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Education

University of Oxford, Dphil, *Sociology*, ongoing.

London School of Economics, MSc, *Political Sociology*, 2023-24 (completed).

Howard University, BA, Interdisciplinary Studies

Department of Political Science

Concentrations: International Affairs & Economics;

CGPA: 3.72; Major GPA: 4.00.

Columbia University, Domestic Exchange semester (Fall 2017).

Georgetown University, University Exchange Course: Statecraft and Negotiation. (Spring 2018)

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

Online Courses: From Poverty to Prosperity: Understanding Economic Development (Oxford), Comparative Democratic Development Part II: Structuring Democracy (Stanford).

Languages: English (**IELTS 8.5**), Bengali, Spanish (Intermediate) Hindi-Urdu (conversational).

Research Publications

Roy, A. (2025). *Rebellion to Revolution: Road Safety Movement and July Uprising in Bangladesh*. Gripper Mark.

Roy, A. (2024). What Felani's Image Showed and What is Obscured. *New Sociological Perspectives*. Accepted for publication.

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). 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>

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://ulrnyu.org/print-publication>

Roy, A. and Arif Sohel (2021), Crowd potential: Deconstructing the complex relationship between people and state in Bangladesh. *Himal Southasian*. Available at: <https://www.himalmag.com/crowd-potential-paradoxes-of-the-popular-2021/>

Roy, A. (2023) Why the movement against Rampal plant in Bangladesh failed. *Himal Southasian*. Available at: <https://www.himalmag.com/movement-against-rampal-power-plant-bangladesh-sundarban-sheikh-hasina-awami-league/>

Roy, A, Murshid, N. and Sanyal, A. "The Making (and Unmaking) of the Shahbag movement". *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* (under review)

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, Scholarships and Honours

- **Rezaur Rahman Scholarship** recipient, London School of Economics, 2023
- **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, **Rhodes Global Scholarship** 2019 and 2020
- Finalist, **Chevening Scholarship** 2023
- Howard University College of Arts and Sciences **Honours Program**
- Howard University **Pi Sigma Alpha** (Political Science Honors Society)
- Howard University College of Arts and Sciences **Dean's Honour Roll** (2015-16).
- **Secretary** of the Abram Harris Economics Society at Howard University.
- Member of the American Political Science Association.
- **Howard University Legacy Scholarship** (full-tuition) Program
- National Merit Scholarship (Primary, Junior and Secondary), Bangladesh.

Professional Experience

Communications Specialist (March 2023-August 2023)

BRAC

- Wrote blogposts on various development-related topics and edited blogs written by others.
- Went on field visits to various parts of Bangladesh to collect stories on BRAC's initiatives.
- Worked on copywriting, proofreading and editing reports, thought leadership pieces and other contents.
- Wrote social media posts and captions for BRAC's leadership & social media channels (FB, X, LI)

Editorial Assistant (Nov 2022-Feb 2023)

The Daily Star

- Managing the opinion section's online presence through the main paper's page and a separate FB page.
- Writing editorial pieces on various current topics and editing/proofreading editorial pieces.
- Editing and proofreading op-ed submissions by various writers and suggesting headlines.
- Writing a weekly column on various topics including politics, economics and development issues.

Consultant (Dec 2021- September 2022)

Amnesty International

- Carrying out focus group discussions and building a people-powered movement around the country
- Coordinating nationwide campaign for reform of the Digital Security Act
- Maintaining coordination with an international team and preparing documentation for the work done.
- Organising events such as protests, art exhibitions, a debate tournament, and a poetry exhibition.

Freelance Columnist/Journalist/Video Essayist (Jan 2016-Present)

Himal Southasian, Prothom Alo, The Daily Star, Dhaka Tribune

- Regularly writing on current political events, local and global
- Covering international politics and Bangladesh affairs, often as the sole contributor on the topic

Research Consultant (Mar 2020-Aug 2022)

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

Fiscal Policy Intern (Jun 2018 - Aug 2018)

The Peter G. Peterson Foundation

- Worked with the American Action Forum's Director of Fiscal Policy as a research assistant.
- Studied the Multi-employer pension protection plan of the Pension Benefits Guarantee Corporation.

Democracy Fellow (May 2018 - Aug 2018)

Center for Responsive Politics-OpenSecrets

- Worked on a democracy fellowship funded by The Foundation for Civic Leadership
- Tracked politicians and lobbyists as they revolved in government agencies and lobby organizations.

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 Assistant for Thomas Leavitt/ Joonseok Yang (Aug 2017 - May 2018)

Columbia University | SIPA, New York

- Interrogated economic voting in the context of corporate HQ relocation.
- Worked on a research project on voting patterns in the South African Hansards.

Research Assistant for Dr. Rahul Sagar (Aug 2017 - Dec 2017)

New York University (Abu Dhabi)

- Worked on a project on how India's political elite have thought about war and peace.
- Conducted archival research in the Library of India & recorded relevant titles.
- Maintained teamwork with an international research team.

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.

English Op-eds/Longform Essays

- “The fishbones of Bangladeshi Capitalism” *The Daily Star*. February 7, 2024. Available at: <https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/the-fishbones-bangladeshi-capitalism-3538186>
- “To Women Who ‘must’ do it all” *The Daily Star*. March 9, 2023. Available at: <https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/views/news/women-who-must-do-it-all-3266176>
- “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/>

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>
- “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>

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://tinyurl.com/yb3c5y3p>
- “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-186885>