead and Coordinator (2021-2022)- Save Youth in association with IFES and support from UKAID- TransInclusion

Responsibilities- Conducted a small-scale community-based project under SAVE Youth with support from UKAID, focusing on Hijra engagement and social development, coordinated project activities, participant communication, and field implementation within targeted communities. prepared project documentation, reports, and stakeholder updates to support program evaluation and impact assessment.

Training

2024- 30th Foundational training for University Teachers, Organized by University of Dhaka

Awards and Recognitions

2024- Mustafizur Rahman Khan- Saleha Khanam Memorial Scholarship from University of Dhaka for achieving Highest CGPA in MSS.

2024- Mamuna Khatun Memorial Scholarship from Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka for achieving highest CGPA in BSS.

2021- Duke of Edinburgh Award (Silver Level)

2021- Arnab Memorial Scholarship from Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka for extraordinary contribution in extra-curricular activities

2020- Winner at ‘Sustainable Project Idea’ arranged by Volunteer for Bangladesh (Dhaka District)

2019- Winner at ‘Poster Competition’ arranged by Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka in collaboration with UNDP

2019- Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze Level)