

# Anupam D. Roy

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## Education

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**Howard University**, BA, Interdisciplinary Studies  
(International Affairs) & Economics;  
College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program Student,  
CGPA: 3.72; Major GPA: 4.00

**Columbia University**, Domestic Exchange semester (Fall 2017).

*Courses:* Postcolonialism (Gayatri Spivak), Subaltern Studies (Sudipta Kaviraj), Independent Study (Rounaq Jahan)  
Politics of South Asia (Philip Oldenburg).

**Boston University**, PhD (Spring 2020)

Specialization on social movements.

**Harvard Law School**, JD (Fall 2021).

(Accepted through the Junior Deferral Program)

## Research

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### *Publications*

Roy, A. (2018). Saving What Never Was: Legal Frameworks for Protecting Indigenous Land in the Chittagong Hill Tracts from Further Appropriation. *NYU Undergraduate Law Review*. Available at: <https://www.nyulr.com/online-articles>

Roy, A. (2018). Stealing Shahbag: A Relegitimization of Islamism in the Aftermath of a Secularist Social Movement. *South Asia Research*. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0262728018791698>

### *Working Papers*

“Occupy Shahbag: Analyzing the Shahbag Movement and Its Significance” with Nadine Murshid (University at Buffalo) and Awrup Sanyal (Jeeon). *Modern Asian Studies* (In-progress)

“The Power and the People: Elementary Aspects of Peasant Movement in the Anti-Rampal Protests” with Maha Mirza (Bielefeld University). *Columbia University Journal of Politics & Society* (In-progress)

“The OJBha Project: Investigating the Merits of a Conditional Cash Transfer for Street Children’s Education.” Co-written with Nahian Bin Khaled (University of Dhaka). *The Developing Economist* (In-progress)

### *Conferences*

- Georgetown University India Ideas Conference 2018. Presented “The OJBha Project: Investigating the Merits of a Conditional Cash Transfer for Street Children’s Education.”
- Virginia Commonwealth University Research Conference 2018. Presented “The Power and the People: Elementary Aspects of Peasant Movement in the Anti-Rampal Protests.”
- Howard University Annual Research Symposium 2018. Presented “Saving What Never Was: Legal Frameworks for Protecting Indigenous Land in the Chittagong Hill Tracts from Further Appropriation.”
- Ivy League Undergraduate Research Symposium 2017. Presented “Stealing Shahbag: A Relegitimization of Islamism in the Aftermath of a Secularist Social Movement.”
- Howard University Annual Research Symposium 2017. Presented “Occupy Shahbag: Analyzing the Shahbag Movement and Its Significance.”

### *Academic Research Experience*

- Student Fellow, *Georgetown University India Initiative*, Jan 2018-Present, Project on Indian AgroTech.

- Research Assistant, *Columbia University-SIPA*, Dec 2017- June 2018; Project on South African parliamentary voting patterns.

### Research Awards, Academic Affiliations & Honors

- **Best Undergrad Research** in Law, HU Research Week 2018 for “Saving Saving What Never Was”
- **Best Overall Research** in Undergraduate Category, HU Research Week 2017 for “Shahbag Stolen?”
- **Best Undergrad Research** in Social Sciences, HU Research Week 2017 for “Shahbag Stolen?”
- Howard University **Pi Sigma Alpha** (Political Science Honors Society)
- **Secretary** of the Abram Harris Economics Society at Howard University (2018-19).
- Howard University **Legacy Scholarship** (full-tuition, 2015-2019) Program
- National Merit Scholarship (Primary, Junior and Secondary), Bangladesh.

### Writing and Speaking Engagements

#### *Fiction & Poetry Book*

- Sontan (The Offspring), a compilation of short stories, Roy Publishers, published in 2014.
- Rupantor( The Metamorphosis ), a novel, Tamralipi (under contract), to be published in 2020.
- Opraptoboyoskota ( Non-Adulthood ), a compilation of poems, Somoy Publication, published in 2016.

#### *Opinion Pieces*

- Weekly Columnist for Dhaka Tribune for opinion series “Letters of Liberation.”
  - The War on Drugs is a tool for Class Apartheid. Available at: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2018/06/29/the-war-on-drugs-is-a-tool-for-class-apartheid>
- Op-ed Contributor for The Daily Star, Bangladesh’s largest circulating English daily.
  - “Digitised Public Exams: An Innovation to Solve Many Problems.” The Daily Star. February 23, 2018. Available at: <http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/perspective/innovation-solve-many-problems-1538689>
  - “Of huddled masses and government shutdowns.” The Daily Star. January 23, 2018. Available at: <http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/global-affairs/huddled-masses-and-government-shutdowns-152355>
- Op-ed Contributor for ProthomAlo, Bangladesh’s most respected Bangla daily.
  - "মাদক যুদ্ধ কোথাও কেন সফল হয়না" [Why War on Drugs Never Works, Anywhere],” June 03, 2018. *ProthomAlo*. Available at: [www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1501921/](http://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1501921/)
  - "কোটা ব্যবস্থা কেমন হওয়া উচিত"[How the Quota Reservation System Should be],” ProthomAlo. April 12, 2018. Available at: <http://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1468446/>

#### *Talk Shows and Web-series*

- Talk show guest on Politics Plus, hosted by Munni Saha.
  - Debated current State Minister Mashiur Rahman Ranga on issues of violence against minorities and judicial inefficiency. Available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSKMu7PQjg&t=2s>
- Host of Dhaka Tribune’s web-series on news analysis “The Breakdown”
  - “Is the Rohingya Crisis headed towards a Palestine-like deadlock?” Dhaka Tribune. December 24, 2018. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQaUJGfhKzI&feature=youtu.be>
  - “How Unbalanced Taxation & Spending Create Outsourcing and Capital Flight” Dhaka Tribune. Feb 9, 2018. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOF8N3jW4SQ&feature=youtu.be>

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## Professional Research Experience

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### Fiscal Policy Intern

May 2018-August 2018

*Peter G. Peterson Foundation, Washington DC*

- Co-authored policy paper on Multiemployer Pension Financing and Federal Policy that was featured on the American Action Forum website.
- Worked on project regarding international economic turnaround and best policy practices based on IMF and World Bank data.

### Foreign Policy Intern

Feb 2018- May 2018

*Cato Institute, Washington DC*

- Co-wrote a paper with Dr. Sahar Khan on Blasphemy Laws in South Asia.
- Created research briefs on schools of Islam and their influences in Bangladesh

### Research Intern

Aug 2017- Dec 2017

*Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, NY*

- Assisted scholars with qualitative research on infrastructure development.
- Managed databases and assisted project manager with research related tasks.

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## Leadership and Activism Experiences

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### Founder and Editor

June 2017-Present

Muktiforum, New York, NY.

- Started citizen journalism platform Muktiforum where artists and writers from Bangladesh can write anonymously against authoritarianism and illiberalism without fear of censorship or retribution.
- Reached 20,000 followers on Facebook page and close to 30,000 regular users at the website within the first month after launching the website.
- Live streamed and co-organized protest gatherings in Dhaka and New York against the Bangladesh government's attacks on peaceful student protesters.
- Edited opinion pieces, documentaries, video explainers and theoretical essays made by anonymous contributors from Bangladesh and beyond. See More: <http://muktiforum.com>

### General Secretary

August 2012- Present

OBJha Foundation for Street Children's' Education, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

- Raised a 100,000 BDT fund for education scholarships through public donation drives.
- Worked with slum and street children to build awareness on education.

### Founder and President

Howard University Liberty Forum, Washington, D.C.

Feb 2017-May 2018

- Clip boarded & spoke in front classes to create interest. Moderated forum discussions.
- Wrote constitution & collected signatures. Hosted TPIF scholar on campus.

### Community Activist

Various Bangladeshi and Bangladeshi-American Organizations.

September 2017-Present

- Invited to speak at a public rally in front of the United Nations Headquarters against the Rohingya Genocide. Video available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5iOfE-ddh0&t=53s>
- Attended protest gatherings, provided written remarks and circulated press releases through social media channels.

## Languages

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English (proficient), Bangla (native), Spanish (intermediate), Hindi (intermediate), Urdu (conversational).