



CALL FOR PAPERS
BANGLADESH IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) is organizing an international conference to focus on contemporary and relevant topics in Bangladesh today and in the next 30 years. Hosted in partnership with *Yale University's South Asian Studies Council*, the conference is scheduled for March 22–24, 2019 (Friday through Sunday). All scholars and researchers are invited to submit extended abstracts/papers and/or ideas for panels broadly related to the conference theme.

I. Submission Procedure

- The following timeline applies to the submission/review/acceptance process:
 - Submission deadline: July 31, 2018
 - Review decision: September 15, 2018
- The submissions should represent original and unpublished work on the economic, political, social, cultural, environmental, and other issues relating to the conference theme.
- An extended abstract or a complete paper should be submitted by July 31, 2018 through the submission drop box at the BDI website (www.bdiusa.org/cfp-submissions-form). Submissions can also be sent by email to Dr. Munir Quddus (munirquddus@gmail.com) with cc to Dr. Rahim Quazi (rmquazi@gmail.com). To the extent possible, submissions should contain details on the research question, theoretical framework, methodology and policy implications/recommendations.
- Submissions should be well written and ideally based on rigorous and contemporary academic research, with careful and clear presentation of the methodology used. If the submission is a complete paper, it should include a discussion of the policy implications of the research.
- No more than two single-authored submissions will be accepted from the same author.
- We are also interested in a select number of theme-specific research sessions and panels. If you are interested in putting together a session or a panel, please contact us with a title, abstract, and a list of potential authors/panelists.

II. Selection Process

- Each submission will be reviewed by subject specialists. Authors will be notified of the acceptance/rejection of their submissions by September 15, 2018.
- BDI retains the right to accept or reject a submission based on quality and relevance considerations. We do commit that the selection process will be rigorous and fair.

III. Publication of Papers

- Complete papers should be submitted by February 28, 2019 for inclusion in the conference proceedings CD and consideration for possible publication in the *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*, a peer-reviewed journal, published by BDI in the USA, and in Bangladesh in partnership with *Policy Research Institute* (PRI).
- As with the past conferences, BDI will consider publishing book volumes with selected papers.

IV. Keynote Speakers

A number of prominent scholars and experts are expected to deliver keynote addresses, speak at the plenary sessions, and serve on panels in the conference. If you are interested in serving on a panel, please send a note and your resume to Dr. Munir Quddus (munirquddus@gmail.com) with cc to Dr. Rahim Quazi (rmquazi@gmail.com). Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, recipient of the 2017 BDI Lifetime Achievement Award, will be honored and invited to present a lecture at the Saturday Banquet on March 23, 2019.

V. Other Conference Related Information

Detailed registration information will be forthcoming on BDI's homepage (www.bdiusa.org). Please check this page on a regular basis for updates.

The conference registration fee is \$250 and the registration deadline is February 1, 2019. This fee covers access to all sessions during the conference, plenary sessions, available papers, one formal dinner, two lunches, and two breakfasts. For participants from Bangladesh (excluding students), the registration fee is \$150. For students (from all countries) and local residents, the registration fee is \$100. Whether you are presenting a paper or not, you are welcome to attend the conference.

Authors of the accepted submissions will receive formal letters confirming acceptance for the conference. This will help authors to begin preparations for travel (including visa) to USA. A list of authors, panelists and invited guests will be sent to the US Embassy in Dhaka to assist with visa. Please note that BDI has no control over the visa process, which is solely the jurisdiction of the US Embassy.

BDI will post a list of hotels in the area near the conference site, and share details on how to reserve a room on its homepage in the coming days. Other information such as directions to the venue and transportation will be posted on the BDI website as these become available. Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

As with the past conferences, BDI seeks to bring a large number of participants from Bangladesh. Hence, we look for sponsors from both the private and public sectors to underwrite the conference costs, and to provide limited travel stipends. Provided sufficient funds become available, travel stipends may be offered to partially cover the registration/travel expenses for those traveling from Bangladesh. However, at this time no commitment can be made on travel stipends. Even if these stipends become available, they will be reimbursed after the conference is over, and the amount may not exceed \$500. Those interested in attending the conference are advised to be prepared to bear the full cost of travel to the conference (registration, travel, hotel, food, local transportation, etc.).

VI. Further Information

For questions and other information on BDI or the 2019 International Conference, please contact Dr. Munir Quddus (munirquddus@gmail.com) with cc to Dr. Rahim Quazi (rmquazi@gmail.com).

About Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI)

BDI is a USA-based non-profit organization comprised of independent scholars associated with institutions of higher education in the United States. BDI is involved in scholarly exchanges between the United States and Bangladesh through establishing educational programs, publishing an academic journal, sustaining a book publication program to archive indigenous knowledge, and organizing conferences that debate policy prerogatives for Bangladesh and its various sectors. BDI publishes the *Journal of Bangladesh Studies* (JBS) and conducts conferences and symposiums. In 2008, 2009, 2013, and 2015, BDI along with its partner organizations organized successful conferences on the campus of *Harvard University* and *University of California, Berkeley*. In 2011, a successful symposium on the capital goods industry was held at the *Board of Investments* (BOI) building, Dhaka, Bangladesh. To learn more about BDI, please visit: www.bdiusa.org.

About the South Asian Studies Council, Yale University

The South Asian Studies Council at Yale is committed to promoting a comprehensive understanding of historical and contemporary South Asia. As part of the *MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies* at Yale University, the Council seeks to foster lively intellectual exchange from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives by integrating teaching and research on traditional South Asia with contemporary study of the region. The Council provides a forum for student and faculty interaction, both social and intellectual, and promotes South Asian cultural events. To learn more about the Council, please visit: <https://southasia.macmillan.yale.edu>.