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Ph.D. | Professor (Selection Grade)

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01 PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Senior academic and university administrator with over 30 years of experience in higher education teaching, research, academic governance, and public service. Currently serving as Professor (Selection Grade) in the Department of Public Administration, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

Academic background spans public administration, political science, international relations, and development studies, including a Ph.D. in Social Sciences focused on poverty alleviation and NGO operations, an M.A. in International Relations from an Australian research university, and postgraduate and undergraduate degrees in Political Science from the University of Dhaka with First Class standing, providing a strong interdisciplinary foundation for teaching, research, and leadership.

Extensive experience in university leadership and statutory governance, including service as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Syndicate Member, Chairman of Department, Proctor, Provost of a residential hall, Press Administrator, and Assistant Proctor.

Rendered national public service through repeated appointment as Departmental Expert for oral examinations of multiple Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) cadres under the Bangladesh Public Service Commission, reflecting professional credibility, and disciplinary expertise.

Actively engaged in the global academic community through participation and peer-reviewed paper presentations at major international conferences across Asia and Europe, including programs organized by NAPSIPAG, ICONPO, the Korean Association for Policy Studies, and leading universities, alongside service as a Visiting Professor at a foreign public university and instructional roles in national faculty development programs.

Author of two scholarly books and more than fifty peer-reviewed research articles published in reputed national and international academic journals. Scholarship addresses governance, development studies, NGO effectiveness, public policy, climate change, political economy, and democratic institutions, contributing to both academic knowledge and policy-relevant discourse.

Demonstrated leadership within the academic community through multiple elected positions in university and national teachers' associations, including service as President and General Secretary of the Teachers' Association at Islamic University, Vice-President and Joint Secretary of the Federation of Bangladesh Teachers' Association, and earlier roles as Joint Secretary and General Secretary (In Charge).

Regular contributor to national electronic and print media as a subject expert on governance, democracy, public policy, higher education reform, electoral processes, national security, and institutional development, engaging public discourse in a manner consistent with academic responsibility and public interest.

Actively involved in student development and campus life through advisory roles in debating activities, student counseling, and management of university sports teams, supporting holistic student engagement and leadership development beyond the classroom.

02 EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Sciences, 2007
Poverty Alleviation and Development: A Study of NGO Operations in Bangladesh
Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh

M.A. in International Relations, 2000
University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia

M.S.S. in Political Science, 1991
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (First Class, 3rd Position)

B.S.S. (Honours) in Political Science, 1990
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

03 ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor (Selection Grade) (2018–Present)

Department of Public Administration

Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh

Professor (2008–2018)

Department of Politics and Public Administration

Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh

Associate Professor (2004–2008)

Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh

Assistant Professor (1999–2004)

Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh

Lecturer (1996–1999)

Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh

Lecturer, Political Studies and Public Affairs (1996)

Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet

04 VISITING & PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

RESHAPE Erasmus+ International Academic Visit | Finland & Sweden · 2026

Academic visits to Turku University of Applied Sciences (Finland), Laurea University of Applied Sciences (Finland), and University of Gävle (Sweden) under RESHAPE — “Regenerating Socio-Cultural Sustainability and Planetary Wellbeing in Higher Education: Global Partnership.” The project meeting and excursion programme (1–12 June 2026) featured international exchange, workshops and institutional visits related to sustainable higher education, planetary wellbeing and innovative digital learning.

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (2026–2028) | Project: https://reshape.turkuamk.fi/

Visiting Professor, Çankırı Karatekin University, Ankara, Türkiye (2022)

Departmental Expert, Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Oral Examinations (25th, 44th–46th BCS)

Instructor, National University Faculty Training Program (2007)

05 UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP PORTFOLIO

Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (2022–2024)

Syndicate Member (2022)

Chairman, Department of Politics & Public Administration (2005–2008)

Proctor (2005–2008)

Provost, Saddam Hossain Hall (2005)

Press Administrator (2003–2006)

Assistant Proctor (1998–1999)

06 PUBLIC SERVICE & NATIONAL EXAMINATION ROLES

Departmental Expert (Oral Examination)
Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS): 25th, 44th, 45th & 46th Cadres
Bangladesh Public Service Commission (2005, 2025)

07 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (SELECTED)

4th International Conference Organized by Public Organization (ICONPO IV) on Social Entrepreneurship: Driving Sustainable Change beyond the Millennium held on 25-26 August 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Presented a paper titled “Generation Approaches of NGO in Bangladesh: An overview.”

10TH International Conference held on 7-9 Dec-2013 in New Delhi, India Organized by NAPSIPAG and Jawhar Lal Nehru University New Delhi, India on Locked in Growth Pattern: Rethinking Land Management and Disaster for the post 2015 Development Agenda for Asia Pacific. Presented a paper titled “Disaster Management in Bangladesh: Response and Recovery”.

International Conference organized by the Korean Association for Policy Studies (KAPS) on conference theme- Government Transition and Policy Change, held on June 14-15, 2013, at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Presented a paper titled “Environmental policy in Bangladesh: Adaptation and Policy changes.”

Participated to International Conference on “In Search of Better Governance: Challenges and Prospects” organized by University of Bergen, Norway and Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, held on 29-30 June 2011.

Claiming the City Conference 2013 held on April 16-17, 2013, Sweden on Claiming the City: Civil Society Mobilization by the Urban Poor organized by Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development at Uppsala University, in cooperation with the Swedish International Development Hammarskjöld Foundation Cooperation Agency (SIDHFCA) and the Dag. Presented a paper titled “Unplanned urbanization and problems of Housing in Bangladesh: A Study of Dhaka Mega City”.

International Conference on Public Organization (ICONPO) held in Universitas Ngurah Rai/Bali Beach Hotel, Indonesia on 21st February 2013 on “Phenomenon on Public Administration at New Development Countries in Asia” organized by Universitas Ngurah Rai (UNR), Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) and Korea

University (KU). Presented a paper titled “Effective leadership and management of NGO sector activities to ensure women empowerment: A study.”

The Sixth Sino-US Public Administration International Symposium held in China on 5th--6th June 2012 on “Rebuilding Trust after the Global Financial Crisis” organized by School of Public Administration and Policy, Rennin University of China. Presented a paper titled “Women empowerment and participation of NGO’s micro credit activities in Bangladesh: A study.”

9th NAPSIPAG International Conference held in Sri Lanka, Colombo on 12th -15th December 2012 on “Development Challenges in the Asia Pacific: Millennium Development Goals and Beyond” organized by Network of Asia Pacific Schools and Institutes of Public Administration and Governance (NAPSIPAG). Presented a paper titled “Effective leadership to ensure women empowerment through NGO activities: A study”

8th NAPSIPAG International Conference held in Nepal on 15-16 December 2011 on “Strengthening Governance for Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change” organized by Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. Presented a paper titled “Climate Change and Urban Governance in Bangladesh: An Overview on Dhaka Mega-City.”

08 TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Administration • Governance & Good Governance • Leadership & SDGs • NGOs & Development • Climate Change & Urban Governance • Political Economy • Organizational Theory & Behavior • Decentralization & Local Government • Anti-Corruption • International Relations • Bangladesh Politics • Comparative Politics • Environmental Management • Rural Development

09 PUBLICATIONS

Books (02)

Poverty and Development in Bangladesh
Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany, 2012 (ISBN: 978-3-659-27242-4)

NGO and Development: Myth and Reality
A.H. Development Publishing House, Dhaka, 2010 (ISBN: 978-984-8810-02-6)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

More than 50 peer-reviewed research articles published in reputed national and international academic journals, addressing public administration, governance, development studies, NGOs, climate change, political economy, and public policy.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

01. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2025). Civil society and governance in Bangladesh. Journal of Çankırı Karatekin University, Ankara, Turkey.

02. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2019–2020). Impact of non-governmental organizations on socio-economic development of Bangladesh. Journal of Law, Vol. 13, No. 2, Faculty of Law, Islamic University, Kushtia.

03. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2019–2020). Bangladesh–Myanmar security relations and its significance. Journal of Social Sciences (JSS), Vol. 1, No. 2, Faculty of Social Sciences, Islamic University.

04. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2019). Coordination of urban local governance in Bangladesh: A study of Dhaka megacity. Journal of Politics and Administration, Vol. 6, Nos. 1–2 (ISSN 1818-9571), Department of Public Administration, Islamic University, Kushtia.

05. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2018). Sustainable Development Goals in Bangladesh: Issues and challenges. Journal of Politics and Administration, Vol. 5, Nos. 1–2 (ISSN 1818-9571), Department of Public Administration, Islamic University, Kushtia.

06. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2017). Solid waste management in developing countries: Strategic practitioners' viewpoints. Journal of Islamic University Studies, Vol. 17, No. 1 (ISSN 2521-3083), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia.

07. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2013). Student politics and quality of education at the university level in the context of Bangladesh. Development Compilation, Vol. 9, No. 1, Centre for Human Resources Information and Development, Rajshahi University.

08. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2013). Good governance and climate change: Bangladesh perspectives. Bangladesh Rural Development Studies, Vol. 15, No. 1, Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura.

09. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2011–2012). Zakat and security programmes in modern society: A comparative analysis. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 13, No. 2, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia.

10. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2011–2012). Drug addiction in Bangladesh: An overview. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 13, No. 2, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Islamic University, Kushtia.

11. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2011). How does Islamic economy face the challenge of poverty? An analysis. Journal of Islamic Education and Research, Vol. 7, No. 2, Islamic University, Kushtia.

12. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2011). E-governance initiatives in Bangladesh: Some observations. Nepalese Journal of Public Policy and Governance, Vol. 29, Nepal.

13. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2008). Disaster management in Bangladesh: Response and recovery. Journal of Politics and Administration, Vol. 3, Nos. 1–2, Islamic University, Kushtia.

14. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2008). The role of NGOs in Bangladesh: A general assessment. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 12, No. 1.

15. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2008). Poverty, poverty alleviation, and development: The linkages. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 11, No. 2.

16. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2007). Generation approach of NGOs in Bangladesh: An overview. Journal of Politics and Administration, Vol. 2, No. 1 (ISSN 1818-9571).

17. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2006). Impact of NGO operations in Bangladesh: A field study on ASA, BRAC and Grameen Bank. Quarterly Journal of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Vol. 41, December, Savar, Dhaka.

18. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2006). Islamic financial system: An overview. Annual Bangla Journal, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Vol. 11th Year Issue, Savar, Dhaka.

19. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2005). The debate on reformation of caretaker government: An evaluation. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 10, No. 2.

20. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2005). Nutrition and economic consequences of arsenic poisoning in Bangladesh. Journal of Politics and Administration, Vol. 1, No. 1 (ISSN 1818-9571).

21. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2004). Poverty alleviation: A theoretical analysis. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 10, Part 1.

22. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2003). Development of parliamentary democracy in Bangladesh: A theoretical analysis. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 9, Part 2.

23. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2002). Dynamics of the Kosovo crisis: Thoughts on ending the crisis. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 8, No. 2.

24. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2001). Globalization: An analysis. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 8, No. 1.

25. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2001). The role of OIC and the Muslim Ummah. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 9, No. 2.

26. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2001). Maritime terrorism and the 1988 IMO Convention: An overview. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 3, No. 1.

27. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2001). NGOs in world politics: An overview. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 2, No. 2.

28. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2000). The issue of human rights: China–West contention. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 2, No. 1.

29. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2000). Theory of development planning and the planning process in Bangladesh. Social Science Review, The Dhaka University Studies, Part D, Vol. 17, No. 1.

30. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (2000). ASEAN: A quest for development and regionalism. Islamic University Studies, Vol. 1, No. 2.

31. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (1998). Social status of women in modern society: Bangladesh context (in Bengali). Islamic University Studies, Vol. 6, No. 1.

32. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (1997). Dependency theory: Quest for development in underdeveloped countries. Journal of the Rural Development Academy, Vol. 7, No. 1, Bogura.

33. Rahman, A. K. M. M. (1997). World peace and today's United Nations: An overview (in Bengali). Islamic University Studies, Part B, Vol. 5, No. 2.

10 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACADEMIC SERVICE

President-Nominated Member, Academic Council, Khulna University (2025–2027)

Member, Bangladesh Political Science & Public Administration Association

Life Member, Dhaka University Registered Graduates

Life Member, Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA)

Member, Academic Council & Faculty Boards, Islamic University

11 TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

President (Elected), Teachers' Association, Islamic University, Kushtia — 2009

Vice-President (Elected), Federation of Bangladesh Teachers' Association — 2009

General Secretary (Elected), Teachers' Association, Islamic University, — 2005

Joint Secretary (Elected), Federation of Bangladesh Teachers' Association — 2005

General Secretary (In Charge), Teachers' Association, Islamic University, 2001–02

Joint Secretary (Elected), Teachers' Association, Islamic University, Kushtia — 1998

12 MEDIA ENGAGEMENT & PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Regular commentator on national television and print media in Bangladesh on issues including democracy,

governance, national security, foreign policy, electoral reform, parliamentary effectiveness, education reform, and institutional development within global and regional contexts.

13 EXTRACURRICULAR & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Chief Advisor, Debating Club, Department of Public Administration (2021)

Student Counselor, Department of Public Administration (2018)

Manager, University Volleyball & Football Teams (2007)

14 REFERENCES

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