



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

7th SANEM Annual Economists'  
Conference (SAEC) 2024

## New Frontiers in Development and Emerging Dynamics

February 23-25, 2024 | Dhaka, Bangladesh

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BRAC Centre Inn, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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#### 06:00 PM – 08:00 PM KEYNOTE SESSION

Venue: Online

Moderator **Dr Selim Raihan**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

Conference Keynote Speaker **Professor Jean-Louis Arcand**, President, Global Development Network

Special Guest **Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud**, Eminent Economist, Bangladesh (TBC)

#### 09:00 AM – 09:30 AM REGISTRATION

Day 2  
February 24, 2024

#### 09:30 AM – 10:00 AM INAUGURAL SESSION

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Welcome Remarks **Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM

**Dr Selim Raihan**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

**Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

#### 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1, 2, 3, 4

##### BREAKOUT SESSION 1 GROWTH DYNAMICS

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair **Professor Mustafizur Rahman**, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

Discussant **Dr Samir Kumer Das**, Assistant Professor (Economics), School of Liberal Studies, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Uttarakhand, India (Online)

##### Paper Presentations

- “An Introduction to Hidden Influence Games: The Basic Structure, Their Representations and Equilibrium Analysis”, by **Mr Sushobhan Mahata**, PhD Scholar (UGC SRF), University of Calcutta (Kolkata), India.
- “Exploring Policy Strategies for Achieving Manufacturing-led Growth in India: An Analysis Using CGE Modelling Framework”, by **Dr Akhilesh Kumar Sharma**, Assistant Professor, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi, India (Online Presentation).
- “Analysing the Role of Elasticity of Substitution in the Dynamics of Patent Policies and Economic Output in an Overlapping Generations Framework”, by Dr Bharat D, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee, India and **Mr Avichal Sharma**, PhD student, IIT, Roorkee (Online Presentation).
- “Impact of Social Media Marketing on Business Performance of Small Business Enterprise During and Post COVID-19 Period: The Case of Bangladesh”, by **Ms Saefa Samsad Porshia**, Student, Department of Economics, Jagannath University, Bangladesh.



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#### BREAKOUT SESSION 2      MACROECONOMY I

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair	<b>Dr Monzur Hossain</b> , Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)
Discussant	<b>Dr Md. Deen Islam</b> , Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

#### Paper Presentations

- “Macroeconomic Effects of Energy Price Fluctuations: Evidence from Bangladesh”, by Dr Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka; **Mr Md. Tuhin Ahmed**, Lecturer, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Bangladesh; Mr Abdul Zabbar Sakil, Research Associate, SANEM and Mr Takrem Ferdous Surid, Research Associate, SANEM.
- “Remittances and Household Dependence: Evidence from Bangladesh”, **Dr Md Shahadath Hossain**, Assistant Professor, University of Houston, USA; Dr Adesola Sunmoni, Lecturer, University of Reading, UK and Mr Estiaque Bari, Senior Lecturer, East West University, Bangladesh (Online Presentation).
- “Tackling Tax-Avoidance: Evidence from Earnings Stripping Rules”, by **Mr Usama Jamal**, PhD student, University of Manchester, UK (Online Presentation).
- “Economic Growth and Crime: Is there an inverted U-shaped Relation in Bangladesh?”, by **Mr Afif Ibn Munir** and Ms Anita Azad Riya, Students, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh.

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 3      LABOUR MARKET, MIGRATION & FUTURE OF WORK

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair	<b>Dr Kazi Iqbal</b> , Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS)
Discussant	<b>Ms Devika Iyer</b> , Regional Policy Specialist - Employment, Inclusive Growth Team, Regional Hub for Asia Pacific, UNDP, Bangkok, Thailand (Online)

#### Paper Presentations

- “Does Employment in the Emerging Platform Economy Help with Higher Earnings? An Analysis of Digital Cab Services in India”, by **Dr Indrajit Bairagya**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Human Resource Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru and Mr Sachin Thomas, Research Associate, ISEC, Bengaluru, India.
- “High School Institution and Labor Market Discrimination in Bangladesh”, by **Mr Sibbir Ahmad**, PhD student, Applied Economics, Michigan State University, USA (Online Presentation).
- “The Causal Effect of Family Structure on Labor Force Participation among Bangladeshi Married Women”, by Ms Farha Tasneem and **Ms Sharika Sabha**, Students, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “Can Globalization and Privatization Alter the Caste Equation in the Labour Market: A Community-Integrated General Equilibrium Analysis”, by **Mr Avishek Bose**, University of Calcutta (Kolkata), India; Mr Sushobhan Mahata, PhD Scholar (UGC SRF), University of Calcutta (Kolkata) and Dr Ranjanendra Naryan Nag, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, India.

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 4      AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair	<b>Dr Hasneen Jahan</b> , Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Bangladesh Agricultural University
Discussant	<b>Dr M. Nahid Sattar</b> , Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Bangladesh Agricultural University



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#### Paper Presentations

- “Calorie Distribution in Nepalese Households: A Multi Cross Sectional Study”, by Mr Manab Prakash, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; Dr Nirmal Kumar Raut, Associate Professor, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal and **Mr Bipin Khadka**, Research Associate, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal.
- “Factors Affecting the Expansion of Freshwater Aquaculture Area by Fish Farmers in Bangladesh”, by **Mr Abu Ahamed Sabbir**, Student, Bangladesh Agricultural University; Dr M. Nahid Sattar, Professor, Bangladesh Agricultural University and Ms Trisha Sarker, Student, Bangladesh Agricultural University.
- “Impact of Irrigation on Path of Rural Transformation in Pakistan”, by Dr Abedullah, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad; **Ms Farah Naz**, PhD student, PIDE and Mr Shujaat Farooq, Senior Researcher, PIDE (Online Presentation).
- “Sowing the Seeds of Change: Assessing the Determinants of Agriculture Technology Adoption in Bangladesh”, by **Mr Shaquer Tazware** and Ms Sarah Rakiba, Students, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:45 AM – 01:30 PM

**PANEL DISCUSSION: “THE EMERGENCE, AND THE RISE AND RISE OF DOMINANT PARTY STATE IN BANGLADESH: WHAT CONSEQUENCES FOR DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT?”**

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Special Guest

**Professor Rehman Sobhan**, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

Chair

**Professor Rounaq Jahan**, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

Presentation by

**Dr Mirza M. Hassan**, Senior Research Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)

Distinguished Panelists

**Dr Mahbul Mokaddem**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka  
**Dr Ashikur Rahman**, Senior Economist, Policy Research Institute (PRI)

01:30 PM – 02:30 PM

LUNCH

02:30 PM – 04:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS 5, 6, 7, 8**

**BREAKOUT SESSION 5**

**TRADE, CONNECTIVITY & REGIONAL INTEGRATION I**

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair

**Dr Iyanatul Islam**, Professor (Adjunct), Griffith Asia Institute (GAI), Griffith University, Australia and Former Branch Chief, ILO Geneva

Discussant

**Mr Mahtab Uddin**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and PhD candidate, University of Manchester, UK (Online)

#### Paper Presentations

- “Beyond Borders: Navigating the Terrain of Market Access Barriers in Agricultural Sector Amidst Rising Food Insecurity”, by Dr Murali Kallummal, Professor, Centre For WTO Studies (CWS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi; **Ms Simran Khosla**, Research Fellow (Economics), CWS; Mr Ankit Kundu, CWS and Ms Akanksha Sharma, CWS, India.
- “Investment Provisions, and the Welfare Effects of a Free Trade Agreement – A Theoretical Assessment”, by **Dr Sugandha Huria**, Assistant Professor, IIFT, New Delhi (Online Presentation).
- “From Tongues to Trade: How the Surge of Mandarin Can Influence Bilateral Trade”, by **Dr Amjad Masood**, Senior Assistant Professor, Bahria University, Pakistan (Online Presentation).
- “Reflection of MFN Clauses through Bilateral Commitments in World Politics: A Comparative Analysis on 'Trade Balance of Small Countries' among WTO Member States in South Asia”, by Mr Osman Goni Emon, Trainee, District & Session Judge Court, Dhaka and **Mr Osman Gani Tuhin**, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.



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#### BREAKOUT SESSION 6 GENDER EQUALITY & DEVELOPMENT I

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair	<b>Ms Maheen Sultan</b> , Senior Fellow of Practice and Head of Gender and Social Development Cluster, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Bangladesh
Discussant	<b>Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha</b> , Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

#### Paper Presentations

- “Discrimination in Maternal Health Care and its Impact on Female Labour Force Participation: A Study of Indian Economy”, by **Dr Tulika Bhattacharya**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, India.
- “Structural Divergence in Gender Wage Gap Distribution of Nepal”, by **Mr Manab Prakash Poudel**, Researcher, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; **Dr Resham Thapa-Parajuli**, **Mr Tilak Kshetri** and **Mr Sanjeet Singh Thapa**, Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.
- “Did the COVID-19 Pandemic Necessarily Escalate Intimate Partner Violence? Results from a National-level Survey in India”, by **Dr Subhasish Modak Chowdhury**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Sheffield, UK; **Dr Upasak Das**, Presidential Fellow in Economics of Poverty Reduction, University of Manchester, UK and **Dr Shrabani Saha**, Professor, University of Lincoln, UK (Online Presentation).
- “Assessing the Relationship between Women Empowerment and Life Satisfaction: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh”, by **Ms Syeda Fabiha Tasnim**, Research Officer, Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), Bangladesh.

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 7 HEALTH & SOCIAL PROTECTION

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair	<b>Dr Sharmeen Mobin Bhuiyan</b> , Professor & Director, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka
Discussant	<b>Mr K.M Nafiz Iftakhar Tulon</b> , Assistant Professor, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka

#### Paper Presentations

- “Is There a Kuznets Curve for the Burden of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs)? An Investigation in South Asia”, by **Ms Faiza Shehrin**, **Mr Aninda Baral Arka** and **Mr Samiul Sakib**, Students, Jahangirnagar University; **Mr Istihak Rayhan**, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University; Bangladesh.
- “Nutrition Benefits of the World's Largest Perinatal Cash Transfer Program: India's Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana”, by **Dr Suman Chakrabarti**, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA; **Mr Soumyajit Ray**, Research Analyst, IFPRI, New Delhi, India; **Dr Phuong Nguyen**, IFPRI USA; **Dr Samuel Scott**, IFPRI USA; **Dr Sumantra Pal**, NITI AAYOG and **Dr Purnima Menon**, IFPRI USA.
- “Does Government Health Expenditure Contribute to Health Outcomes? An Investigation in the South Asian Countries”, by **Ms Sidratul Muntaha Iqra**; **Ms Sadia Afrin** and **Ms Tazneen Tanha**, Students, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University; **Ms Khaleda Akter**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Pabna University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh.
- “Discourse of the Space Identity of Poverty & Social Protection in Urban Space (As a Study of Urban Slums and Shanty Dwellers in Colombo District, Sri Lanka)”, by **Ms Sachini Geethanjalee**, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (Online Presentation).



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#### BREAKOUT SESSION 8 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT & INSTITUTION

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair **Dr Kazi Maruful Islam**, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

Discussant **Dr Asif Mohammad Shahan**, Associate Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

#### Paper Presentations

- "Political Competition, Public Sector Corruption, and Economic Outcomes in India", by **Ms Sushree Subhadra**, PhD student, Department of Liberal Arts, Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai, Chhattisgarh, India and **Dr Sitakanta Panda**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, India.
- "Failure of Liberal Institution Building: A Political Economy Analysis of Tax Administration in Afghanistan", by **Dr Sarajuddin Isar**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands (Online Presentation).
- "Does Institutional Quality Matter for Financial Development? Evidence from Six Asian Emerging Economies", by **Ms Samia Islam**; **Mr Mohammad Obaidullah**; **Mr Md. Imran Hossen** and **Mr Ann Naser Nabil**, Students, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh.
- "Exploring The Nexus of Political Polarization and Macroeconomic Indicators", by **Mr Md. Ahad Al Azad Munem**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

04:00 PM – 04:30 PM TEA/COFFEE BREAK

04:30 PM – 05:30 PM SPECIAL LECTURE: "THE LABOUR MARKET AND MACROECONOMIC POLICY: IS THERE AN 'ANTI-WORKER' BIAS?"

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair **Dr Rizwanul Islam**, Former Special Adviser, Employment Sector, International Labour Office, Geneva

Speaker **Dr Iyanatul Islam**, Professor (Adjunct), Griffith Asia Institute (GAI), Griffith University, Australia; Former Branch Chief, ILO Geneva

05:30 PM – 06:30 PM SPECIAL SESSION: "COVID-19 PANDEMIC, POST-PANDEMIC CHALLENGES AND POVERTY DYNAMICS IN BANGLADESH: EVIDENCE FROM SANEM-GDI CLEAR PROJECT"

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair **Dr Sohela Nazneen**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK (Online)

Presentation by **Dr Selim Raihan**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

Discussant **Mr Yugesh Pradhanang**, International Technical Advisor and Project Manager, Livelihoods Improvement of Urban Poor Communities Project, UNDP Bangladesh

06:30 PM HIGH TEA



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#### 09:30 AM – 10:00 AM RECAP SESSION

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Remarks

**Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM

**Dr Selim Raihan**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

**Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

#### 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS 9, 10, 11, 12

##### BREAKOUT SESSION 9 MACROECONOMY II

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair

**Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM

Discussant

**Mr Rabiul Islam Rabi**, Consultant, Asian Development Bank, Bangladesh

##### Paper Presentations

- “Asymmetric Effects of Uncertainty on Investment: Empirical Evidence from India”, by **Dr Masudul Hasan Adil**, Assistant Professor, School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, India and **Dr Amrita Roy**, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad, India.
- “Low Labor Force Participation Rate: Macroeconomic and Household Factors in a Search Model”, by **Dr Partha Chatterjee**, Professor, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, India and **Mr Aakash Dev**, PhD student, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, India.
- “Deficit Financing Strategy and Its Impact on Fiscal Sustainability in Bangladesh”, by **Mr Mohammad Mahabub Alam**, PhD student, Australian National University, Australia (Online Presentation).
- “Efficiency and Productivity Analysis of Selected Insurers in the Bangladesh Insurance Industry”, by **Ms Dipa Das**, Research Associate, SANEM and **Dr Subir Sen**, Associate Professor, IIT Roorkee, India.

##### BREAKOUT SESSION 10 EDUCATION

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair

**Dr Mohammad Abu Eusuf**, Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

Discussant

**Mr Towfiqul Islam Khan**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh

##### Paper Presentations

- “The Digital Divide and Learning Loss in India During COVID: The Role of Home Internet Access”, by **Mr Utkarsh Choudhary**, PhD student, IFMR-Graduate School of Business, KREA University, India (Online Presentation).
- “Can Distance Learning Interventions Affect Parenting Styles? Evidence from two Field Experiments in Rural Bangladesh”, by **Mr Hashibul Hassan**, Associate Professor, Department of Finance, Jagannath University, Bangladesh; **Dr Asad Islam**, Professor, Monash University; **Mr Imrul Kayes**, Monash University and **Dr Liang Choon Wang**, Associate Professor, Monash University, Australia.
- “Effects of the Educational Losses of Marginalized Genders on Labor Supply: The Transgender Experience in Sri Lanka”, by **Mr Pasan Malinda Wijayawardhana**, Lecturer, Department of Business Economics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; **Dr Dushan Chaminda** and **Dr Dinesha Siriwardhane**, Senior Lecturers, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.
- “How does the Rising Rate of Unemployment among University Graduates Impact the Mental Health of Recent Graduates and Ongoing Students? An Empirical Investigation in Bangladesh”, by **Ms Khadija Tabassum Proma**, Ms Sadiqun Nahar and **Mr Md Shariful Islam**, Students, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh.





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#### BREAKOUT SESSION 11 SOCIAL MOBILITY

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair **Dr Imran Matin**, Executive Director, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), Bangladesh

Discussant **Dr Moogdho Mahzab**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, USA (Online)

#### Paper Presentations

- "Investment on Productive Assets by Indian Agricultural Households: Patterns, Variations and Factors Affecting Investment Decision", by **Dr Binoy Goswami**, Assistant Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi, India (Online Presentation)
- "Decomposing the Caste Divide in Formal Credit for Unorganised Enterprises: Insights from Indian Enterprise Surveys", **Ms Vidyarani K**, PhD student, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, India and **Mr Maheshkumar T**, Senior Project Associate, NISER, Odisha, India (Online Presentation).
- "The Impact of Intra-Household Information Asymmetry on Labor Productivity: An Experimental Study in Cambodia", by **Ms Alex Zhou** and **Ms Ruchi Mahadeshwar**, PhD students, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA (Online Presentation).
- "Does the Fisher effect hold in South Asia?", by **Mr Mostafizur Rahman**, Research Associate, Department of Economics, North South University, Dhaka and **Dr Javed Hossain**, Assistant Professor, North South University, Dhaka.

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 12 GENDER EQUALITY & DEVELOPMENT II

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair **Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

Discussant **Dr Kanti Ananta Nuzhat**, Associate Professor, North South University, Bangladesh

#### Paper Presentations

- "A Decade of Indian Sub-National Gender Budgeting and Its Effects: A Difference-in-Difference (DID) Approach", by **Dr Ashraf Pulikkamath**, Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, VIT-AP University, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, India.
- "The Responsiveness of Household Asset Endowment to Child Health Outcomes in Cameroon: The Role of Women Empowerment", by **Dr Anweh Vera Njang**, Lecturer, University of Buea, Cameroon and **Dr Francis Menjo Baye**, University of Yaoundé II Soa, Cameroon (Online Presentation).
- "Does Engagement in Market-based Activities Impact Women's Ability in India? Evidence from a Panel Data Analysis", by **Ms Annesha Mukherjee**, PhD student, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India (Online Presentation).
- "Mitigating or Facilitating Violence? Investigating the Influence of Women's Empowerment on Intimate Partner Violence", by **Ms Tahsin Rifat**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

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#### 11:45 AM – 01:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION: "CHALLENGES OF EXPORT DIVERSIFICATION AND STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN BANGLADESH"

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair

**Dr Zahid Hussain**, Former Lead Economist, World Bank Dhaka Office

Presentation by

**Dr Selim Raihan**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM

Distinguished Panelists

**Dr Zaidi Sattar**, Chairman and Chief Executive, Policy Research Institute (PRI), Bangladesh (Online)

**Dr Syed Akhtar Mahmood**, Former Lead Private Sector Specialist, The World Bank Group (Online)

**Mr Syed Nasim Manzur**, Managing Director, Apex Footwear Limited

#### 01:30 PM – 02:30 PM

#### LUNCH

#### 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM

#### PANEL DISCUSSION: "RIFTS IN THE GLOBAL ORDER AND THE RISE OF MULTIPOлярITY: COUNTERBALANCING STRATEGIES FOR BANGLADESH"

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair

**Dr Lailufar Yasmin**, Professor and Chairperson, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Distinguished Panelists

**Brig. Gen. (retd) M Shakhawat Hossain, PhD**, Former Election Commissioner and Senior Fellow, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance, North South University

**Ambassador M. Humayun Kabir**, President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI), Dhaka

**Dr Imtiaz Ahmed**, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

#### 04:00 PM – 05:30 PM

#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS 13, 14, 15, 16

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 13

#### ENERGY SECURITY

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair

**Dr Helal Ahammad**, Professor and Dean, School of Business & Economics, North South University, Bangladesh

Discussant

**Dr Sakib Bin Amin**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, North South University, Bangladesh

#### Paper Presentations

- "Navigating Geopolitical Quandaries: Analyzing the Policy Implications of China's Rare Earth Elements Supply on Europe's Clean Energy Revolution", by **Dr Oleg Mariev**, Professor, Ural Federal University, Russia and **Dr Dmitri Blueschke**, Professor, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Klagenfurt, Austria (Online Presentation).
- "How Far does OECD Countries' Environmental Policy Stringency Curve their Reliance on Russian Energy? A Dose Response Analysis", by **Dr Kazi Sohag**, Associate Professor, Ural Federal University, Russia; **Mr Md. Monirul Islam**, Ural Federal University; **Dr Shawkat Hammoudeh**, Drexel University, USA and **Dr Oleg Mariev**, Ural Federal University (Online Presentation).
- "Renewable Energy and Bangladesh RMG Industry: An Exploration on the Rooftop Solar Adoption of RMG Factories in the Digital Platform of Mapped in Bangladesh", by **Mr Sadril Shajahan** and **Mr Md. Faizul Islam**, Senior Research Associates, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED), BRAC University, Bangladesh; **Mr Md. Golam Mostofa**, Field Coordinator and **Ms Aishwarja Roy**, Research Assistant, CED, BRAC University.
- "The Delicate Balance: Analysing the Energy Vulnerability-Economic Transformation Nexus in Asian Nations amidst Geopolitical Risks", by **Mr Md. Monirul Islam**, Assistant Professor, Bangladesh Institute of Governance and Management (BIGM), Dhaka.



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#### BREAKOUT SESSION 14 ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Venue: Meeting Room 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair **Dr Golam Rasul**, Professor, Department of Economics, International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), Bangladesh

Discussant **Mr Md Jahid Ebn Jalal**, PhD Fellow, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China

##### Paper Presentations

- "Challenges and Policy Implications for Low Carbon Pathway for Kerala: An Integrated Assessment Modelling Approach", by **Dr Sanjib Pohit**, Professor, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), India; Ms Chetana Chaudhuri, Mr Somya Mathur, Mr Devender Pratap, NCAER, India; Dr P L Beena, Dr Hrushikesh Mallick, Dr Ritika Jain, Centre of Development Studies, India; Dr Anindya Bhattacharya, Mr Mohit Kumar Meena, Ms Malavika Thampi, The Celestial Earth, India (Online Presentation).
- "Sustainable Development Dynamics: Exploring the Linkage between Environmental Temperature and Economic Growth Connected with Rainfall and Carbon Emission in Bangladesh", by **Mr S. M. Nasir Uddin**, Assistant professor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University, Bangladesh and Mr Ashraful Islam, Student, Khulna University, Bangladesh.
- "Mangrove Resource Extraction in the Sundarbans' and its Linkages with Non-Mangrove Income", by **Ms Israt Jerin Riha**, Student, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh and Dr M. Nahid Sattar, Professor, Bangladesh Agricultural University (Online Presentation).
- "Impact of adoption of NERICA varieties for adaptation to climate change in rice production systems in East Africa: Case of Madagascar", by **Mr Aristide AKPA**, Research Associate, Africa Rice Center, Senegal (Online Presentation).

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 15 GENDER EQUALITY & DEVELOPMENT III

Venue: Meeting Room 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair **Dr Firdousi Naher**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka

Discussant **Dr Md. Abdul Khaleque**, Associate Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka

##### Paper Presentations

- "Impact of WASH Facilities on Women Empowerment: Empirical Evidence from Rural Bangladesh", by **Ms Shafa Tasneem**, Research Associate, SANEM.
- "Factors Affecting the Violence Against Women: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh", by Mr Mohammad Monirul Hasan, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); **Mr S M Nazmus Sakib**, Lecturer, Department of Development Studies, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), Dhaka and Ms Trisa Khan, Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences, Germany.
- "Economic Development and Women's Empowerment- An Empirical Test of U-shaped Hypothesis in Bangladesh", by **Dr Soma Dhar**, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh and Dr Tapan Sarker, University of Southern Queensland, Australia.
- "Intimate Partner Violence and Patrilocal Marriage in India", by **Ms Sila Mishra**, PhD student, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India (Online Presentation).



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#### BREAKOUT SESSION 16

#### TRADE, CONNECTIVITY & REGIONAL INTEGRATION II

Venue: Meeting Room 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Chair	<b>Dr Farida C Khan</b> , Professor of Economics, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, USA
Discussant	<b>Mr Zubayer Hossen</b> , Coordinator and Economist, Transformative Economic Policy Programme, UNDP Bangladesh

#### Paper Presentations

- “Do Natural Disasters translate into Trade Disasters?”, by **Dr Swati Saini**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Delhi, India; Dr Devasmita Jena, Assistant Professor, Madras School of Economics and Dr Yashobanta Parida, Assistant Professor, Foundation for Liberal and Management Education (FLAME) University, India (Online Presentation).
- “The Role of Institutions in Promoting Exports: Gravity Model by Panel Data Approach”, by **Dr Achinthya Koswatta**, Lecturer in Economics, The Open University of Sri Lanka (Online Presentation).
- “Finding Some Good and Bad Practices in India's Trade Agreements: Evidence from the Rules of Origin Dataset”, by **Mr Himanshu Jaiswal**, PhD Student, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India and Dr A. Ganesh-Kumar, Professor, IGIDR, India (Online Presentation).
- “Stimulating Growth and Employment Through the Matarbari Deep Sea Port”, by Dr Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka; **Mr Abdul Aahad**, Research Associate, SANEM and Mr Omar Raad Chowdhury, Research Associate, SANEM.

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TEA/COFFEE BREAK

05:45 PM – 07:00 PM

BUDDING ECONOMISTS' SESSION

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chair	<b>Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha</b> , Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM
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#### Paper Presentation by Budding Researchers

- “Efficiency at the Crossroads: Analyzing the Nexus of Energy and Environment in the Transition to Renewable Energy - Evidence from Bangladesh”, by **Mr Abrar Ahammed Bhuiyan**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “Crop Diversification, Agricultural Productivity and Food Security: Empirical Evidence from Longitudinal Data Analysis in Bangladesh”, by **Ms Sarara Jafin**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “Bridging Growth and Sustainability: Biomass Energy in South Asia's Circular Economy”, by **Mr Sudepto Roy**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “Potentials and Challenges of Implementing Cycle Tourism in South Asia: Study on Cox's Bazar to Understand the Scopes of Sustainable Transportation”, by **Ms Mahjabin Rashid Lamisha**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “Macroeconomic Determinants of Capital Market Performance and Facilitating Green Investment in Bangladesh: A Time Series Analysis from 1977 to 2022 using VAR”, by **Mr Faisal Quaiyyum**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “Structural Transformation and Biodiversity in South Asia: Rival or Ally?”, by **Ms Lubaba Mahjabin Prima**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.



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- “Flood Vulnerability Driven Internal Migration in Bangladesh”, by **Mr Sami Mohammed**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “Assessing the Impact of Green Financing on Bank Profitability in Bangladesh: A Decade-Long Study”, **Mr Shadman Saquib Rahman**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.
- “The Employment Implications of Green Economic Growth: A Comparative Analysis of Harrod and Hicks Neutral Technology”, by **Ms Chowdhury Nabila Tasnim**, Student, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.

#### 07:00 PM – 07:30 PM CLOSING SESSION

Venue: Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Special Guest	<b>Mr Stefan Liller</b> , Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh
Closing Remarks	<b>Dr Bazlul Haque Khondker</b> , Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Chairman, SANEM <b>Dr Selim Raihan</b> , Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM <b>Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha</b> , Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Research Director, SANEM

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