THE SUBIR & MALINI CHOWDHURY CENTER FOR BANGLADESH STUDIES

ANNUAL SPENDING REPORT 2020-21



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY



SELECT EVENTS: 2020 - 2021

September 3, 2020 Mushfiq Mobarak | Migration and the Labor Market Impacts of COVID-19 In Bangladesh and Nepal





October 1, 2020

The Chowdhury Center Distinguished Lecture Naila Kabeer I Contested Narratives about National Identity: Gender, State and Community

November 11, 2020 Rights of Rivers, Rights of Nature I On the 'Rights of Rivers' verdict from the Bangladesh High Court

November 17, 2020

Jason Cons, Kasia Paprocki, Naveeda Khan I Climate Change in Bangladesh

November 17, 2020 Poulomi Saha I Women's Textile Work and Memories of Disaster in Bangladesh





November 19, 2020

Malabika Sarker | Implementation Research: A catalyst for bridging the knowledge gap between Discovery to Delivery

February 18, 2021 Naeem Mohaiemen + Yasufumi Nakamori I Crisis and Creativity: Artists Speak Series



March 11, 2021

Ayesha Mahmud I The dynamics of infectious diseases in Bangladesh

CELEBRATING BANGLADESH

- March 1, 2021
 Foreign Policy Visions of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
 Celebrating the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation
- March 29, 2021
 Bangladesh at 50: Achievements and Challenges of Bangladesh's Economy
 With Fahmida Khatun, Mushfiq Mobarak, Hossain Zillur Rahman, Anu Muhammad
- April 29, 2021
 Bangladesh at 50: The Transformation of Culture
 With Habibul Khondker, Tausif Noor, Anis Rahman, Lotte
 Hoek, Seuty Sabur

SPOTLIGHTING COVID19 AND ITS IMPACT ON THE GARMENT INDUSTRY OF BANGLADESH

September 30, 2020 Covid-19 Experience: Garment Workers' Perspective from Bangladesh

With the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and the James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

- December 4, 2020
 The Garment Sector Unraveling in Bangladesh: Rethinking the Health, Safety, and Livelihoods of Workers
 During a Global Pandemic
 With the Center for Asian Health
 Research and Education, Stanford
 University
 - April 28, 2021 The Weakest Link in the Global Supply Chain: How the Pandemic is Affecting Bangladesh's Garment Workers

With the Institute for Human Rights and Business, UNDP Business and Human Rights in Asia (B+HR Asia), UNDP Bangladesh Country Office

March 14, 2021 Cathy Stevulak I Kantha In Bangladesh: From Hidden Corners to Public View

April 16, 2021

Nadine Shaanta Murshid, Saad Khan, Umama Zillur, Kabita Chakma | A Transnational Conversation on gender in Bangladesh

May 6, 2021

Nayanika Mookherjee | 'Traitors' of Justice and Graphic Ethnography: On the figure of the raped woman & 'warbabies' of the Bangladesh war of '71





May 14, 2021 Jhumpa Lahiri In conversation with Harsha Ram

NEW BANGLADESH NOTE: **Beyond the Crisis Narrative: Rohingya Statelessness & its** implications for Bangladesh

On February 7, 2020, the Chowdhury Center invited leading scholars, activists, and members of the community to Berkeley for a one day conference to disentangle the various myths and narratives around Rohingva identity and claims to Myanmar citizenship, to analyze the multilayered and often contradictory implications of living in the world's largest refugee camp, and to evaluate the possibilities for moving forward. This Bangladesh Note, titled Beyond the Crisis Narrative: Rohingya Statelessness and its implications for Bangladesh is a summary of the conference proceedings.

NEW: RESEARCH BRIEFS

The readymade garment industry employs millions of workers in Bangladesh and has contributed to the nation's development. The COVID19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the sector as malls and factories had to close and workers faced uncertain futures. The Chowdhury Center published two reports studying the effects of this impact.

THE WEAKEST LINK IN THE GLOBAL SUPPLY **CHAIN: HOW THE PANDEMIC IS AFFECTING BANGLADESH'S GARMENT WORKERS**

by Sanchita B Saxena (UC Berkeley), Nancy Reyes Mullins, (Independent Researcher) Salil Tripathi, (IHRB)



A report that evaluates global retailers' response to the pandemic and its effect on Bangladesh garment workers through in-depth interviews with major international brands, Bangladeshi suppliers, trade union representatives, and international civil society.

Produced in partnership with the Institute for Human Rights.

THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON THE LIVES OF WORKERS IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY

by

Atonu Rabbani (BRAC), Md Faizul Islam (BRAC), Sanchita B Saxena (UC Berkeley)



A report of a rapid survey with more than 1,000 garment workers to understand the impact of the pandemic on their livelihoods.

Produced in partnership with BRAC University's Centre for Entrepreneurship

Development and James P. Grant School of Public Health.





ADDITIONAL EVENTS

South

Notes

Fall 2020

Research

Asia

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Center for Bangladesh Studies

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UCBERKELEY CONFERENCE ON THE BOHINGYA BEYOND THE CRISIS NARRATIVE: ROHINGYA STATELESSNESS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR BANGLADESH

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Yoshika Crider

at the Institute for South Asia Studies University of California at Berkeley

EVENTS CONTD. SPOTLIGHTING RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Oct 16, 2020	Nov 10, 2020	February 1, 2021	February 2, 2021	February 3, 2021
Fakrul Alam	S. Bandyopadhyay	Sukanta Chaudhuri	R. Sivakumar	Mousumi Banerjee
Translating Tagore's Songs	Tagore: Through the Wars	Tagore as Big Data	Tagore's Self- discovery as an Artist	Tagore in My Mind
February 4, 2021 February 5, 2021		February 6, 2021		
Serajul I. Choudhury Subhasree Ghosh		Samik Bandyopadhyay, Partha Ghosh,		
Tagore on Nationalism	Rabindra Sangeet Performance	Bikash Sinha		
		Tagore and Science		
February 7, 2021		February 8, 2021	February 9, 2021	February 10, 2021
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Pranab Bardhan, Sudipta Kaviraj, Ashis		Arindam Chakrabarti	Someswar Bhowmik	Sahana Bajpaie
Nandy		Dying in Tagore's	Cinematic Turns in	Rabindra Sangeet Performance
Tagore & Nationalism		Poetry	Tagore's Works	Fenomance
February 11, 2021		February 12, 2021	February 13, 2021	
		Dak C Rabindramath		
Supriya Chaudhuri, Tanika Sarkar, Rusati		Tannistha Mukherjee	Imtiaz Ahmed	
Sen		Dak Ghar (The	Rabindra Sangeet	
Women in Tagore's Literature and Art		Post Office)	Performance	



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