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FEBRUARY 22, FRIDAY					
4:00–8:00 PM	Registration at Faculty Club Foyer				
5:00–5:30 PM	Welcome and Introductions at The Great Hall				
5:30–5:55 PM	Networking Reception at Howard Room				
6:00–7:45 PM	Plenary 1: Achieving High Growth through Inclusive Development at The Great Hall				
7:45–9:00 PM	Dinner: On Your Own				
9:00–10:45PM	Cultural Program I: Movie: Runway (2010) at The Great Hall Directed by Tareque Masud and Produced by Catherine Masud				
FEBRUARY 23, SATURDAY					
7:30–8:25 AM	Breakfast and Networking at Kerr Dining Room				
7:30–12:00 PM	Registration (Continued) at Faculty Club Foyer				
8:30–9:45 AM	Conference Opening Session at The Great Hall				
9:45–10:00 AM	Tea Break and Networking at Kerr Dining Room				
10:00–11:25 AM	Panel 1 Gender and Development Moderator: Farida C. Khan Room: Seaborg	Panel 2 Environment and Growth Mod: Adnan Morshed Room: Heyns	Session 1B Capital Market and Public Finance Chair: Faizul Islam Room: Howard	Session 1C Macroeconomic Policy Making Chair: Akhtar Hossain Room: O’Neill	Session 1D The Advancement of Higher Education Chair: Imran Rahman Room: Lewis-Latimer
	Session 2E Housing and Environmental Adaptation Chair: Adnan Morshed Room: Seaborg	Panel 3 Role of Diaspora in Development “Beyond Remittance” Mod: A. Badruzzaman Room: Heyns	Session 2C Macroeconomics and Methodology Chair: Rahim Quazi Room: Howard	Session 2A Violence Against Women and Dispute Resolution in Bangladesh Chair: Farida C. Khan Room: O’Neill	
11:30–12:55 PM	Lunch Keynote Speech: “United States Bangladesh Relations” Speaker: Dan W. Mozena, US Ambassador to Bangladesh Commentary: Akramul Qader, Bangladesh Ambassador to the US Room: The Great Hall				
1:00–2:25 PM					
2:30–3:45 PM	Panel 5 Dialogue with Silicon Valley High Tech/ Entrepreneurs Moderator: Ahmed Badruzzaman Room: Seaborg	Panel 4 Professor Salim Rashid’s Contributions to Economics and Bangladesh Co-moderators: Munir Quddus and Fahad Khalil Room: Heyns	Session 3D Healthcare Issues	Session 3C Economic Growth	
			Chair: Syed Saad Andaleeb Room: Howard	Chair: Khondaker Golam Moazzem Room: O’Neill	

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3:45–4:00 PM	Tea Break and Networking at Faculty Club Foyer		
4:00–5:30 PM	Plenary 2 Mitigating Corruption in Bangladesh Co-moderators: Akhtaque Haque and Syed Saad Andaleeb Room: Seaborg	Plenary 3 Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Development Moderator: Rounaq Jahan Room: Heyns	Session 4E Trends in Urbanization Co-chairs: Zainab Faruqui Ali and Adnan Morshed Room: Howard
	Dinner and Recognition & Award Ceremony : 2012 BDI Lifetime Achievement Award – Professor Rehman Sobhan Room: The Great Hall		
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FEBRUARY 24, SATURDAY			
7:00–7:55 AM	Breakfast and Networking at Kerr Dining Room		
7:00–9:00 AM	Registration (Continued) at Faculty Club Foyer		
8:00–8:45 AM	Plenary 4: Environmental Governance: Journey towards Environmental Justice Speaker: Syeda Rizwana Hasan, CEO, (BELA) Room: The Great Hall		
8:50–10:15 AM	Session 5D Education Policy and Reforms Chair: Syed Saad Andaleeb Room: Seaborg	Session 5B Trade and Economic Development Chair: Farida C. Khan Room: Heyns	Session 5E Rural Environment Chair: Mahbubur Rahman Room: Howard
			Session 5A Democracy in Bangladesh: Historical Burdens, Theoretical Perspectives, Current Concerns Chair: Rounaq Jahan Room: O'Neill
10:15–10:30 AM	Tea Break and Networking: Kerr Dining Room		
10:30–11:55 AM	Session 6E Climate Mitigation Chair: Hollee H. Becker Room: Seaborg	Panel 6 Developing the Capital Goods Industry in Bangladesh Co-moderators: Ashraf Ali and Farida C. Khan Room: Heyns	Session 6A Civil Society and Political Outcomes Chair: Ahrar Ahmad Room: Howard
			Session 6B Issues in Microfinance Chair: Rahim Quazi Room: O'Neill
12:00–1:30 PM	Closing Session, Statements by Dignitaries, Concluding Remarks at The Great Hall		
1:30 PM	Lunch at The Great Hall		
			Session 6C Issues in Agriculture and Textiles Chair: Faizul Islam Room: Lewis-Latimer

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DR. MUNIR QUDDUS, PRESIDENT, BDI

Welcome to San Francisco, California and to the beautiful campus of University of California, Berkeley. We are pleased that you have joined us at the *2013 BDI CSAS International Conference*. This conference will feature many prominent thought leaders, young scholars, eminent journalists, development specialists, authors and diplomats, NGO representatives, and practitioners.

The plenary sessions include: *Challenging the Injustice of Poverty – Lessons on the Political Economy of Structural Change, Economic Growth through Inclusive Development, the Role of Media in Enhancing Democracy and Development, United States Bangladesh Relations, Environmental Governance and Journey towards Environmental Justice, the Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Development, and Mitigating Corruption in Bangladesh.*

The panel discussions feature: *Developing the Capital Goods Industry, Gender and Development, the Role of Diaspora in Development, Dialogue with Silicon Valley High Tech Entrepreneurs, Environment and Growth, and Professor Salim Rashid's Contributions to Economics and Bangladesh.*

Additionally, twenty academic sessions feature papers on a wide spectrum of development. These are divided into five tracks – *Human Rights, Foreign Policy and Democratization; Finance Trade and Industry; Growth, Regional Development, Agriculture and Poverty Alleviation; Education and Healthcare, and Urbanization, Environmental and Energy issues.* These papers were selected from more than 115 abstracts evaluated by the conference organizers and track chairs.

I wish to thank the Chancellor's office and the Center for South Asia Studies (CSAS) at UC Berkeley for their hospitality. For significant financial support, we are grateful to the *Asia Foundation Bangladesh*, the *United States State Department*, *MGH Group*, *Southeast Bank*, and *Mutual Trust Bank*. The *Bay Area Bangladesh community* not only donated financially, but their active engagement enabled us to arrange for transportation, host families, and volunteers to make this a great experience for our guests.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the networking opportunities made possible at this conference. We are committed to continuous improvement, so please take time to give us your feedback and ideas. In order to encourage networking, we will post the email address of participants on the BDI website.

We hope you enjoy the conference. Thank you for your participation.



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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM DR. LAWRENCE COHEN, DIRECTOR, CSAS

The *University of California, Berkeley*, is honored to host the 2013 Conference of the *Bangladesh Development Initiative*, “*Bridging the Policy-Action Divide*.” The Initiative has emerged as the leading voice in the United States linking scholarly, policy, media, and NGO expertise and experience on contemporary Bangladesh. The research faculty of the *Center for South Asia Studies*, who I have the privilege to represent, share with the organizers and speakers at this year’s BDI conference a commitment to these critical linkages. We welcome you to our campus, look forward to serious and sustained conversation with you here at Berkeley, and see this as the beginning of a long-term and fruitful association with the Initiative and the development of extensive links between Bangladesh, Bangladesh-focused scholarship, and the University.

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A FEW WORDS ABOUT BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (BDI)



BDI is a USA-based non-profit organization comprised of independent scholars and experts associated with institutions of higher education in the United States and 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 takes a broad view of development and includes professionals from various disciplines who are also involved in supporting social development initiatives in Bangladesh.

BDI was founded in 1988 in Pennsylvania, USA, to promote the production of high-value added products such as durable and capital goods in Bangladesh. The current vision of the organization is to be known as the premier research and policy advocacy group in North America with interdisciplinary skills dedicated to inform and influence the development of Bangladesh through intellectual engagement and policy advocacy. As a non-partisan professional organization made of members of the Bangladeshi diaspora, BDI is interested in becoming a conscious and deliberative voice for sustained and comprehensive development in Bangladesh. The mission includes energizing and motivating the intellectual community to generate ideas through research to help shape policy and specific action. We are interested in the production and dissemination of policy-relevant ideas through the Journal of Bangladesh Studies (JBS), books, conferences and other publications incorporating expert opinion and relevant research. We seek to work with others in the civil society towards a democratic and prosperous Bangladesh. More can be learned about BDI on its web site: www.bdiusa.org.

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A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE CENTER FOR SOUTH ASIA STUDIES (CSAS)



One of the world's leading institutes for research and programs on South Asia, the *Center for South Asia Studies (CSAS)* at the *University of California, Berkeley* works with faculty members, graduate students, community members, private institutions, and non-profit organizations to deepen understanding of the region and to create new generations of scholars of South Asia. UC Berkeley is a global leader for the study of South Asia, and one of very few institutions in the United States to offer both undergraduate and graduate degree programs focusing on numerous aspects of this vital region. As an integral part of the South Asia curriculum at Berkeley, interest in the study of Bangla as well as Bangladesh's history, politics, and culture is growing rapidly. We are strongly committed to strengthening our engagement with both subjects in the years ahead. Bangla has been part of Berkeley's South Asian language curriculum since 2005. The philosophy of the Bangla teaching and program at Berkeley is to make the students aware of the incredible depth and range of Bangla culture from the 19th century to the present. Bangla teaching highlights the cultures from pre-Independence Bengal in India, modern West Bengal and Bangladesh, as well as the culture of the diasporic Bangla population in North America. The CSAS also organized "*Emerging Bangladesh: Opportunities and Challenges for Bangladesh's Future*" a few years ago and experts discussed energy policy, the garments and textiles sector, and the role of NGOs in Bangladesh.

CSAS actively supports teaching and research activities of South Asia-related faculty and their students; initiates and administers research projects; organizes and hosts lectures, colloquia, seminars, and research conferences; develops financial resources for the enhancement of South Asia studies; encourages interdisciplinary, regional, and comparative studies of South Asia; creates outreach programs in coordination with other institutions of primary, secondary, and post-secondary education; administers fellowships and grants for the study of South Asian languages; publishes language textbooks and monographs on South Asia studies; supports cultural and community activities relating to South Asia and South Asians.

The Center is one of the many Organized Research Units on the UC Berkeley campus that are part of the *Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCRO)* which seeks to maintain a research environment that fosters creativity, collaboration and community on campus. To learn more about CSAS, please visit us at: southasia.berkeley.edu.

2012 BDI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Professor Rehman Sobhan was born in Calcutta on 12 March, 1935. He was educated at St. Paul's School, Darjeeling (1942–50), Aitchison College, Lahore (1951–52) and Cambridge University (1953–56) where he was awarded an MA in Economics. He began his working career on the faculty of Economics, Dhaka University in 1957 and retired as Professor of Economics in 1977.

Throughout his long and distinguished career as an economist, researcher, political scientist and public intellectual, Professor Sobhan has worked to uphold the welfare and interests of the average Bangladeshi, especially the poor. Through his many books, articles and speeches, he has contributed to the body of knowledge that has improved our understanding of poverty, the process of economic growth, and the role of power in a society. His most recent book, *“Challenging the Injustice of Poverty: Agendas for Inclusive Development in South Asia”*, published in 2010 draws upon studies across various South Asian countries, (the book) redefines poverty as a process where certain sections of the society are excluded from equal participation in development opportunities as well as decision-making. It further identifies a variety of operational ideas for policymakers, political activists and civil society advocacy groups committed to build a more just and poverty free society in South Asia.

Professor Sobhan has played an active advocacy role and made many contributions outside the world of academe, including serving as *Envoy Extraordinary with special responsibility for Economic Affairs* (1971), *Member of Bangladesh Planning Commission* (1972–74), *Member of the Advisory Council of the President of Bangladesh in charge of the Ministry of Planning and Economics Relations Division* (1991), *Founding Chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue* (CPD) since 1993, and as *Chairman of the Board of the Grameen Bank* (1996–2002).

For his distinguished service to the economics profession and to the nation, Professor Sobhan has received a number of awards including, the *Bangladesh Bank Purushkar* (2000) for services to the economics profession in Bangladesh, and the *Bangladesh Shadinata Purushkar* (2008), the highest civil award in Bangladesh.

The award will be formally presented at BDI's International Conference organized with the *Center for South Asia Studies* on the UC Berkeley campus, scheduled for February 22–24, 2013. As the first recipient of the award, Professor Sobhan will present a lecture at the conference. His topic is, *“The Injustice of Poverty.”*

BDI-AEDSB SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Professor Salim Rashid is one of Bangladesh's best known economists. He studied at *London School of Economic* (BSc) and *Yale University* (PhD). He taught for many years at *Dartmouth College* and *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign* (UIUC). He is widely published in a number of areas in economics – *including the history of economic ideas, mathematical economics, and economic development*. He has over 100 journal articles and a number of books to his credit.

In 1992–95, Professor Rashid served as a *Special Advisor to the President of North South University*. He has been a consultant for international organizations, such as the *World Bank* and the *Asian Development Bank*. He is currently one of the editors of the *Journal of Asia Pacific Economy* and the *past President* of the *Association for Economic and Development Studies on Bangladesh*.

As the director of the graduate program in economics at UIUC, Professor Rashid supervised and mentored a number of scholars completing their doctoral work. He has been a strong proponent of long-term planning for Bangladesh, and has suggested that smaller self-sufficient well-planned communities called *Compact Townships* may provide solutions to a number of environmental and urbanization challenges faced by Bangladesh over the next 50 to 100 years. Upon his recent retirement from UIUC, he has been traveling all over the world teaching and conducting research in various universities. He has recently completed a manuscript titled, "*Compact Townships: The Magic of Ten Percent Growth*" to be published by UPL.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2013

Registration: Faculty Club Foyer (4:00–8:00 PM)
(Will continue the next day)

Welcome and Introductions: The Great Hall (5:00—5:30 PM)

Networking Reception: Howard (5:30–5:55 PM)

Welcome by

Munir Quddus, President, BDI

Farida C. Khan, Secretary, BDI

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Networking

Plenary 1: The Great Hall (6:00–7:45 PM)
Achieving High Growth through Inclusive Development
Co-moderators: Munir Quddus, Prairie View A&M University
Zaidi Sattar, Policy Research Institute, Bangladesh

- Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
 - Position Paper: “*Challenging the Injustice of Poverty: Agendas for Inclusive Development in South Asia*”
- Dan W. Mozena, US Ambassador to Bangladesh
- Salim Rashid, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 - “*Compact Township and the Magic of 10%*”
- Q & A

Dinner: On Your Own (7:45–9:00 PM)
(A number of restaurants exist within walking distance of the Faculty Club)

Cultural Program I: The Great Hall (9:00—10:45 PM)
Introduction by Adnan Morshed, Catholic University of America
Movie: Runway (2010)
Directed by Tareque Masud and Produced by Catherine Masud

DAY 2: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

Breakfast and Networking
Kerr Dining Room (7:30–8:25 AM)

Registration
Faculty Club Foyer (7:30 AM—12:00 PM)

Conference Opening Session
The Great Hall (8:30—9:45 AM)

Chaired by

Farida C. Khan, Secretary, BDI

Welcome Remarks

Munir Quddus, President, BDI

Welcome Remarks

Lawrence Cohen, Director, Center for South Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Welcome Remarks

George Breslauer, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, University of California, Berkeley

Welcome Remarks

Sukomal Modak, Executive Committee Member, BDI and Bay Area Coordinator

Keynote Address: *“The Role of Media in Enhancing Democracy and Development”*

Mahfuz Anam, Editor & Publisher, The Daily Star

Keynote Address: *“Why Should the World Care about Bangladesh?”*

David Lewis, Professor, London School of Economics

Tea Break and Networking
Kerr Dining Room (9:45–10:00 AM)

Panel 1: Gender and Development
Moderator: Farida C. Khan, University of Wisconsin – Parkside
Seaborg (10:00—11:25 AM)

- Fauzia Ahmed, Miami University, Ohio
- Heather N. Goldsmith, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
- Nadine Murshid, Rutgers University
- Rounaq Jahan, Centre for Policy Dialogue
- Parvez Sattar, Westminster Foundation for Democracy (UK), Bangladesh

Panel 2: Environment and Growth
Moderator: Adnan Morshed, Catholic University of America
Heyns (10:00—11:25 AM)

- Brooke A. Ackerly, Vanderbilt University
- Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)
- Neaz Rahman, Green Brick IKEBMI, UNDP, Bangladesh
- Mahbubur Rahman, Settlement Environment Architecture, Calgary AB, Canada
- Kazi Khaleed Ashraf, University of Hawaii

Session 1 – Track B: Trade and Investment
Title: Capital Market and Public Finance
Chair: Faizul Islam, University of Maryland - University College
Howard (10:00—11:25 AM)

- How to Finance Investment in Bangladesh: Finding Long-run Factors in a Bounds Test Method
— Biru Paksha Paul, State University of New York at Cortland
- Analysis of Mutual Funds in Bangladesh: Performance, Opportunities and Emerging Challenges
— Shirin Sharmin, L R Global AMCL
— Mohammad Hafizur Rahman Arman, Purdue University
- The Performances and Challenges of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Projects in Bangladesh
— Md. Abu Rashed, Public-Private Partnership, Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh
— Md. Mahmudul Alam, National University of Malaysia (UKM)
— Fahim Faisal, United International University, Bangladesh
- Contingent Liability Management in Public-Private Partnership Projects of Bangladesh
— Md. Abu Rashed, Public-Private Partnership, Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh
— Fahim Faisal, United International University, Bangladesh

Session 1 – Track C: Economics
Title: Macroeconomic Policy Making
Chair: Akhtar Hossain, University of Newcastle, Australia
O'Neill (10:00—11:25 AM)

- Money Growth, Relative Food Prices and Inflation in Bangladesh: An Empirical Investigation with Monthly Data, 1972M1–2011M8
— Akhtar Hossain, University of Newcastle, Australia
- An Investigation on Relationship between Money Growth and Stock Prices Using Bangladeshi Data
— A. F. M. Aatur Rahman, North South University, Bangladesh
— Bernhard G. Gunter, Bangladesh Development Research Center (BDRC)
- The Output Price Level Dynamics and Impact of Monetary Policy in Bangladesh
— Ahmed Taneem Muzaffar, University of Western Sydney, Australia
- Modeling Inflation in Bangladesh: Deriving the Phillips Curve in an ARMA-GARCH Approach
— Biru Paksha Paul, State University of New York at Cortland
— Gazi Salah Uddin, Linköping University, Sweden

Session 1 – Track D: Education
Title: The Advancement of Higher Education
Chair: Imran Rahman, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
Lewis-Latimer (10:00—11:25 AM)

- Research in the Private Universities in Bangladesh: Explaining Motivation & Performance
 - Syed Saad Andaleeb, Pennsylvania State University, Erie
 - Sabiha Gulshan, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
 - Nasrin Akter, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
- Optimizing Faculty Performance of Tertiary Academic Institutions in Bangladesh: A Study on Faculty Perceptions
 - Abdul Mannan, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
 - H. M. Jahirul Haque, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
 - Mehdi Rajeb, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
- Key Employability Factors for Fresh Business Graduates in the Private Sector of Bangladesh
 - Muhammad Ziaulhaq Mamun, University of Dhaka

Panel 3: Role of Diaspora in Development “Beyond Remittance”
Moderator: Ahmed Badruzzaman, University of California, Berkeley
Heyns (11:30–12:55 PM)

- Rahima K. Mohammed, SpaandanB (California)
- Imtiaz Chowdhury, Agami (California)
- Dipen Bhattacharya, Bangladesh Environment Network-BEN (USA)
- Fuad Rahman, CEO, Apurba Technologies Inc.
- H.E. Akramul Qader, Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States
- Habibullah Karim, CEO, Technohaven (Bangladesh)
- Mitul Desai, Senior Advisor for Strategic Partnerships, US Department of State
- George Scharfennberger, University of California, Berkeley

Session 2 – Track A: Governance

Title: Violence Against Women and Dispute Resolution in Bangladesh

**Chair: Farida C. Khan, University of Wisconsin—Parkside
O'Neill (11:30—12:55 PM)**

- Intergenerational Transmission of Domestic Violence in Bangladesh
— Nadine Murshid, Rutgers University, New Jersey
- Compromising Cases: An Examination of Dispute Resolution through Special Tribunals for Women and Children in Bangladesh
— Heather N. Goldsmith, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
- Low-income Hindu Women in Bangladesh
— Fauzia Ahmed, Miami University, Ohio

Session 2 – Track C: Economics

Title: Macroeconomics and Methodology

**Chair: Rahim Quazi, Prairie View A&M University
Howard (11:30—12:55 PM)**

- Economic Structure and Macroeconomic Uncertainty: Policy Implications for Bangladesh
— Bernhard G. Gunter, Bangladesh Development Research Center (BDRC)
— A. F. M. Aatur Rahman, North South University, Bangladesh
— Faisal Ahmed, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
— Jesmin Rahman, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Measuring Underground Economy of Bangladesh
— A. F. M. Aatur Rahman, North South University, Bangladesh
- Two Problems in Using Economics for Development Practice
— Farida C. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Session 2 – Track E: Environment and Urbanization
Title: Housing and Environmental Adaptation
Chair: Adnan Morshed, Catholic University of America
Seaborg (11:30—12:55 PM)

- Urban Housing in Bangladesh - Policy, Program and Prescription
— Mahbubur Rahman, Settlement Environment Architecture, Canada
- Slums, City and Education in Architecture
— Zainab Faruqui Ali, University of Dammam, Saudi Arabia
— Khondaker Hasibul Kabir, BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Laminated Bamboo Structure for Flood Adaptive Buildings
— Hollee Hitchcock Becker, Catholic University of America
- Conflicting Narratives of Bangladeshi Migration into India: Climate Change Refugees or Terrorists?
— John Nay, Vanderbilt University
— Brooke A. Ackerly, Vanderbilt University

Lunch: The Great Hall (1:00—2:25 PM)
Keynote Speech: “United States Bangladesh Relations”

- Introduction: Syed Saad Andaleeb, Pennsylvania State University, Erie
- Speaker: Dan W. Mozena, US Ambassador to Bangladesh
- Commentary: Akramul Qader, Bangladesh Ambassador to the US
- Q & A

Panel 4: Professor Salim Rashid's Contributions to Economics and Bangladesh

Co-moderators: Munir Quddus, Prairie View A&M University

Fahad Khalil, University of Washington

Heyns (2:30—3:45 PM)

- Ali Khan, Johns Hopkins University — *“The Reception of Nonstandard Analysis in Economics: Remarks on the Contributions of Salim Rashid”*
- M. G. Quibria, Morgan State University — *“Aid Effectiveness: Research versus Practice Never Shall the Twain Meet?”*
- Dean Peterson, Seattle University — *“Salim Rashid, the History of Economics and the Formation of Young Economists”*
- Edward McPhail, Dickinson College
- Response and Recognition:
 - Salim Rashid, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
 - Munir Quddus and Fahad Khalil

Panel 5: Dialogue with Silicon Valley High Tech/Entrepreneurs

Moderator: Ahmed Badruzzaman, UC Berkeley

Seaborg (2:30—3:45 PM)

- Bangladesh Representatives
 - Akramul Qader, Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States
 - Mahfuz Anam, Editor & Publisher, The Daily Star
 - Habibullah Karim, CEO, Technohaven; Member, Prime Minister's Task Force on Digital Bangladesh
- Silicon Valley - Presenters
 - Yusuf Haque, CEO, Crest Semiconductors, Inc.
 - Mustafiz Choudhury, Vice President SandForce/LSI Corp; Silicon Valley Entrepreneur
 - Zeeshan Khan, Senior Manager, Cisco+
 - Fuad Rahman, Founder & CEO, Apurba Technologies, Inc.
 - Enayetur Rahman, President and CEO, Ulkasemi
 - Shams Siddiqi, President, Crescent Power, Inc. (TX)
- Silicon Valley - Discussants
 - Moazzem Hossain, CEO, Fastrack
 - Syed Hossainy, Director and Fellow, Abbot Vascular+
 - Sharif M. Rahman, VP Engineering, Biscom, Inc.
 - Rahima K. Mohammed, Principal Engineer, Intel Corp.+
 - Mohiuddin Mazumder, Principal Engineer, Intel Corp.+
 - Abdur Rab, Ex-CEO, BracNet, Ex-Country Manager, HP
 - Maheen Hamid, CFO, Breker Verification Systems, Inc.

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Session 3 – Track C: Economics

Title: Economic Growth

**Chair: Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Centre for Policy Dialogue
O'Neill (2:30—3:45 PM)**

- Bank Loan and Output: A Cointegration Analysis
 - Jesmin Rahman, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - A. F. M. Ataur Rahman, North South University, Bangladesh
- On the Causal Nexus between Remittances, Financial Development and Economic Growth in Bangladesh
 - Gazi Salah Uddin, Linköping University, Sweden
 - Bo Sjö, Linköping University, Sweden
- Can Bangladesh Grow Faster than India? Examining the Role of Capital Formation in VAR Models
 - Biru Paksha Paul, State University of New York at Cortland

Session 3 – Track D: Health

Title: Healthcare Issues

**Chair: Syed Saad Andaleeb, Pennsylvania State University, Erie
Howard (2:30—3:45 PM)**

- Comparative Hypothesis Testing of Demographic Transition Models and Implications for Family Planning Policies in Bangladesh
 - Howard C. Kress
 - Mary K. Shenk, University of Missouri
 - Mary C. Towner, Oklahoma State University
 - Nurul Alam, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh
- Opportunities and Challenges of Pharmaceutical Companies in Bangladesh
 - Shirin Sharmin, L R Global AMCL
- Measuring Health Service Quality in Bangladesh - A Structural Model
 - Syed Saad Andaleeb, Pennsylvania State University, Erie
 - Ali Kara, Pennsylvania State University, York

Tea Break and Networking
Faculty Club Foyer (3:45–4:00 PM)

Plenary 2: Mitigating Corruption in Bangladesh
Co-moderators: Akhlaque Haque, University of Alabama, Birmingham
Syed Saad Andaleeb, Pennsylvania State University, Erie
Seaborg (4:00—5:30 PM)

- Mahfuz Anam, Editor & Publisher, The Daily Star
- Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
- Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)
- Q & A

Plenary 3: Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Development
Moderator: Rounaq Jahan, Centre for Policy Dialogue
Heyns (4:00—5:30 PM)

- What Future for NGOs?: Creativity and Contradiction in Bangladesh's Third Sector
— David Lewis, London School of Economics
- State, NGOs and Neoliberal Development in Bangladesh
— Lamia Karim, University of Oregon
- Q & A

Session 4 – Track E: Environment and Urbanization

Title: Trends in Urbanization

Co-chairs: Zainab Faruqui Ali, University of Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Adnan Morshed, Catholic University of America

Howard (4:00—5:30 PM)

- The Green Lung
 - Nazia Roushan, BRAC University, Bangladesh
 - Sumaiya Rufida Islam, BRAC University, Bangladesh
 - Maria Kipti, BRAC University, Bangladesh
 - Manzana Muzammil, BRAC University, Bangladesh
 - Farhana Tahseen, BRAC University, Bangladesh
- A Study of the Land Use Planning and Transportation Planning of Dhaka Region to Explore Possibilities of Transit Oriented Development
 - Sujaul Islam Khan, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh
 - Maher Nigera, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh
- Impact of Uncontrolled Urbanization on Natural Drainage System: A Case Study on Dhaka Metropolitan Area
 - Akter Mahmud, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh
 - Adil Mohammed Khan, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh
- Cleanliness is Next to Godliness - ECHO Initiative on Environment in Rural Bangladesh
 - Shak Hossain and Khalid Azim, ECHO (Educational, Charitable and Humanitarian Organization), Silicon Valley, California

Dinner and Recognition & Award Ceremony

The Great Hall (7:00—9:10 PM)

- Recognition of Donors: Syed Saad Andaleeb
- 2012 BDI Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Introduction of Award Recipient: Professor Rehman Sobhan (Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue) by Munir Quddus
 - Professor Pranab Bardhan: *“Remarks on my friend Rehman”*
 - Professor Rehman Sobhan’s Keynote Speech: *“Challenging Injustice: Lessons on the Political Economy of Structural Change”*
 - Q & A

Cultural Program II

The Great Hall (9:15—10:15 PM)

Co-moderators: Sukomal Modak & Waziuddin Chowdhury

Theme: Celebrating the History and Rich Cultural Heritage of Bangladesh

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DAY 3: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013

**Breakfast and Networking
Kerr Dining Room (7:00—7:55 AM)**

**Plenary 4: Environmental Governance: Journey towards Environmental Justice
Syeda Rizwana Hasan
CEO, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)
The Great Hall (8:00—8:45 AM)**

- Introduction: Adnan Morshed, Catholic University of America
- Keynote Speech
- Q & A

**Session 5 – Track E: Environment and Urbanization
Title: Rural Environment
Chair: Mahbubur Rahman, Settlement Environment Architecture, Canada
Howard (8:50—10:15 AM)**

- A Spatial Analysis on Agricultural Production of Bangladesh: Focusing on Milk and Turmeric
 - Dipita Hossain, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Nushrat Jahan, University of Dhaka
 - Anindya Kishore Debnath, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
- Development of Low-Cost Indigenous Wastewater Treatment Plant based on Up-Flow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB) Process for Textile Process Industry to Achieve the Effluent Quality as Set by the Government
 - Partha Modak, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Seema Modak, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (RUET)
 - Souren Modak, Computer Aided Eng. (Pvt) Ltd., Bangladesh
 - Sukomal Modak, Computers and Structures, Inc., California
- Development of Low-Cost Secondary Treatment System based on Non-Woven Fabric-Filter to Polish Effluent from Textile Process Industry Pretreated by UASB
 - Seema Modak, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (RUET)
 - Partha Modak, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
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Session 5 – Track B: Trade and Investment
Title: Trade and Economic Development
Chair: Farida C. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Heyns (8:50—10:15 AM)

- Political Economy of Trade Policy: Theory and Evidence from Bangladesh
 - Zaidi Sattar, Policy Research Institute, Bangladesh
 - Ashikur Rahman, Policy Research Institute, Bangladesh
- The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Import Demand in Bangladesh
 - Husne Ara Shikha, IPFF, Bangladesh Bank
 - Md. Mahmudul Alam, National University of Malaysia (UKM)
 - Md. Abu Rashed, Public-Private Partnership, Prime Minister's Office, Bangladesh
 - Fahim Faisal, United International University, Bangladesh
- EU-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA): Possible Impact on Bangladesh Exports
 - Tofayel Ahmmad, Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI)
- Malaysia's Proactive Free Trade Zone Regime as A Model for Success of Bangladesh's Export Processing Zone Scheme for Industrial Development
 - Md. Mahmudul Alam, National University of Malaysia (UKM)
 - Rafiqul Islam Molla, International Islamic University, Chittagong
 - Md. Wahid Murad, University of Adelaide, Australia

Session 5 – Track D: Education
Title: Education Policy and Reforms
Chair: Syed Saad Andaleeb
Seaborg (8:50—10:15 AM)

- Does Language Affect Early Learning at Schools? Answer from the Khasi and Manipuri Indigenous Communities in Bangladesh
 - Golam M. Mathbor, Monmouth University, New Jersey
 - Faisal Ahmmed, Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet
- The Road to Quality Reforms in Government Primary Schools: A Case Study from Bangladesh
 - Amy Moyer, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania
 - Jill Sperandio, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania
- Primary Vocational Education Program for Informally Educated Indigent Students and Potential Dropouts in Rural High School System
 - Shafi A. Khaled, Metropolitan State University, Minnesota
- “Inclusive Education” in Bangladesh: Accounting for the Friction between Policy and Practice
 - Deb. J. Hill, Independent Political Philosopher of Education, New Zealand
 - Muhammed Mahbubur Rahaman, University of Dhaka

Session 5 – Track A: Governance
Title: Democracy in Bangladesh: Historical Burdens, Theoretical Perspectives, Current Concerns
Chair: Rounaq Jahan, Centre for Policy Dialogue O’Neill (8:50—10:15 AM)

- The Nature and Quality of Democracy in Bangladesh: An Assessment
 - Ali Riaz, Illinois State University
- Fractured Nation, Fractured Identities: Quest for a National Reconciliation in Bangladesh
 - Sayeed Iftexhar Ahmed, American Public University System
- Whither Bangladesh
 - Ali Ahmed Ziauddin, Independent Researcher/Author
- Bangladesh’s Depoliticized Civil Society: An Affinity with Development or Democracy?
 - Shakil Ahmed, University of Tsukuba, Japan

Tea Break and Networking
Kerr Dining Room (10:15—10:30 AM)

Panel 6: Developing the Capital Goods Industry in Bangladesh
Co-moderators: Ashraf Ali, The Boeing Company
Farida C. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Heyns (10:30—11:55 AM)

- Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh
- Jay Mandle, W. Bradford Wiley Professor of Economics, Colgate University, New York
- Zaidi Sattar, Chairman, Policy Research Institute, Bangladesh
- Salim Rashid, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Opening Remarks by moderators
- State of local capital goods production: inputs and outputs, product quality, technology and competition
- Domestic production of equipment and replacement parts of machineries used in the RMG industry and learning by doing
- Technological and human resources for the light engineering sector
- Tariff structure related to capital/intermediate goods industry and Bangladesh government's policy towards development of the capital/intermediate goods industry and global experience
- Closing Remarks by moderators

Session 6 – Track A: Governance
Title: Civil Society and Political Outcomes
Chair: Ahrar Ahmad, Black Hill State University
Howard (10:30—11:55 AM)

- Trying the War Criminals in Bangladesh: Seeking Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation for a Battered Nation
— Zakia Afrin, Golden Gate University, California
- How Political Relations Affect Output Responses in South Asia: A Case with Bangladesh, India and Pakistan
— Biru Paksha Paul, State University of New York at Cortland
- What Can We Learn from Those Who Did Not Live to Tell? Critical Perspectives on Success', Failure' and Disaster Deaths in Bangladesh through the Case of Cyclone Sidr
— Maren Aase, University of Oslo, Norway

Session 6 — Track B: Trade and Finance

Title: Issues in Microfinance

**Chair: Rahim Quazi, Prairie View A&M University
O'Neill (10:30—11:55 AM)**

- Microfinance and Women Entrepreneurship? Experience from Bangladesh
— M. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, University of Dhaka
- Impact of Microcredit on Rural Livelihood: A Case Study in Bangladesh
— Muhammad Ziaulhaq Mamun, University of Dhaka
- Microcredit to Microinsurance: A Dream Created but Shattered by Kabliwalah' attitude?
— Shahlin Hossain, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh
— Md. Quamrul Hasan, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh

Session 6 – Track C: Economics

Title: Issues in Agriculture and Textiles

**Chair: Faizul Islam, University of Maryland - University College
Lewis-Latimer (10:30—11:55 AM)**

- Crop Choice as a Way of Adaptation to Climate Change in Bangladesh: Policy Implications
— Shaikh Moniruzzaman, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
- The Political Economy of Smallholder Agriculture and Genetically Modified Food Crops: Perspectives on Bangladesh
— Nazia Mintz-Habib, Harvard University
- Domestic Coalitions in the Garments and Textiles Industries in Bangladesh
— Sanchita Saxena, University of California, Berkeley

Session 6 – Track E: Environment and Urbanization
Title: Climate Mitigation
Chair: Hollee Hitchcock Becker, Catholic University of America
Seaborg (10:30—11:55 AM)

- Building Resilience to Environmental Stress in Coastal Bangladesh: An Integrated Social, Environmental, and Engineering Perspective
 - Jonathan M. Gilligan, Vanderbilt University
 - Brooke A. Ackerly, Vanderbilt University
 - Steven L. Goodbred, Jr., Vanderbilt University
- Economic Valuation of Demarcated Western Flood Plain of Dhaka
 - Rezwana Rafiq, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Ishrat Islam, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Md. Mafizur Rahman, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
- Modeling Willingness to Pay for Retrofitting: A Study of Ward 68 of Dhaka City Corporation
 - Tanjeeb Ahmed, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Bijoy C. Shil, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Zikrul H. Fahad, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Mohammad S. Akther, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

Closing Program
Chair: Syed Saad Andaleeb, Pennsylvania State University - Erie
The Great Hall (12:00—1:30 PM)

Statements:

- Acknowledgement of Panels and Moderators — Akhlaque Haque
- Track Chairs' Overview Reports
 - Ahrar Ahmad
 - Rahim Quazi
 - Farida C. Khan
 - Syed Saad Andaleeb
 - Adnan Morshed
- Akramul Qader, Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States
- Syed Saad Andaleeb, Executive Committee Member and Former President, BDI

Thank you and Closing remarks:

- Ahmed Badruzzaman, University of California, Berkeley
- Sanchita Saxena, CSAS, University of California, Berkeley
- Munir Quddus, BDI

Lunch Served — 1:30 PM

PLENARY/PANEL ABSTRACTS

PLENARY 1: ACHIEVING HIGH GROWTH THROUGH INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

The economy of Bangladesh has achieved respectable growth over the past two decades under somewhat challenging circumstances. The performance is especially impressive given the striking achievements on the social indicators. Professor Amartya Sen has highlighted how well Bangladesh has performed compared to the fast-growing Indian economy on a range of social/human development indices. However, many experts believe that Bangladesh could have done better, and in the future can achieve much higher growth. China and Asian Tiger economies (and now Vietnam and Cambodia) are often cited as benchmark for high growth economies. The subject of attaining high growth to achieve the middle income status and reduce poverty has not received enough attention. There is always the fear that high growth, if not properly managed, will make equity worse and perhaps even increase poverty. So it makes sense to combine the two subjects into a single conversation. The challenge for the panelist is to answer: *“How can Bangladesh achieve higher growth without sacrificing the progress achieved in human development?”*

PLENARY 2: MITIGATING CORRUPTION IN BANGLADESH

The recent *Corruption Perception Index* (CPI) survey by Transparency International reiterates an important fact that Bangladesh is a long way from being rid of the cancer of corruption. According to the 2012 CPI rankings, Bangladesh's corruption is perceived to be among the highest in South Asia (Bangladesh ranks 144 compared to India, 94 and Pakistan, 139) and highest among nations in the world with at least 5% annual growth rate. Despite major economic and political strides to move Bangladesh into the *“new economy,”* corruption pervades all parts of governmental institutions making it difficult to achieve economic emancipation of the general public and realizing their dreams of an independent *Shonar Bangla* (Golden Bangladesh) laden with opportunities. Indeed, the cancer of corruption is extremely dysfunctional to the evolution of political and economic systems and is the primary impediment to development, freedom, and the effectiveness of governance. Importantly, it undermines the legitimacy of governments and creates a hostile environment for fostering innovation, attracting investments, and encouraging bright and morally upright young population to work as public service professionals. This panel will attempt to unravel the causes of the malaise of corruption and make predictions about the future of Bangladesh's democracy given the pervasiveness of corruption in the governmental institutions. In addition to highlighting the recent high profile corruption allegations related to the *Padma Bridge and its implications*, the panel will try to assess the following basic questions: *What are the fundamental causes of corruption? What, if any, are possible short- and long-term measures to reverse this malaise? Can digitization and right-to-information play a role in hastening the demise of corruption?*

PLENARY 3: ROLE OF NGOS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEVELOPMENT

Alongside the state and the market, and intertwined with them, non-state actors of various kinds have constituted an important though organizationally and ideologically diverse area of the institutional landscape in Bangladesh. One of these are NGOs who have become a source of creativity and hope within an overall institutional context characterized by poor governance and mass poverty. NGOs are credited with mobilizing

and enhancing civil society in Bangladesh. *Is there civil society outside the domain of NGOs? What is understood by civil society in Bangladesh and what is its connection with religion and secularism?* Professor David Lewis and Professor Lamia Karim will discuss these matters in this plenary.

PLENARY 4: ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE: JOURNEY TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Seventy percent of the total population of Bangladesh depends directly on the natural resources for their livelihood. Yet, all major natural resource bases of the country are faced with extreme degradation and severe contamination for which unregulated economic activities, industrial expansion and mal-governance can be pinned as responsible factors. On the face of institutional leniency to enforce sanctions against the offenders, environmental movements led by civil society actors and community groups have been on the move to create popular opinion for environmental justice and test the effectiveness of around 200 laws having direct/indirect bearing on different aspects of environmental governance. In the last 20 years, the move for environmental justice has largely been anthropocentric with protection of environmental human rights at the center. The justice advocates had to deal with wide and diverse range of issues and had some success in addressing inequity and questioning the culture of impunity. It is as a result of the persistent demand of the environmentalists that the country has recently given constitutional recognition to environmental protection as a state obligation and has set up environmental courts in all the districts to deal with environmental offences. These and other successes have essentially strengthened the pursuit for justice; however, the journey has suffered resistance from not only the defiant actors, but also the government itself that deliberately succumbs to faulty economic arguments and pressures, often due to political bias and self-interest. Against this backdrop, the presentation will highlight the policy-action divide in the context of environmental governance. The scope for civil society activism and the strengths and limits of the same in the current administrative and political environment shall also be discussed in respect of specific issues.

PANEL 1: GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Most of the great strides in development made in Bangladesh seem to rely on indicators related to females. The drop in fertility, increased literacy and enrollments, as well as lower poverty rates through income generation all suggest empowerment of women in the country. This panel takes a closer look at the types of changes that have happened to women's lives during the development process. Nadine Murshid uses the Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (2007) to examine the effects of employment versus microfinance on independence, conceptualized as autonomy and decision-making power. Fauzia Ahmed analyzes three vignettes of Muslim husbands of Grameen Bank loanees, to illustrate the role that Islam plays in the construction of the different masculinities that these men represent. Heather N. Goldsmith demonstrates that most women in Bangladesh still do not have access to effective means for resolving conflict. The formal courts, including the family courts and special tribunals for women and children, are expensive, complex, and time consuming. Similarly, the local justice system, which is typically controlled by the male village elders, tends to protect the status of the male social elite rather than the rights of women or the poor. Parvez Sattar will discuss how irregular migration and human trafficking go alongside legal migration and how increased development activity has enhanced trafficking of women and children. Rounaq Jahan, a renowned expert on women and development, will serve as respondent.

PANEL 2: ENVIRONMENT AND GROWTH

This panel explores the various ways development policies, industrialization and urbanization intersect with environmental issues in Bangladesh, a land-scarce deltaic country with a dynamic yet fragile ecological sys-

tem. While the environmental discourse in Bangladesh is dominated by issues of global climate change, this panel will bring to the fore specific environmental challenges posed by burgeoning carbon footprints due to economic growth. *How do we bring growth and concern for the environment into a synergetic relationship, one that promotes sustainable policies for both economic prosperity and environmental stewardship?* The panel comprises professionals of different perspectives and experiences who will reflect on this crucial topic for Bangladesh.

PANEL 3: ROLE OF DIASPORA IN DEVELOPMENT — “BEYOND REMITTANCE”

Diaspora from developing countries have supported growth in their native lands traditionally through remittances, and more recently via non-remittance activities. Remittances involve billions of dollars with associated processes more well-defined and their benefits much better recognized than those on non-remittance Diaspora efforts. The latter efforts are usually lower in dollar amounts though they can be potentially significant in the long term, in view of their diversity and targeted objectives. Non-remittance efforts include direct on-the-ground initiatives by Diaspora non-profits, activism for policy changes, providing forums for information sharing, entrepreneurial projects in native countries, technology transfer activities, and support of social responsibility initiatives of multinational corporations the Diaspora individuals are employed by. The Panel will focus on a subset of such Diaspora effort. Three Bangladeshi Diaspora non-profits, two (SpaandanB and Agami) engaged in direct education and healthcare efforts in rural and urban poor areas and one (BEN) engaged in environmental issues, and a Diaspora IT entrepreneur, Apurba Technologies, with an enterprise in Dhaka, will share their lessons learned and identify expectations for process improvements. The experience of the non-profits and the entrepreneur appear remarkably similar, though with some key differences. The Bangladesh Ambassador to the US will discuss the government’s perspective on such Diaspora efforts and their potential role in supporting them. Technohaven, an entrepreneur from Dhaka, will discuss the corresponding Bangladesh private sector perspective. The US State Department will discuss the initiative they have recently undertaken to facilitate activities of US-based Diaspora to support development in their native countries. The role of non-remittance Diaspora from other developing countries will be briefly noted by the UC Berkeley presenter and the State Department panelist identifying significant similarities and differences with the Bangladesh Diaspora experience.

PANEL 4: PROFESSOR SALIM RASHID’S CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMICS AND BANGLADESH

After a long and distinguished career in teaching research and service, Professor Salim Rashid has just retired from University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. What is remarkable about his work is the breadth and diversity of his interests and writings, which include: mathematical economics, development economics especially those related to Bangladesh, issues in Islamic economics, and the history of economic thought. His students, colleagues, and co-authors are coming together to discuss and celebrate the scope and depth of his contributions to economics, and to Bangladesh. Professor Ali Khan, who served on his dissertation committee at Yale, will speak on Salim’s contributions to mathematical economics; Professor Quibria on development economics and Professors Peterson and McPhail will discuss his contributions to the history of economic thought and how they have been impacted by his work. Munir Quddus and Fahad Khalil, both his students at one time, and later co-authors, will add their insights to his influence.

PANEL 5: DIALOGUE WITH SILICON VALLEY HIGH TECH PROFESSIONALS AND ENTREPRENEURS

High technology professionals and entrepreneurs among the *Bangladesh Diaspora in California's Silicon Valley*, the cradle of modern innovation, are making major contributions to world's technology and economy bases. The range of their contributions includes hardware and software design for IT (including the design of the Pentium chip), medical, energy and environmental applications. Several of these individuals have built very successful companies of their own. All of them are eager to utilize their technological, management and entrepreneurial know-how to support the growth of their native Bangladesh. Some have attempted to transfer these to Bangladesh with mixed success. The Dialogue will hear from several of these individuals on what they offer, how these have or can help Bangladesh, their experiences in Bangladesh from their technology and entrepreneurial efforts, and identify areas of improvements in policy, connectivity, and infrastructure that are needed to take full advantage of such efforts. The three Bangladesh representatives in the Dialogue, the Bangladesh Ambassador to US, Editor & CEO of the Daily Star who himself has been a major promoter of technology transfer, and the CEO of Technohaven, a high-tech entrepreneur based in Bangladesh who also served on the *Prime Minister's Task Force on Digital Bangladesh*, will share the government, opinion maker, and private sector expectations, respectively, from high-tech professionals and entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley. It is expected that the Ambassador will identify government policies such as tax incentives, expedited import or export of hardware and software, and removal of bottlenecks to aid in the Diaspora technology transfer and entrepreneurial efforts. The Editor will discuss the role media can play in facilitating such effort. The Bangladesh-based entrepreneur will share the findings of the *Prime Minister's Task Force* that may aid the process and identify how his colleagues in Bangladesh can possibly leverage the efforts of their Silicon Valley counterparts.

PANEL 6: DEVELOPING THE CAPITAL GOODS INDUSTRY IN BANGLADESH

Economics researchers on the Bangladesh capital goods industry affirm that “*Machinery is central to the process of economic development. It not only transforms inputs into outputs but also embodies technological changes, which holds the key to successful industrial expansion and accelerated economic growth*”. These “*technological changes*” are contained in the design and analysis functions of the machinery manufacturing sector, but Bangladesh does not currently perform these design and analysis functions. As such, the activities of machinery manufacturing sector in its current form cannot spur “*industrial expansion and accelerated economic growth*”. This panel is being organized to primarily explore how the design and analysis elements of the Bangladesh capital goods industry can be established.

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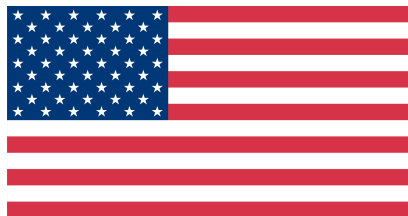
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We congratulate the conference organizers for providing a unique forum for scholars, policy makers, and friends of Bangladesh to meet and share ideas regarding ways to accelerate the country's development and improve the lives of its people. We are pleased that Ambassador Dan W. Mozena will participate in the event, and look forward to engaging with the conference participants to further strengthen the partnership between our two countries.

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I wish the conference all success.

Alamgir Kabir, FCA
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Mahfuz Anam is the *Editor and Publisher* of *The Daily Star*, the highest selling English newspaper in Bangladesh. During his Editorship (1993-till date), the paper has become the most quoted and trusted newspaper in Bangladesh. Mr. Anam became the Publisher and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the paper in 1998. He has worked with UNESCO for 14 years in 31 countries, his last position being “*Regional Media & Public Affairs Representative*” for Asia and the Pacific. Mr. Anam actively participated in the *Liberation War of Bangladesh*. He holds Bachelors (Honors) and a Masters Degree in Economics from Dhaka University where he won the *All Pakistan Debating Championship* for three consecutive years. He started his journalism career in March 1972 and worked as *Staff Correspondent of Bangladesh Observer* and *Assistant Editor of Bangladesh Times* before starting his overseas career in 1977. He was awarded *Jefferson Fellowship in Journalism* in 1976 by the *East-West Center* (Honolulu).

Syeda Rizwana Hasan is the *CEO* of the *Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)*, one of the leading environmental justice nonprofit organizations in Bangladesh. A practicing lawyer by profession, Ms. Hasan is internationally renowned for her work in environmental justice. She did her masters in law from the University of Dhaka with distinction and joined BELA in 1993. In her role as an environmental activist, she has fought against vehicular pollution, river pollution, industrial pollution, ship breaking, wetland encroachment, unregulated mining, unplanned urbanization, deforestation and loss of *biodiversity*. She is the recipient of the 2012 *Ramon Magsaysay Award* for her impassioned leadership and uncompromising courage in the campaign on judicial activism. She has been named as one of the 40 Environmental Heroes of the World by the *TIME* magazine. She is also amongst the first five South Asian women to receive the *Celebrating Womanhood* award (2008) given by the *Creative Statement and South Asia Partnership* based in Nepal. Rizwana has received the prestigious *Goldman Environmental Prize* for the year 2009 for her outstanding contribution in protecting and conserving the environment of Bangladesh. Her organization, BELA, received the *Global 500 Roll of Honors of the UNEP* in the year 2003 and the *Environmental Award* (given for the first time that year) in 2007 given by the *Department of Environment* for popularizing environmental law.

Lamia Karim is *Associate Professor of Anthropology* at the University of Oregon. Her research interests are in globalization, gender, human rights, and social movements. She has published numerous scholarly articles in anthropology journals (*Cultural Dynamics*, *Political and Legal Anthropology*, *Contemporary South Asia*) on gender and globalization, and chapters in edited volumes. Her research has been supported with two postdoctoral fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation and grants from the *National Science Foundation*, *Fulbright Foundation*, *Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation* and the *Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research*. Her book entitled *Microfinance and Its Discontents: Women in Debt in Bangladesh* has been widely reviewed and discussed. She is currently writing a new book entitled *Feminism Untangled: Modernity, Religion and Women in Bangladesh*.

David Lewis is *Professor of Social Policy and Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science*. He has degrees in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge and Development Studies from the University of Bath. He has visited Bangladesh regularly since the 1980s, undertaking research on a range of issues including rural development, development policy, politics and the power structure, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society. He first came to Bangladesh for fifteen months of fieldwork for a doctoral program studying village technology and agrarian change, later published as a book, *Technologies and Transactions*, by Dhaka University in 1991. In the early 1990s, he worked on aquaculture and livelihoods in Bangladesh, and published *Trading the Silver Seed* (UPL, 1996), co-authored with Geof Wood and Rick Gregory. He has also worked for a range of organizations in Bangladesh, including Manusher Jonno Foundation, BRAC and Proshika as adviser or consultant. Currently he is an adviser to the Sida Health and Education Reality Check. David's other books include *Anthropology, Development and the Postmodern Challenge* (Pluto, 1996, with K. Gardner), *The Management of Non-Governmental Organizations* (Routledge, 2001), *Development Brokers and Translators* (Kumarian 2006, edited with David Mosse), *Non-Governmental Organizations and Development* (Routledge 2009, with Nazneen Kanji), and *Bangladesh: Politics, Economy and Civil Society* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

Dan W. Mozena has been the *US Ambassador to Bangladesh* since 2011. He previously served in Bangladesh as Political Counselor from 1998 to 2001 and has also served with the *U.S. State Department* in *Islamabad, Kinshasa, Lusaka and New Delhi* and in *Angola* (as Ambassador, 2008–10). He provided leadership to the U.S. bilateral relationship with Angola, developing and supporting U.S. policies to help southern Africa fight and win the war against HIV/AIDS, strengthen democracy and improve governance, enhance regional stability, and promote economic growth to reduce poverty. Ambassador Mozena was born and raised on a family dairy farm in northeast Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State University (Political Science and History), and later from graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison (Public Administration and Political Science). He and his wife of 40 years, Grace Mozena, served as Peace Corps volunteers in then-Zaire, where they helped local farmers develop better ways to raise chickens. The Mozenas are proud parents of two adult children, Anne and Mark, who have finished their university studies and reside in the United States.

Akramul Qader is the *Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United States* with concurrent accreditation to Mexico and Colombia. A career diplomat in the rank of a State Minister, he has served as Bangladesh's High Commissioner to South Africa and Ambassador to Thailand and as Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN- ESCAP). His other assignments include: Deputy Chief of Mission/Ambassador at Bangladesh Embassy in Brussels, Counselor and later Deputy Chief of Mission at Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi. He has served in *Pakistan, Myanmar, and the former USSR*. In Dhaka, he served as a *Director General for Multilateral Economic Affairs*, and *Director at the Foreign Secretary's Office, South East Asia*, personnel and the finance directorates. He was a *Member of the International Affairs Sub-Committee of the Bangladesh Awami League*. He earned his master's degree in Islamic History from the *University of Dhaka*. He attended a Specialized Course at the National Institute of Public Administration in Dhaka and Foreign Service Training Course in Australia.

Zaidi Sattar is the *Chairman and Chief Executive of Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI)*. He completed his doctorate in economics from Boston University and taught at Catholic University of America, Washington DC, 1984–92. He served as World Bank Adviser on tariffs and customs reform to the Bangladesh NBR (1992–95) and as a Senior Economist of the World Bank (1997–2007), he led the dialogue on trade and tariff policy reforms and was team leader for the World Bank report, *South Asia Trade Policy Review* (1999–2002). He was a member of the core team of experts that drafted

the Bangladesh Sixth Five Year Plan (2011–15) and the Perspective Plan (2010–21). Dr. Sattar joined the Civil Service of Pakistan in 1969, served as Vice-Chancellor, The Millennium University, Dhaka (2007–08), and serves on the board of Southeast Bank Ltd., Industrial and Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IIDFC), Venture Investment Partners Bangladesh Ltd. (VIPB), Chittagong Stock Exchange Ltd., and Asia Insurance Ltd. He is a regular columnist and has served as a consultant to various international organizations: *World Bank, IFC, Asian Development Bank, UKAID/DFID, USAID, CIDA, UNDP, ILO, and Commonwealth Secretariat*. Dr. Sattar has some 40 publications in international and national journals and numerous papers presented on trade policy, private sector development and growth issues at national and international conferences. He is recognized as a leading expert on macroeconomic, trade and tax policy issues in Bangladesh. He frequently offers policy advice to the Government of Bangladesh on trade, industry, private sector development, and macroeconomic policy issues.

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