

Mohammad Rashed Alam Bhuiyan

Professional profile

Mr Mohammad Rashed Alam Bhuiyan is currently pursuing doctoral research on 'The Role of Intermediaries in Shaping the Relationship between Migrations and (In) Equality' at Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University under the UKRI's Global Challenges Research Fund- South-South Migration, Inequality and Development Hub.

He is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Dhaka since February 18th, 2013 (currently on Study Leave https://www.du.ac.bd/faculty/faculty_details/PSC/737). His expertise lies in Political Economy and studying various forms of Internal and International Migration, Adaptation to Climate Change, Sustainability Studies especially Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development and Well-being of different migrant communities. In 2018-19 he did an MSc on Sustainable Development under College of Life & Environmental Sciences of the University of Exeter with Commonwealth Scholarship. Previously, he served the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) as a Research Associate. He has worked across several research projects involving the University of Sussex, Exeter, Southampton, Dhaka and other research units, primarily focused on various forms of migration; international labour migration, internal migration (climate induced migration and displacement), climate adaptation, resilient urban development, sustainable city, migrants' well-being etc. Rashed has practical research experience in studying climate adaptation and climate change-induced migration, especially with regards to sustainable urban development for recent migration populations, with extensive experience of operating in Bangladesh. He is experienced with different methods i.e. biographic life history survey, village history survey, household listing, focus group discussion, stakeholder meeting, key informant interviews, photo-elicitation, with the ability to generate the reliable evidence and insights required to inform high-level policy- and decision-makers.

Nationality	Bangladeshi	Country	Bangladesh, India, Ghana, Nepal, United Kingdom
Languages	English, Bengali, Hindi	experience	
Education	2020- Present, PhD student, Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, UK 2018 -2019, Master's in Sustainable Development, University of Exeter 2011, B.Ed. National University 2008, MSS Political Science, University of Dhaka 2007, BSS Political Science , University of Dhaka		
Employment	2016 - Present, Assistant Professor in Political Science , University of Dhaka (on Study leave now) 2013 - 2016, Lecturer in Political Science, University of Dhaka 2013 - Present, Part-Time Researcher , RMMRU 2011 - 2013, Full-Time Researcher , RMMRU		

Recent Research Experiences

2017 - 2019, **Safe and sustainable cities: human security, migration and well-being**, (ESRC-DFID Joint Fund for Poverty Alleviation, Bangladesh) *Co-researcher*. This project sought to incorporate migrant perspectives and sources of innovation into urban planning to build safer and more sustainable cities. The project represented frontier research in framing new migrant populations as sources of innovation and sustainability by examining the environmental risks to new populations in cities, including exposure to environmental hazards and access to environmental services such as water. Its addressed poverty by examining the social exclusion of migrant populations that are often invisible in policy and planning, whilst also addressing issues of conflict and security through varied conceptualisations of human security centred on livelihoods, discrimination and social cohesion. The research design involved examining this and innovating new ways of overcoming exclusion, such as through working directly with migrant populations and urban planners to generate new priorities; and learning lessons that can be generalized and applied across the Global South.

2014 - 2018, **Deltas, Vulnerability and Climate Change: Migration and Adaptation (DECCMA)**, (DFID, IDRC, CIDA, Multi-country) *Co-researcher*. DECCMA was initiated under the Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Asia and Africa (CARIAA) consortium, supported by the Department for International Development (DFID), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and Canadian government. DECCMA analysed the impacts of climate change and other environmental drivers across contrasting deltas in Africa and Asia. Processes of migration were analysed using survey, participatory research and economic methods. Potential migration of men and women was contrasted with other adaptation approaches using a stakeholder-driven and co-produced integrated assessment approach. Rashed formed part of the Bangladesh team conducting research in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna region.

2014, **Climate Migration Study**, (GIZ, Bangladesh) *Co-researcher*. This was conducted as a background study for 'Resilient and Inclusive Urban Development' (RIUD) project of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). This background study supported the resulting RIUD project's aims to raise awareness of the efficacy of climate adaptation, including the specific climate-related challenges faced by poor and marginalised people and how decision-makers in local governmental institutions were responding.

2014, **Climate change and migration in Bangladesh – Living on the go**, (CDKN, Bangladesh) *Local Expert*. Worked with the research team and production company (Television Trust for the Environment) to create a short film highlighting the climate change-induced challenges facing the communities Gabura, Satkhira region that were affected by Cyclone Aila in 2009. The

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research team investigated whether public policy options were available to protect migrants' livelihoods.

2012 - 2014, **Building evidence of climate change-induced migration in Bangladesh**, (CDKN, Bangladesh) *Co-researcher*. The project was implemented by the Centre for Migration Research at the University of Sussex in partnership with RMMRU and was commissioned by CDKN, UK. The project entailed the collection and analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data on the impact of climate change on human displacement, as well as a review of the existing policy framework and interventions underway in Bangladesh. The overall aim of this project was to bring about the adoption of policies on climate-related migration by key ministries such as Agriculture, Disaster Risk Reduction, Water and Land, and increased national capacity on migration and climate change. The research unit also advocated for policy change through a series of presentations and workshops designed to disseminate new knowledge with relevant officials, including the *South-South Cooperation for Addressing Loss and Damage* in Dhaka, and *The World Social Forum on Migration* in Manila.

2011-2012, **'Migrants Rights to Information and Services (MRIS)**. The project was implemented by RMMRU commissioned by DFID and his job was to raise awareness for safe migration among the potential migrants in the pocket districts of Bangladesh from where most of the migration takes place. Part of this project, he met so many returnee and aspirant migrants who were victims of the different type of fraudulence by the formal and informal recruiting agents/intermediaries. On 2012 as a co-author he wrote a background paper for International Labour Office titled 'Recruitment practices in Bangladesh and protection of migrant workers' rights' (Unpublished) in the context of forced migration and trafficking. He also provided assistance to RMMRU expert team in preparing of Bangladesh's Overseas Employment Act, 2013 (Draft).

2011 (June to September) Rashed worked as Research Supervisor on the research project "Developing database of returnee Bangladeshi migrants from Libya and the need for rehabilitation". The research focused on the socio-economic situation of the returnee migrants, identifying their skills, potentiality and scopes for rehabilitation. The research was commissioned by Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium (RPC) of the University of Sussex, UK.

Selected publications

Book

- *'Accommodating Migration in Climate Change Adaptation- A GBM Delta Bangladesh Perspective'* (Co-authored) Siddiqui, T., Bhuiyan, M.R.A., Das, P.K., Chakraborty., G. and Rocky, M.H (2018) IWFM and RMMRU, Dhaka.

Peer Reviewed Articles

- *'Human security of urban migrant populations affected by length of residence and environmental hazards'*. Journal of Peace Research'. (Accepted in June 2020 & due to publish in January 2021) Manuscript ID JPR-19-0488.R2 (Co-authored) Adger, W. N., de Campos, R. S., Siddiqui, T., Szaboova, L., Rocky, M.H., **Bhuiyan, M.R.A.**, Billah, T.
- *'Policy Opportunities and Constraints for Addressing Urban Precarity of Migrant Populations'*. *Global Policy. Special Issue'*. (Co-authored) Siddiqui, T., Szaboova, L., Adger, W. N., de Campos, R.S., **Bhuiyan, M.R.A.**, Billah, T. (2020) (Published Online: 15 October 2020 <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1758-5899.12855>)
- *'Migration and Household Adaptation in Climate-Sensitive Hotspots in South Asia'* (Co-authored) Maharjan, A., de Campos, R.S., Singh, C., Das, S., Srinivas, A., **Bhuiyan, M.R.A** et al. Current Climate Change Reports (2020) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40641-020-00153-z>
- *'Situating migration in planned and autonomous adaptation practices to Climate change in Bangladesh'* (Co-authored) in Bhagat, R. and Rajan, I. edited Routledge Book of 'Climate Change Vulnerability and Migration, South Asian Migration Series, Routledge, 2017
- *'Migration as an adaptation strategy: Governing environmentally induced migration in Bangladesh'* Bangladesh Political Science Review, Vol 13, No 1, June 2017
- *'Climate Change and Migration in Bangladesh: From Vulnerability to Resilience'* (co-authored); submitted for publication in Social Science Review [The Dhaka University Studies, Part-D]
- *'Changing dimensions of security: An analysis'* Bangladesh Political Science Review (BPSR), Volume 11, No.1; December 2015, Dhaka
- *'Political Instability in the Middle East and emergency repatriation of Bangladeshi migrants and its economic consequences: A study on returnee migrants from Libya'* Bangladesh Unnayan Samikkhya (BUS) a yearly Bengali Journal of BIDS, Issue-February 2015.
- *"Impact of Arab Spring on Migrants: The case of Bangladeshi returnees from Libya"* (co-authored) in Abrar. C R edited Bangladesh in International Relations 2012-2013, Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), March 2014
- *"Globalisation and the Crisis of State Sovereignty"* (co-authored); Bangladesh Political Science Review (BPSR), Volume 10, No.1; December 2013. Dhaka
- *"Emergency return of Bangladeshi migrants from Libya"* (co-authored by Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui and Md. Rashed Alam Bhuiyan); NTS Working Paper Series No. 9; April 2013; published by Centre for Non-traditional Security (NTS) Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS).

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Briefing Paper

- *'Safe and sustainable cities: migration, security, and wellbeing'* (co-authored), Policy Briefing Paper No. 25 (March 2019); published as an output of RMMRU and the University of Exeter' research on Safe and sustainable cities: Human Security, Migration and wellbeing commissioned by the CDKN
- *'Climate Change Induced Migration and Urban Informal Settlements'* (co-authored) Policy Briefing Paper No. 8 (March 2015) published as an output of RMMRU and GIZ conducted Climate Migration study of Resilient and Inclusive Urban Development.
- *"Migration-from threat of climate change to Climate change to adaptation tool: Policy Choices for development partners of Bangladesh'* (co-authored), Policy Briefing Paper No.6; published as an output of RMMRU and the Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR)' research on Climate change related migration in Bangladesh, commissioned by the CDKN.
- *"Transforming Challenges into Part of Solution: Climate-Change Related Migration in Bangladesh"* (co-authored), Policy Briefing Paper No.7 published as an output of RMMRU and the Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR)' research on Climate change related migration in Bangladesh, commissioned by the CDKN.

Conference Paper

- *"Adaptation to Climate Change: Migration, an autonomous option"* presented in Climate Change and Population Conference (CCPOP) 2015 held on 29-31 July at the University of Ghana.
- *"Adaptation Strategies of Poor Urban Migrants in the Context of Climate Change: a case study of informal settlements in Natore, Sirajgang and Rajshahi"*, Thematic Session 6: Migration In the Context of Climate Change: Regional Experiences and Policy Shortcomings, January 9, 2015 at 1st Gobeshona Conference held on January (8-11), 2015 at the Independent University, Bangladesh.
- *"Sensitivity of migration to Climate Change in Bangladesh"* Presented in the workshop on New Knowledge on Climate Change and Migration in Bangladesh held on May 29, 2013 in Dhaka.
- *"Migration: From threat of Climate Change to Adaptation Tool"* presented in KNOMAD International Conference on Internal Migration and Urbanisation held on April, 30th - May 1st 2014 in Dhaka.

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