

## Anupam Debashis Roy

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### Education

**Howard University**, BA, Interdisciplinary Studies

(International Affairs) & Economics;

CGPA: 3.72; Major GPA: 4.00.

Specialization in **Economics, Political Science & History**

**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).

*Languages:* English, Bengali, Spanish (Intermediate) Hindi-Urdu (conversational).

*Research Interest:* Chittagong Hill Tracts, subaltern studies, Politics of South Asia (concentration: Bangladesh)

### Research Publications (Books and Papers)

Roy, A. (2020). *Not All Springs End Winter: Political Economy of Mass Youth Movements in Bangladesh Before, During and Since Shahbag*. Adarsha Books. (Published in English and Bangla)

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

Roy, A. (2018). Shahbag Stolen? Third Force Dynamics and Electoral Politics in Bangladesh. Bangladesh Development Research Working Paper Series (BDRWPS), Bangladesh Development Research Center (BDRC). *South Asia Research* journal. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0262728018791698>

### 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 Dr. Maha Mirza (Bielefeld University) *Columbia University Journal of Politics & Society* (In-progress)

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

### Conferences & Journal Reviews

- Keynote Speaker at Chittagong University Law Department Seminar
- Reviewer of the *Democratization* journal.
- Georgetown University India Ideas Conference 2018
- Virginia Commonwealth University Research Conference 2018.
- Howard University Annual Research Symposium 2018
- Ivy League Undergraduate Research Symposium 2017.
- Howard University Annual Research Symposium 2017.

### Academic Research Experience

- Student Fellow, *Georgetown University India Initiative*, Jan 2018-Present, Project on Indian Agrotech and Common Media Market.
- Research Assistant, *Columbia University-SIPA*, Dec 2017- June 2018; Project on South African parliamentary voting patterns.
- Research Assistant, *Columbia University-SIPA*, Aug 2017- Dec 2018; Project on Corporate HQ relocation in and out of US cities.
- Research Assistant, *Oxford University/ Columbia University*, Aug 2017-Nov 2017, Project on the History of Diplomatic thought in Ancient India.

## Research Awards

- **Best Undergraduate Research** in Ethics, Religion and Law, HU Research Week 2018
- **Best Overall Research** in Undergraduate Category, HU Research Week 2017
- **Best Undergraduate Research** in Social Sciences, HU Research Week 2017
- **Finalist at Rhodes Scholarship** at Oxford University 2019 & 2020

## Academic Affiliations & Honors

- Howard University College of Arts and Sciences **Honors Program**
- Howard University **Pi Sigma Alpha** (Political Science Honors Society)
- Howard University College of Arts and Sciences **Dean's Honor Roll** (2015-16).
- **Secretary** of the Abram Harris Economics Society at Howard University.
- Member of the American Political Science Association.

## Scholarships

- Howard University Legacy Scholarship (full-tuition) Program
- National Merit Scholarship (Primary, Junior and Secondary), Bangladesh.

## Selected Op-eds and Media Publications

### English Op-eds/Longform Essays

- “When Even Trump moves to the centre” *The Daily Star*. August 8, 2021. Available at: <https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/global-affairs/when-even-trump-moves-the-centre-1528513>
- “Of huddled masses and government shutdowns” *The Daily Star*. Jan 23, 2018. Available at: <https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/global-affairs/huddled-masses-and-government-shutdowns-1523551>
- Trump's loss is a win for anti-authoritarianism globally. *Dhaka Tribune*. November 11, 2020. Available at: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2020/11/11/op-ed-trump-s-loss-is-a-win-for-anti-authoritarianism-globally>
- “How Universities May Change Forever” *Dhaka Tribune*. May 12, 2020. Available at: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2020/05/12/how-universities-may-change-forever>
- “Raising Our Leviathan Or How an Authoritarian Regime Took Shape” *Shuddhashar*. June 4, 2018. Available at: <https://shuddhashar.com/raising-our-leviathan-or-how-an-authoritarian-regime-took-shape-anupam-d-ro-y/>

- “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>

## Video Essays

- “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>
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- “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>
- “Analyzing the Rohingya crisis from the Bangladesh Perspective.” *Anupam Debashis Roy*. Dec 7, 2016. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAHOBx6iD5s>
- “Analyzing Digital Security Act 2018| Why it should be repealed.” *Anupam Debashis Roy*. Mar 20, 2021. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAHOBx6iD5s>
- “Slavery and Racism with Tea Workers in Bangladesh.” *Anupam Debashis Roy*. August 22, 2016. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87BimRjmxFU>

## Bangla Op-eds

- “সংকটকে সম্ভাবনায় নেওয়ার এখনই সময়” [It is Now Time to Turn the crisis into an opportunity], 29 June 2020, *Prothom Alo*. Available at: <https://cutt.ly/2QEuDby>
- “পরিবার ও ব্যক্তি নিয়েই মানুষ চিন্তিত” [People Care More about Family and the Individual], 20 December 2020. *Prothom Alo*. Available at: <https://cutt.ly/hQEu3D9>
- “মৃত শিক্ষক আর এক্সেলিটরের গণশিক্ষা” [ A Public Education of Dead Educators and Escalators],” January 19, 2018. *Prothom Alo*. Available at: <http://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1412091/>
- “মাদকযুদ্ধ কোথাও কেন সফল হয় না [Why War on Drugs Never Works, Anywhere],” June 03, 2018. *Prothom Alo*. Available at: [www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1501921/মাদকযুদ্ধ-\(কোথাও-\(কেন-সফল-হয়-না](http://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1501921/মাদকযুদ্ধ-(কোথাও-(কেন-সফল-হয়-না)
- “কোটাব্যবস্থা যেমন হওয়া উচিত” [How the Quota Reservation System Should be],” *Prothom Alo*. April 12, 2018. Available at: <http://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1468446/>
- “ট্রাম্প জমানার প্রজন্মের প্রতি...”[An Open letter to the Trump Generation]. *Daily Prothom-Alo*. November 18, 2016. Available at: <http://www.prothomalo.com/opinion/article/1023095/>

## Stories on My Work in National and International Media

- “How Bangladeshi activist Anupam Debashis Roy found a way to turn his anger into words – and action,” *Scroll.in*. Jan 10 2021. Available at: <https://scroll.in/article/983613/how-bangladeshi-activist-anupam-debashis-roy-found-a-way-to-turn-his-anger-into-words-and-action>
- “Making Violence Permissible through Blasphemy Charges: Discussing the Rangpur incident on ATN news.” *ATN News*. November 14, 2017. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSKMu7PQjg&t=1s>

- “রামপালে বিদ্যুৎকেন্দ্রের বিরোধিতা এভাবে!” *Deutsche Welle*. February 8, 2016. Available at: <https://cutt.ly/5QEXh2v>
- “EKUSHEY BOOK FAIR 2020: Not All Springs End Winter by Anupam Debashis Roy” *New Age*. Feb 23, 2020. Available at: <https://www.newagebd.net/article/100223/ekushey-book-fair-2020-not-all-springs-end-winter-by-anupam-debashis-roy>
- “Not All Springs End Winter” *Dhaka Tribune*. February 25, 2020. Available at: <https://www.dhakatribune.com/feature/2020/02/25/anupam-book-review>
- “Not All Springs End Winter” *The Daily Star*. Available at: <https://www.thedailystar.net/arts-entertainment/news/not-all-springs-end-winter-1868854>

## **Professional Experience**

### **Consultant (Dec 2021- Present)**

*Amnesty International*

- Carrying out focus group discussion around the country
- Coordinating nation-wide campaign for reform of Digital security Act

### **Freelance Columnist/Video Essayist (Jan 2016-Present)**

*Prothom Alo, The Daily Star, Dhaka Tribune*

- Regularly wrote on current political events, local and global
- Covered international politics, often as the sole contributor on the topic
- Generated extensive traffic to the webpages through personal social media channels

### **Research Consultant (Mar 2020-Dec 2020)**

*Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)*

- Assisted in policy and legal research with the core research team at BLAST
- Drafted, edited and translated press release and other communication materials

### **Sub-editor, Newsroom/Editorial (Aug 2019- Jan 2020)**

*Dhaka Tribune*

- Regularly wrote editorials for the paper and found issues to cover for the section
- Wrote weekly op-eds on topics ranging from global to local politics and economics

### **Foreign Policy Intern (Feb 2018- May 2018)**

*Cato Institute, Washington DC*

- Co-wrote a paper with Dr. Sahar Khan on Blasphemy Laws in Pakistan & Bangladesh.
- 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 managers with research-related tasks.

### **Student Instructor (May 2016-July 2017)**

*Tutoring Club of Mclean, Mclean, VA.*

- Received training from professional educators on young-adult tutoring and test prep.
- Helped students with college applications, papers, essays, and test preparation.

