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### **Educational Background:**

#### **1. Doctor of Philosophy (History and Peace Studies)**

Institution : University of New England  
Faculty : Humanities, Arts, Social Science and Education  
Proposed Time Frame : 2016-2020  
Result : **Awarded**

#### **2. Master of Philosophy (First Part)**

Institution : University of Dhaka  
Department : World Religions and Culture  
Year of Examination : 2012 (Held at 2013)  
Result : **Passed**

#### **3. Master of Arts**

Institution : University of Dhaka  
Department : World Religions and Culture  
Year of Examination : 2010 (Held at 2011)  
Result : **1<sup>st</sup> Class First (First Position)**

#### **4. Bachelor of Arts (Honours) 4 Years**

Institution : University of Dhaka  
Department : World Religions and Culture  
Year of Examination : 2009 (Held at 2010)  
Result : **1<sup>st</sup> Class First (First Position)**

### **Publications:**

#### **Books:**

2023. *Institutions of Political Islam in Bangladesh: Histories, Agenda and*, **Routledge** (forthcoming) (full monograph and publication contract available)

2022. *The Dynamics of Violent Extremism in South Asia: The Nexus between State Fragility and Extremism*, (Edited), **Palgrave Macmillan** (forthcoming) (full monograph and publication contract available)

2021: *Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh: A Pyramid Root Cause Model*, **Springer**, Cham, Switzerland.

2012: *Position of Women in Islam and Sikhism: A Comparative Study*, Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany, 2012. (ISBN 978-3-659-18133-7)

### **Selected Research Articles and Book Chapters:**

1. Mostofa, S. M. (2022). The Diverse Roles of Bangladesh's Diaspora Communities in Jihadism. *Diaspora Studies*, 1(aop), Brill. 1-15.
2. Brasted, H, Ahmed, I, & Mostofa, S. M (2020). Revisiting S.P. Huntington's 'The Clash of Civilizations' thesis, in Akbarzadeh, S. Routledge Handbook of Political Islam, Routledge, London.
3. Mostofa, S. M. (2021a). Religious extremism and terrorist recruitment in Bangladesh: The case of Al Qaeda'. In I. Ahmed, Z. Shahab, H. Brasted, & S. Akbarzadeh, Violent Religious Extremism in South Asia: Emerging Trends and Countering Measures (London: Palgrave).
4. Mostofa, S. M., & Howard, B. (2021). 'Islamic State's Recruitment Strategies: The Case Study of Bangladesh', In I. Ahmed, Z. Shahab, H. Brasted, & S. Akbarzadeh, Violent Religious Extremism in South Asia: Emerging Trends and Countering Measures (London: Palgrave).
5. Mostofa, S. M. (2021b). Understanding of Islamist Militancy in Bangladesh, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, SAGE.
6. Mostofa, S. M. (2021c). Jamaat-e-Islami and Trust-building in Bangladesh, *Journal of Politics and Policy*, Blackwell and Wiley.
7. Mostofa, S. M., & Subedi, D. B. (2020). "Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism in Bangladesh". *Politics and Religion*, 1-29.
8. Mostofa, S. M. (2020a). Islam and politics in Bangladesh: the followers of Ummah: by Mubashar Hasan, *Journal of Global Change, Peace, and Security*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14781158.2020.1798025>
9. Mostofa, S. M. (2020b). "Key Drivers of Female Radicalisation in Bangladesh". *Counter Terrorist Trends and Analyses*, 12(4), 27-31.
10. Mostofa, S. M. (2020c). "Bangladesh's Ambiguity on Religion Has Been Expensive for the Country". *The Diplomat*, United States, <https://thediplomat.com/2020/09/bangladeshs-ambiguity-on-religion-has-been-expensive-for-the-country/>
11. Mostofa, S. M. (2020d). "Islamist Cyber-Radicalization in Bangladesh during Covid-19". *The Australian Outlook*, Australian Institute of International Affairs, <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/cyber-radicalisation-bangladesh/>
12. Mostofa, S. M. (2020e). "Islam Beyond Borders: The Umma in World Politics". By James Piscatori and Amin Saikal, *Journal of Church and State*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcs/csaa089>
13. Mostofa, S. M. (2020f). "France's Satiric Cartoons: Another Casus Belli for Terrorists", *The Australian Outlook*, Australian Institute of International Affairs, <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/frances-satiric-cartoons-another-casus-belli-for-terrorists/>
14. Mostofa, S. M. (2020g). "What Does COVID-19 Mean for Terrorism in Bangladesh?". *The Diplomat*, United States, <https://thediplomat.com/2020/06/what-does-covid-19-mean-for-terrorism-in-bangladesh/>

15. Mostofa, S. M., & Howard, B. (2020). How Huntington and Fukuyama got the 21st century wrong, The Al Jazeera, <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2020/12/19/how-huntington-and-fukuyama-got-the-21st-century-wrong>
16. Mostofa, S. M., (2020), Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh: The impacts of forced migration, The Policy Forum, Australian National University, <https://www.policyforum.net/rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh/>
17. Mostofa, S. M., & Ware, H. (2019). "Development of Daesh's Ideology". *Peace and Security Review*, 8(18), 12-22.
18. Mostofa, S. M., & Doyle, N. J. (2019). "Profiles of Islamist Militants in Bangladesh". *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 13(5), 112-129.
19. Mostofa, S. M. (2019). "A Study of Al-Qaeda's Propaganda Narratives in Bangladesh". *Counter Terrorist Trends and Analyses*, 11(2).
20. Mostofa, S. M. (2021c). Bangladesh's Identity Crisis: To Be or Not to Be Secular, the Diplomat, <https://thediplomat.com/2021/12/bangladeshs-identity-crisis-to-be-or-not-to-be-secular/>
21. "*Gender Equality in Islam: A Critical Analysis*" the Dhaka University Studies, Vol.68, Dhaka, 2014. (ISSN 0011-5223)
22. "*The Position of Women in Islam and Sikhism: A Comparative Study*", the Arts Faculty Journal, Vol. 6, No. 8, Dhaka, 2014. (ISSN: 1994-8891)
23. "*Concept of God in Zoroastrianism: A Critical Analysis*" the Eastern Studies Journal, Published by Professor Dilip Kumar Research Centre, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, 2015. (ISSN: 1682-1114)
24. "*Rights and Responsibilities of Family Members in Different Religions: A Comparative Study*" International Journal of Recent Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (IJRSSH) Vol. 2, Issue 4, India, 2015. (ISSN 2349-7831)
25. "*Legal and Moral Rights and Responsibilities of Family Members in Islam: A Critical Analysis*" Journal of Islamic Law and Judiciary, Vol-50, Published by Bangladesh Islamic Law Research and Legal Aid Centre, Bangladesh. (ISSN-1813-0372)
26. "*Gender Equality in Sikhism: A Critical Analysis*" the Sikh Review, Vol-64, Issue-11, Published by the Sikh Cultural Centre, Kolkata, India.

**My detail publications** can be found at the following links

ResearchGate: [Shafi Md Mostofa \(researchgate.net\)](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Shafi-Md-Mostofa)

Google Scholar: [Shafi Md. Mostofa, PhD - Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Shafi-Md-Mostofa)

Orcid: [Shafi Md Mostofa \(0000-0002-1641-0683\) \(orcid.org\)](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1641-0683)

## **On-Going Projects**

1. The Failure of Jamaat-e-Islami in the Electoral Process of Bangladesh, Funded by the University of Dhaka.
2. Why Do Men Rape? Masculinities, Criminal Men and Sexual Violence in Bangladesh, Funded by the University Grand Commission.

## **Professional Background and Affiliations:**

### **Teaching and Research Experiences:**

**Adjunct Lecturer:** University of New England, Australia since 2020 [Shafi Mostofa - University of New England \(UNE\)](#)

**Assistant Professor:** Currently teaching as an Assistant Professor at the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka since November 22, 2015. [Dr. Shafi Md. Mostofa Dhaka University Profile \(du.ac.bd\)](#)

**Guest Editor:** Journal of World Affairs, SAGE, USA.

**Country Analyst:** The Diplomat Media Limited, USA. [Shafi Md Mostofa – The Diplomat](#)

**Member:** Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue Centre, University of Dhaka since 2015.

**Lecturer:** Taught as a Lecturer at the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, from October 3, 2012 to July 15, 2014.

**Teaching Assistant:** Working as a Teaching Assistant at the University of New England, Australia since May 2017.

**Guest Lecturer:** Worked as a Guest Lecturer in Political and International Studies at the University of New England, Australia in 2017.

**Adjunct:** Bangladesh University of Textile from 2014 to 2016

## **Teaching in the Department:**

Bangladesh Studies, Religion and Politics, Zoroastrian Religious Tradition, Christian Religious Tradition, Jewish Religious Tradition, Islam and Some Contemporary Issues, Religious Beliefs and Practice of North America, Chinese Religious Traditions etc.

## **Area of Research Interests:**

Radicalization, Islamist Militancy, Terrorism, Secularism, Fundamentalism, Religion and Politics, and Religion and Development.

### **Positions held:**

1. **President:** Bangladesh Youth Network of Religions for Peace, Bangladesh Chapter, from 01/01/2011 to 30/12/2018.
2. **President:** Next Generation Leadership Academy (NGA), Bangladesh Chapter, from 06/10/2008 to 30/12/2015.
3. **President:** Student Association for Character Education (SACE), Bangladesh Chapter, from 01/10/2005 to 01/10/2007.
4. **President:** World Collegiate Association for the Research Principle (World CARP), Bangladesh Chapter, from 02/10/2007 to 05/10/2008.
5. **Member:** Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Dhaka, from 03/10/2012 to till date.
6. **President:** Bangladesh Student Association of University of New England, Australia, from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 to 30 July 2020.
7. **Treasurer:** University of New England Badminton Club, UNE, Australia, from June 2018 to June 2021.

### **Trainings**

1. Participated in a training program on **“Youth Leadership Training Programme on Bioethics for Ensuring Human Rights”**, **Organized by:** Bangladesh Bioethics Society (BBS) in collaboration with Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU), **Venue:** Auditorium of the Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO, held in September, 2011.
2. Participated in a **“Three-Day Teachers’ Training Program on “International Humanitarian Law”**, **Jointly Organized by:** The Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), **Venue:** Faculty of Social Sciences Seminar Room, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 14-16 February, 2012.
3. Participated in a **“Capsule Training-2004 of 2 Mahasthan Battalion”**, **Organized by:** 2 Mahasthan Battalion, **Venue:** Rangpur, held in: 06 July 2004-15 July, 2004.
4. Participated in a Training on **“Train the Trainer”**, **Organized by:** Universal Peace Federation, **Trainer: Manae Pesano, David Lapres, and Christopher Brown, USA**, **Venue:** Seminar Room, Senate Building, University of Dhaka, held in 2010.
5. Participated in a Training on **“Character Education”**, **Organized by:** NextGen Leadership Academy, USA, in collaboration with Universal Peace Federation and Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, **Trainer: Manae Pesano, Ana Reid, and Heungkook Stephens, USA**, **Venue:** Seminar Room, Senate Building, University of Dhaka, held in 2008.

### **Conference Paper Presentation**

Presented a paper titled **‘Covid-19 and Clash of Narratives: From the End of Cold War to Covid-19’** in an international conference (webinar) on Organized by the Centre for Studies of South and South-East Asian Societies of Kazi Nazrul University, India.

Presented a paper titled '**Middle Class Radicalization in Bangladesh**' at a Postgraduate Conference organized by the University of New England, Armidale, NSW, held in 15-16 January 2019.

Presented a paper titled '**IS Recruitment Policy in Bangladesh**' at the Deakin Institute of Globalization in Melbourne on the theme of 'Violent Religious Extremism' held on 29-31 October 2018.

Presented a paper titled '**Does Lack of Good Governance Lead to Militancy?**' at a conference on Rethinking Peace, Conflict, and Governance, held at the University of New England, Sydney, held on 12-14 February 2020.

Presented a paper titled '**Who are Islamist Militants in Bangladesh**' at a Postgraduate Conference organized by the University of New England, Armidale, NSW, held in 22-23 January 2020.

### **Participation in Workshops, Dialogues and Conferences:**

#### **Conferences:**

1. Chaired a session titled '**Reintegration, Security and Peace**' at a conference on Rethinking Peace, Conflict, and Governance, held at the University of New England, Sydney, held on 12-14 February 2020.
2. Participated in a National Conference on **Cyber Radicalization: Challenges and Way Forward, Organized by:** Bangladesh Institute of Peace & Security Studies (BIPSS), **Venue:** Hotel Bengal Blue Berry, Gulshan, Dhaka, held on 25 January 2018.
3. Participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on '**Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue-2009**', **Jointly Organized by:** Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU), Ministry of Education, Bangladesh, and Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Dhaka, in cooperation with Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) Regional Office in Tehran, **Venue:** Teachers Students Centre of Dhaka University and Seminar Room, Senate Building, University of Dhaka, held in 7-9 October, 2009
4. Participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on '**Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue-2010**', **Organized by:** Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU), Ministry of Education, Bangladesh, and Centre for Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Dhaka, in cooperation with Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) Regional Office in Tehran, **Venue:** Senate Building, University of Dhaka, held in 27-29 November 2010
5. Participated in an International Consultation Conference on '**Prospects for Dialogue and Religious Studies in South Asian Universities**', **Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, **Initiated by:** Dr. Joseph T O'Connell, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, Canada, **Venue:** Senate Building, University of Dhaka, held in 14-16 March, 2010.

#### **Workshops:**

1. Participated in a stakeholder roundtable on "**Security Outlook of Bangladesh in 2018**" **Organized by:** Bangladesh Institute of Peace & Security Studies (BIPSS), Venue: BIPSS Office, DOSH Bardhara, Road No 7, House No 425, Dhaka, held on 28 June 2018.
2. Participated in 1 day national workshop on "**Radicalization in Bangladesh**" **Organized by:** Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, **Venue:** CTTC Headquarters, Minto Road, Dhaka, held on 21 April 2018.
3. Participated in 3 day national workshop on "**Countering Violent Extremism (CVE): Building Resilience and Capacity**" **Organized by:** Bangladesh Institute of Peace & Security Studies (BIPSS), **Venue:** Hotel Bengal Blue Berry, Gulshan, Dhaka, held on 22-24 January 2018.
4. Participated in 5 days workshop on 'Foundations of Qualitative Methodologies, Data Collection and Analysis' **Organized by:** The Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Incorporated (ACSPRI), Australia, **Venue:** University of Macquarie, NSW, Sydney, Australia, held in 25-29 September 2017.
5. Participated in 2 days Workshop on "**Human Rights Education**", **Organized by:** International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF), Bangladesh Chapter, **Venue:** Seminar Room of the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 6-7 November 2006.
6. Participated in a Workshop on '**Family Values**', **Organized by:** Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace-Bangladesh, (IIFWP) Bangladesh Chapter, 2007.
7. Participated in 3 days Workshop on "**Character Education and Leadership Training**", **Organized by:** NextGen Leadership Academy, Bangladesh Chapter, in collaboration with the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, **Venue:** Seminar Room of the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 13-15 November, 2011.
8. Participation in a Workshop on "**e-Resource Management**", **Organized by:** Dhaka University Library, Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 1-3 January 2011.
9. Participated in a Workshop on "**A Journey of Self Discovery**", **Jointly Organized by:** NextGen Leadership Academy, Bangladesh Chapter and the University of Dhaka, **Venue:** Seminar Room of the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2009.
10. Participated in a Workshop on "**Quaker**", **Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Venue:** Seminar Room of the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2006.
11. Participated in a Workshop on "**I Am My Own Guardian**", **Organized by:** Self-Esteem School, Bangladesh, **Venue:** Seminar Room of the Teachers and Students Center, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2011.
12. Participated in a Workshop on '**Method and Theory of Study of Religion**' Facilitated by Prof. Dr. Joseph T. O'Connell, Toronto University, Canada, **Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Venue:** Seminar Room of the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2006.
13. Participated in a Workshop on "**The Annual Debate Workshop-2008**", **Organized by:** Dhaka University Debating Society, Bangladesh, **Venue:** Seminar Room of the Teachers and Students Center, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2008.
14. Participated in a Workshop on "**Mormon**", **Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Venue:** Seminar Room of

the Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2006.

### **Dialogues:**

1. Participated in *Muslim-Christian Dialogue-1* on '*Christian-Muslim Dialogue, "A Common Call: Muslims and Christians"*, **Jointly Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Episcopal Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue, **Venue:** Center of Excellence for Sciences, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 18 April 2008.
2. Participated in *Muslim-Christian Dialogue-2* on '*Christian-Muslim Dialogue, "A Common Call: Muslims and Christians"*, **Jointly Organized by:** Centre for Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Episcopal Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue, **Venue:** CBCB Center, Mohammadpur, Dhaka, held in November 28, 2008.
3. Participated in a *Dialogue with Baha'i Community in Bangladesh*, **Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Venue:** Baha'i Centre, Shantinagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2008
4. Participated in *Imams and Pastors Dialogue on 'Unity in Diversity'*, **Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Episcopal Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue and Centre for Inter-religious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Venue:** The Centre for Advanced Research in Humanities, University of Dhaka, held 29 April 2009.
5. Participated in *Dialogue with Sikh Community in Bangladesh*, **Organized by:** Department of World Religions and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Venue:** Sikh Gurudwara Nanak Sahi, Dhaka University Campus, Dhaka, Bangladesh, held in 2009.

### **Achievements:**

1. Awarded **Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) PhD Completion Award** in 2020 by the University of New England, Australia.
2. Awarded **Keith & Dorothy Mackay Postgraduate Scholarship** for fieldwork purposes in 2017.
3. Awarded **International Postgraduate Research Award (IPRA)** by the University of New England, Australia to pursue PhD in 2016.
4. Awarded **Khaleda Monzoor-e-Khuda Memorial Gold Medal** by the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for obtaining highest marks in M.A. final examination, 2012.



5. Certified by Institute of Modern Language, University of Dhaka for obtaining **71% marks in English Language Course**, 2010.
6. Certified by University of Dhaka for scoring passed marks in **Junior Certificate Examination in Military Science**, 2008.
7. Certified by University of Dhaka for scoring passed marks in **Senior Certificate Examination in Military Science**, 2009.
8. Certified by Universal Peace Federation for **securing 3<sup>rd</sup> position as a Lecturer** in the contest, 2008.
9. Certified by National Education Week Celebration Committee-2002 under the Ministry of Education, Bangladesh for **securing 2<sup>nd</sup> position** in the Open Speech Contest, 2002.
10. Awarded Eastern Bank Limited and Dhaka University Alumni Association Scholarship for **obtaining highest marks in B.A Honours final examination**, 2009.
11. Awarded Mahanambrata Brahmachary Foundation Scholarship **obtaining highest marks in B.A Honours final examination**, 2009.

### **References:**

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