National University Bangladesh

Basic Information

Faculty Photo	Faculty Name	Designation	Highest Degree	Contact
	Md. Akmal Hossain	Lecturer	Master's in Social Science (MSS), University of Dhaka	Email: akmal.hossain@nu.ac.bd akmal10th.du@gmail.com ORCID ID: 0000-0003-0165-5888 Phone: 01737876260

Md. Akmal Hossain is a lecturer in Political Science at the National University Bangladesh, focusing on political theories, democracy, and global politics. His research interests include democracy, authoritarian politics, religion and politics, and marginalized communities' rights. He also explores disinformation, dangerous speech, political culture, and the relationship between political trust and social capital. Previously, he worked as a research associate for the Microgovernance Research Initiative, writing reports on political violence and elections. He developed a course titled 'Democracy: From Theory to Practice' with funding from IFES and USAID and has published articles in several reputable journals.

Education

Degree and Year	Department	Institution	Result
Master's of Social Science (2021)	Political Science	Dhaka University	CGPA: 3.82 (1st position and gold medalist)
Bachelor of Social Science (2019)	Political Science	Dhaka University	CGPA: 3.83 (2nd position
Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) (2015)	Humanities	Mohanagar College, Rajshahi	GPA: 5.00
Diploma in Medical Technology (2015)	Radiology and Imaging	Institute of Health Technology, Rajshahi	Passed (2nd position)
Dakhil (2011)	Science	Norendrapur Dakhil Madrasah	GPA: 5.00

Professional Experiences

Area of Experiences	Duration
Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at National University, Gazipur. Responsible for teaching political history and development of Bangladesh since 1757-present, Global geopolitics, economic development, political theory, and research methodology.	July 2023-present

***'Adjunct Faculty'* member in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), Gazipur** Responsible for teaching of 'Government and Politics' and 'Bangladesh Studies' courses in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) and Chemical Engineering	October 2024-January 2025
A team member of Disarming Disinformation Bangladesh (DDB), a WhatsApp-based research activism group that works to counter disinformation through various mechanisms in Bangladesh. Under the DDB umbrella, I participated in and conducted sessions on disinformation in collaboration with the Institute of Environment and Development (IED).	January 2024-present
Research Assistant in several projects. Responsible for collecting data through conducting FGDs, surveys, Interviews, and KII to understand the conception of Disinformation on several issues, including women and minority rights, elections, and disinformation.	August 2022-present
Research Associate at Microgovernance Research Initiative (MGR) Responsible for developing a course entitled "Democracy: From Theory to Practice" for university students funded by USAID and IFES; report writing; SAVE YOUTH; workshop facilitation; no to dangerous speech; research paper presentation; and data analysis	January 2022-June 2023
Research Intern at Microgovernance Research Initiative (MGR) Learned how to collect data through content analysis and mapping political violence in Bangladesh	January 2018-December 2018

Research and Publication

1. Hossain, A. (2025). Roots and Resilience: Understanding the Rise and the Persistence of Authoritarianism in Bangladesh. *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, 10 (4), 1-27. DOI: 10.1177/20578911251366097

2. Hossain, M. A., & Rahman, M. M. (2025). From Words to Violence: Tracing the Trajectory of Dangerous Speech and Its Impact on the Ahmadiyya Community in Bangladesh. *Muslim Politics Review*, *4*(1), 76-112. https://doi.org/10.56529/mpr.v4i1.338

3. Hossain, M. A. (2025). Bangladesh's Paradoxical Youth: Unfolding University Students' Contradictory Perspectives on Secularism. *Journal of Asian Wisdom and Islamic Behavior (JAWAB).* Vol. 3, No. 1. DOI: https://doi.org/10.59371/jawab.v3i1.91

4. Hossain, Md. A. (2024). God and the Ballot Box: How Electoral Candidates Use Religion in Election Campaigns in Bangladesh. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 0(0). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096241284393

5. Hossain, A. M. (2023). Religion as a Source of Violence: Contending the Narrative of Political Violence Perpetrated in the Name of Islam in Bangladesh. *Journal of Asian Wisdom and Islamic Behavior*, 1(1), 1-13. DOI: https://doi.org/10.59371/jawab.v1i1.41

6. Hossain, A. M. (2022). The Advocacy Coalition Framework in Fixing the Prices of Oil and Gas in the Energy Sectorsof Bangladesh. *Scholars Journal of Research in Social Science* (SJRSS) Vol. 2, No. 2, June 2022, pp. 36-43. DOI: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6617629

7. Hossain, A. M. (2022). Students and Voluntary Services: A Case of Dhaka University. *International Journal of Academic Pedagogical Research (IJAPR),* Year: 2022 | Volume: 6 | Issue: 4 | Page No. 38-44

8. Hossain, A. M. (2022). Book review: 'Masks of Authoritarianism: Hegemony, Power and Public Life

in Bangladesh' edited by Arild Engelsen Ruud and Mubashar Hasan. Palgrave Macmillan (2022). South Asia Journal. 18 August 2022.

9. Hossain, A. M. (2020). Book Review: 'An Era of Darkness' by Shashi Tharoor. Aleph Book Company (2016).South Asia Journal. 10 May 2020.

10. Hossain, A. M. (2019). Retelling Our History: Remembering the Contribution of Students and Teachers in the Emergence of Bangladesh. South Asia Journal. 22 April 2021.

Conference Attendance

1. Paper presented at the conference and workshop titled "Blackout Rebellion: Resource Mobilization Strategies During the Internet Shutdown of the July 2024 Uprising in Bangladesh" for the Special Issue: Youth Movements Against Authoritarianism in Asia for the **International Quarterly for Asian Studies (IQAS),** which was held in June 26-27 of 2025 in **Freiburg, Germany.**

2. Paper accepted titled "Roots and Resilience: Understanding the Rise and the Persistence of Authoritarianism in Bangladesh" for presentation at the 82nd Annual MPSA Conference, April 3-6, 2025, organized by the ***Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), USA*.**

3. Paper accepted for the presentation titled 'Disinformation in the Digital Public Sphere and Its Impact on Society and Politics in Bangladesh' for the ITD-2024 Conference, organized by Green University Bangladesh.

4. Delivered a presentation on 'Disinformation against women and minority groups ahead of elections: A comparative analysis in USA, India, and Bangladesh' on June 8, 2024, organized by IED and DDB.

5. Paper on the Rohingya Crisis: Presented a paper entitled "Violence against Rohingya women and children: is Humanitarian Intervention Justified in Myanmar?" in a conference entitled "Rohingya: Politics, Ethnic Cleansing, and Uncertainty" organized by the Dept. of Criminology at theUniversity of Dhaka on 1-2 September 2018.

6. Presentation on Terrorism: He presented a paper entitled "Non-State Actor of Terrorism: The Emergence of Islamic State (IS) in the Global Politics" in In Search 2018: 5th International Integrative Research Conference on Governance and Modernization in Changing Environment, which took place on 18 and 19 December 2018 at BARD, Comilla, Bangladesh.

7. Paper on Voluntary Services He presented a paper entitled "Students and Voluntary Services: A Case of Dhaka University" in YOUTH IMPACT: UNLEASHING THE POWER OF YOUTH on September 16, 2019.

8. Paper on Dangerous Speech: Presented a paper entitled "Speech Violence and Blogger Assassinationin Bangladesh" at the SAVE Youth Promise Leadership Summit on 26 February 2022.

Distinctions and Certifications

- Dr. Jalal Alomgir Memorial Gold Medal-2020 for obtaining the highest marks and excellentresults in the Master's examination in the Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka.
- His essay '*The Role of Students and Teachers in the Emergence of Bangladesh'* has securedthird place at the university level in an essay competition organized by Gyantapos Abdur Razzaq Foundation, Dhaka. Later, the essay was published in the South Asia Journal.
- Awarded Jononeta Abdur Razzak scholarship in 2019 for outstanding results in the BSS Honours examination provided by the Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka.
- Selina-Emajuddin Scholarship in 2018 by the Department of Political Science, the University of

Dhaka, for excellent results and civic engagements.

- Awarded by Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited (IBBL), Prime Bank Foundation (PBF), Center for Zakat Management (CGM), and Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA), provided scholarships for outstanding performance in HSC 2015.

Extracurricular Activities and Leadership Training

- Two-day workshop on "Disinformation, Fact-Checking and Digital Awareness" organized by the Goethe Institute Dhaka, November 21-21, 2024.
- A five-day-long Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on 'Democracy: From Theory toPractice' from 9-13 January 2023, organized by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and MGR at Hotel Lake Castle, Gulshan, Dhaka.
- A short certification course entitled 'Gender Inequality and Humanitarian Action' underUN Women and IASC in 2021.
- A three-month-long 'Democracy' course organized by the South Asia Teaching Session on Democracy (SATSd) at Dhaka University in 2019
- The three-month course, 'Professor Aniusr Rahman Political Economy,' was organized by Banglar Pathsala at the University of Dhaka in 2018.
- Online course entitled 'Climate Change: From Learning to Action' under the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Climate Change (UNCC) in 2021.
- Online course 'An Introduction to Climate Change and Human Rights' organized by UNCCC, UNHR, and UNCC in 2021.
- Former secretary of Political Science English Adda (PSEA), Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka.

Technical Skills

- Data Management: (Google Sheets, Microsoft Excel, Kobo Toolbox)
- Data Analysis: SPSS
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Markup Language: Latex

Language Proficiency

1. **English**: Fluent 2. **Bangla**: Mother Tongue

Declaration: I declare that all the above information is correct and accurate. Therefore, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this resume is accurate, and I will take responsibility for any inconsistencies that may arise.

Signature Date: August 26, 2025

