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## Education

**University of Oxford**, DPhil Candidate, *Sociology*, 2024-2027 (projected to submit before May 2027).

Thesis title: Students of the Street: The Making of Bangladesh's July Uprising 2024.

**London School of Economics**, MSc, *Political Sociology*, 2024.

Thesis title: Road to Revolution: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Bangladesh's Road Safety Movement 2018 as a Precursor to the July Uprising 2024 (Received distinction for the thesis)

**Howard University**, BA, Interdisciplinary Studies, 2019. *Department of Political Science*

Concentrations: International Affairs & Economics; CGPA: 3.72; Major GPA: 4.00.

Thesis title: Not All Springs End Winter: The Political Economy of Bangladesh's Shahbag Movement.

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

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

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

*Skills*: NVivo, R, Advanced quantitative methods, Advanced qualitative methods, Statistics, Ethnography.

## Teaching Experience

Sep 2026-Present

### PPE Tutor

*University of Oxford, Oxford, UK*

- Tutor students at Lady Margaret Hall, Exeter College, Hertford College and Balliol College.
- Courses tutored: political sociology, sociological theory, theory of politics, comparative political economy and international relations.

Jan 2026-Aug 2026

### Senior Lecturer

*North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh*

- Taught Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to History, Politics and Philosophy to undergraduate and graduate students.
- Designed curricula and assessments, graded assignments and exams and advised students.

June 2026-July 2026

### Instructor of World History and Philosophy

*Oxford Scholastica Academy, Oxford, UK*

- Taught an advanced seminar in world history and philosophy to a group of high-achieving high school students bound for university.
- Designed curriculum, gave tests and assessed student work to track and monitor advancement.

### Peer-Reviewed Research Papers

- Roy, A. (2026). Road to Revolution: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Bangladesh's Road Safety Movement 2018 as a Precursor to the July Uprising 2024. *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*, 28(1), 5-29.  
<https://doi.org/10.1163/27715086-20260018>
- Roy, A., Debnath, A., & Islam, S. (2026). The Political Chimera: Was Bangladesh's Sheikh Hasina Regime Fascist, Authoritarian, Populist or a Mix of all Three? *ICL Journal*. [doi.org/10.1515/icl-2025-0060](https://doi.org/10.1515/icl-2025-0060)
- Roy, A. (2025). What Felani's Image Showed and What is Obscured. *New Sociological Perspectives*. Available at: <https://nsp.lse.ac.uk/articles/228>
- Roy, A. (2018). Shahbag Stolen? Third Force Dynamics and Electoral Politics in Bangladesh. *South Asia Research*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0262728018791698>
- 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>

### Academic Books and Book Chapters

- Roy, A. (in preparation) *Students of the Street: Contemporary Youth Mobilisation and Contentious Politics in Bangladesh*. Oxford University Press (Passed editorial review. Letter of intent to publish issued)
- 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. (2026). *Seeds of Revolt: The Journey to Bangladesh's July Uprising*. Gripper Mark/Oitijhya. (Published in English and Bangla)
- Roy, A. (Forthcoming). *Revolutionary Situation, Reformist Outcome* in Fahim Abrar Abid and Dr Mohammad Towhidul Islam Eds. *Bangladesh, International Law and Security in post-July 2024*. Springer.

### Book Review and Public Scholarship

- Roy, A. & Singh, R. (2025). The overlapping factors behind Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka's uprisings. *Himal Southasian*. October 1, 2025. Available at: <https://www.himalmag.com/nepal-bangladesh-srilanka-genz-protest-economics>
- Roy, A. (2025) My "Namasudra Brahmin" family's quest for caste dignity in Bangladesh. *Himal Southasian*. August 1, 2025. Available at: <https://www.himalmag.com/caste-bangladesh-bengal-namasudra-brahmin-dalit/>
- Roy, A. (2025). The Unlit Flame: Why Abrar Fahad's Killing Failed to Ignite a Revolution Like the July Uprising in Bangladesh. Working paper. Economic and Political History Review. Available at: <https://ephr.in/2025/08/15/the-unlit-flame-why-abrar-fahads-killing-failed-to-ignite-a-revolution-like-the-july-uprising-in-bangladesh/>
- 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. 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/>

### Working Papers

- Roy, A. Homo Sacrosanctus: Victim Identity, Moral Outrage, and the Limits of State Sovereignty in Bangladesh's July Uprising. Submitted to *Social Movement Studies*.
- Roy, A & Siddiqui MSB. When a Movement Becomes an Uprising: A Catalytic Moral Shock and the Phase Transition of Bangladesh's July Uprising. Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.06264>

## Research Engagements

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| August 2026-Present        | <b>Researcher/Co-author</b><br><i>Oxford OPEN Political Economy Analysis</i><br>Co-authoring a paper on Bangladesh's public education reform with Professor Naomi Hossain (SOAS). Working with an expert team on political economy at Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government.                          |
| November 2026-January 2027 | <b>Incoming Research Assistant</b><br><i>Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford</i><br>Working for Dr Sanne van Oosten on employment discrimination with immigrants, people of colour, and people with learning differences and disabilities in the British job market. |
| June 2026-August 2026      | <b>Country expert/Reviewer on Bangladesh</b><br><i>Independent Advisory Group on Country Information (IAGCI)</i><br>Reviewer of Country Origin Information produced by the <b>UK Home Office</b> by the invitation of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration                        |
| July 2025-October 2025     | <b>Research Assistant</b><br><i>The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)</i><br>Worked for Dr Xavier Jaravel of the Economics Department of LSE on assessing whether AI-led qualitative interviews are of comparable quality to human-led interviews.                                 |
| March 2020-August 2026     | <b>Research Consultant</b><br><i>Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Dhaka, Bangladesh</i><br>Assisted in policy and legal research with the core research team at BLAST. Drafted, edited and translated press releases and other communication materials                                  |
| January 2018-May 2019      | <b>Student Fellow</b><br><i>Georgetown University India Initiative</i><br>Worked with Dr Irfan Nooruddin on projects regarding technology use in Indian agriculture and the common media market                                                                                                         |
| August 2017- June 2018     | <b>Research Assistant</b><br><i>Columbia University</i><br>Worked on two research projects with two doctoral candidates: one Project on South African parliamentary voting patterns and another project on corporate HQ relocation out of USA.                                                          |
| August 2017-Nov 2017       | <b>Research Assistant</b><br><i>University of Oxford/NYU-Abu Dhabi</i><br>Worked for Dr Rahul Sagar on a project on the History of Diplomatic Thought in Ancient India.                                                                                                                                 |

## Conferences, Events & Journal Reviews

- Presenter at IPB conference on Protests and Social Movements at the University of Bremen, 2025
- Speaker and Organiser, "Bangladesh's Monsoon Revolution: Hopes and Fear", Oxford, 2025.
- Presenter at Alternative Futures and Popular Protest conference, University of Manchester, 2025.
- Presenter at "Frontiers Before Border" conference at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 2025.
- Plenary speaker at LSE Contentious Politics Workshop, London School of Economics, 2025.
- Panellist at Ethnographies of Empire Faculty Research Cluster, American University, 2025.
- Keynote Speaker at Chittagong University Law Department Seminar
- Reviewer of the *Democratization* journal and *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*.
- 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.

### **Research Awards, Scholarships and Honours**

- Rezaur Rahman Scholarship recipient, London School of Economics, 2023
- Finalist, Rhodes Global Scholarship 2019 and 2020; Finalist, Chevening Scholarship 2023
- Student Travel and Research Grant recipient, St Antony's College, Oxford, 2025
- 3 times Departmental Research Support Fund recipient, Department of Sociology, Oxford, 2025
- 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
- Howard University College of Arts and Sciences Honours Program
- Howard University College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Honour Roll (2015-16).
- Howard University Legacy Scholarship (full-tuition) Programme

### **Courses designed and Taught**

Sociological Theory; Tutorial, Balliol College, Oxford (to Katherine Ameku, a Rhodes Scholar)

Political Sociology; Tutorial, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

Theory of Politics, Tutorial, Lady Margaret Hall and Hertford College, Oxford

Comparative Political Economy; Tutorial, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

International Relations; Tutorial, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

Introduction to Sociology; Undergraduate course, North South University, Dhaka

Introduction to Political Science; Undergraduate course, North South University, Dhaka

Introduction to History: Undergraduate course, North South University, Dhaka

Introduction to Philosophy: Undergraduate course, North South University, Dhaka

World History and Philosophy: Online course for university-bound students, Oxford Scholastica Academy.

### **References**

**Name:** Dr. Michael Biggs

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**Relationship:** Research advisor