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OVERVIEW

The year 2022 was a remarkable and prolific year for CES as will be evident from the next 30 or so pages. We organized symposia featuring startup leaders, featured regional directors of international development agencies in webinars, published policy papers and arranged roundtables on the dollar crisis that was ongoing, attended CPD's dialog on sustainability reporting as distinguished panelist, to say nothing of the 5 academic papers and 5 white papers we published. Moreover, we made significant inroads with our State Dept funded project. Under this Project, in 2022 alone, CES organized seventeen (17) workshops and seminars reaching over 15,000 people online and offline as we partnered with 5 of the country's top private and public universities to bring the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to the campuses of:

- Dhaka University
- North South University
- American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB)
- Independent University, Bangladesh
- BRAC University

We are also excited to announce that we have registered a 200% increase in our MOOC sign-ups! CES has also launched its first-ever Diversity Fellowship under this project and to take it a step further, launched a co-curricular club at ULAB called "Kaleidoscope" that aims to create spaces for young people within which they can inculcate knowledge and insights on diversity, tolerance, and pluralism.

We would also like to note that as of time of publication of this newsletter, we currently have 15 Scopus-indexed journal articles, which is a high number not just by Bangladesh standards, but regional and global. This was a year in which our multi-year efforts to increase our Scopus-indexed publications began to pay off, and we are very grateful to our leaders and stakeholders for their encouragement and support.

CES EVENTS

CES Symposium:

Title: “Secret Sauce”: Traits of Successful Start-up Leaders in Bangladesh

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2022

Guest: Prof. Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor of ULAB

Paper Presenter: Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB, and Seeam Shahid Noor, IBM, Strategy Consultant

Expert Panelists: Rudmeela Nawsheen, Founder, CEO, ConfigVR & ConfigRbot, MaksudulIslam, Director, Foodpanda, Sabrina Imam, EdTech Founder & CEO, Bitsy, and Sylvana Quader Sinha, Founder, Chair, & CEO, Praava Health



The Symposium was broadcasted live on the Dhaka Tribune Facebook Page on Sunday, April 24, at 7:30 pm. The event started with a presentation of a working paper by CES. The event also featured a panel discussion between experts who have founded or have been CXO's at successful startups.

CES Leadership Talk:

Title: Career Journey of a Development Practitioner

Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022

Moderator: Associate Professor Sajid Amit,

Director, CES, ULAB

Opening Remarks: Prof. Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor of ULAB

Guest Speaker: Mr. Anirban Bhowmik, Regional Director, Central, and East Africa, Swisscontact



Anirban Bhowmik, regional director, Central and East Africa for Swisscontact, was the guest speaker of the discussion while Professor Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor of ULAB delivered the opening speech of the program and Associate Professor Sajid Amit, director of CES, moderated the event.

The discussion focused on the International Development sector and career opportunities for young professionals. Mr. Anirban Bhowmik also talked about his career journey to being a Development Practitioner and also gave tips and suggestions on how others can also follow in his footsteps if they want.

The guest speaker Mr. Anirban Bhowmik is the Regional Director, Central, and East Africa for Swisscontact. He is leading Swisscontact’s journey in the region to be a resilient organization. Before relocating to East Africa, he was the Country Director for Swisscontact Bangladesh. Anirban designed and managed a large-scale private sector development programme for UK Aid in Bangladesh. As an international development expert, Anirban worked in the south and southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, and South America.

SYMPOSIUM
Mitigating the Dollar Crisis:
 Policy Recommendations for the Near and Long Term

PROF. IMRAN RAHMAN
 Opening Remarks
 Vice Chancellor,
 ULAB

SAJID AMIT
 Presenter & Moderator
 Director, Center for
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SAYMA RAHMAN
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 Founder and CEO, SR
 Ventures & Consultancy

MD. NAFEEZ AL TARIK, CFA, FRM
 Expert Panelist
 Managing Director at
 Dhaka Bank
 Securities Limited

SABINA IMAM
 Expert Panelist
 EdTech Founder & CEO,
 Bitsy Toys,
 Director, Praava Health

ASIF KHAN, CFA
 Expert Panelist
 Managing Partner,
 EDGE Research &
 Consulting Limited

Sept 25, 2022
 5:00-6:15 pm

Dhaka Tribune **LIVE**

CES Symposium

Title: Mitigating the Dollar Crisis: Policy Recommendations for the Near and Long Term

Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022

Opening Remarks: Prof. Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor of ULAB

Moderator: Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB

Paper Presenter: Orpita Oysharja CES, ULAB, and Research Associate, Tawhid A. Chowdhury CES

Expert Panelists: Asif Khan, CFA Managing Partner, EDGE Research & Consulting Limited, Sayma Rahman

Founder and CEO, SR Ventures & Consultancy, Md. Nafeez Al Tarik, CFA, FRM, Managing Director at Dhaka Bank Securities Limited, & Sabrina Imam EdTech Founder & CEO, Bitsy Toys, Director, Praava Health

The Symposium was broadcast live on the Dhaka Tribune Facebook Page on Sunday, Sept 25, at 7:30 pm. The event started with a presentation of a working paper by CES. The event also featured a panel discussion between experts. It was a brilliant discussion on the current dollar crisis in Bangladesh and some near and long-term recommendations on how to steer away from future crises.

CES PROJECT EVENTS

Panel Discussion

Title: Massive Open Online Courses: Perspectives from India and Bangladesh

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Moderator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

Guests: Prof. Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor of ULAB, Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB, Simi Mehta, CEO, and Editorial Director, Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI), Fahmida Rahman, Lecturer, Program Coordinator, School of General Education, Brac University

On February 23 ULAB CES hosted a panel discussion titled "Massive Open Online Courses: Perspectives from India and Bangladesh" where the panelists discussed the current state of the MOOC market as well as their perceptions of the future of the MOOC market in India and Bangladesh.



They further discussed the challenges of the current market and how to overcome the challenges. As the MOOC market is promising in Bangladesh, panelists suggested various positive aspects of the market such as MOOC providers can create courses that enhance employability and how universities and the Ed-Tech market can work together for the development of MOOC.

Title: Faculty Ambassador Orientation

Date: Friday, February 25, 2022

Moderator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

Guests: Professor Sajid Amit, Director, ULAB EMBA Program, Ms. Fahmida Rahman of BRAC University, Assistant Professor and Chairperson Tawhida Jahan from University of Dhaka, Assistant Professor Mehedi Azad Shawon from AIUB, Mr. Samuel Mursalin from NSU, and Md. Abu Sayed of IUB.



CES launched a Faculty Ambassadorship program for our project on diversity and inclusion at various top-notch universities in Bangladesh. The universities included University of Dhaka, North South University (NSU), BRAC University, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), Brac University, and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). Ms. Fahmida Rahman of BRAC University was the Lead Faculty Ambassador of the project.

The event took place at the ULAB Research Building, on February 25, where after the discussion they all had lunch together to get acquainted to each other as they were going to work together.

Community Building Event at ULAB 1

Title: Creating Sustainable Social Change through Diversity and Tolerance

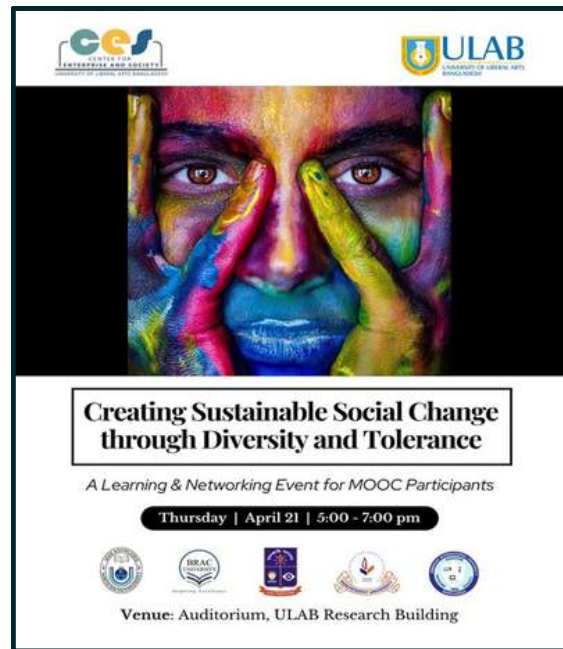
Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022

Facilitator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

Guests: Professor Shamsad Mortuza, Ph.D., Pro-Vice Chancellor, ULAB, Professor Sumon Rahman of ULAB and Assistant Professor and Chairperson Tawhida Jahan from University of Dhaka

To deepen the learning of MOOC graduates through interaction and help them build a community to continue the dialogue on diversity and tolerance, CES organized a Community Building Event on April 21 for

BRUP in the ULAB Auditorium. The event was titled “Creating Sustainable Social Change through Diversity and Tolerance”. We got a total of 90 students from ULAB and its 5 partner universities. The event was kicked off by Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB, and an overview of the project.



To orientate the students with knowledge on diversity, Professor Din M. Sumon Rahman, PhD spoke on “Building a Sustainable Information Ecosystem”, and Assistant Professor Tawhida Jahan, University of Dhaka, gave a talk on “Disability and Inclusion”.

MOOC Workshop 1 at NSU

Title: Ethical Governance in Public Life

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2022

Chief Guest Speakers: Ahsan Adelur Rahman, MP.

Keynote Speakers: Dr. M. Emdadul Haq, the NSU Chair, Department of History and Philosophy, and Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB



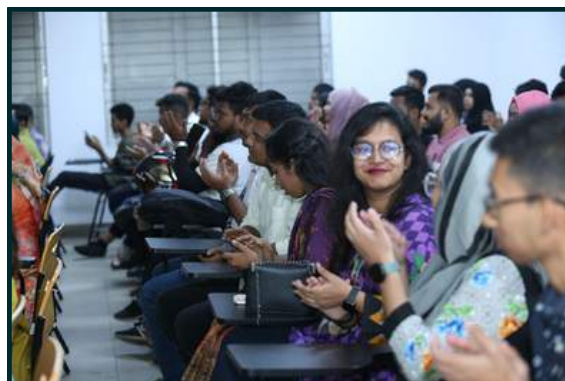
On April 24, NSU organized a MOOC workshop for BRUP titled “Ethical Governance in Public Life” in collaboration with CES, ULAB. This seminar was a part of the CES Project that is currently in its fifth phase. A total of 105 students and 10 faculty members attended the event. The Chief Guest was Ahsan Adelur Rahman, a member of the parliament, and the Keynote Speaker was Dr. M. Emdadul Haq, Professor and Chair, Department of History and Philosophy.

MOOC Workshop 2 at the Independent University, Bangladesh

Title: Diversity, Tolerance, and Pluralism for Engineering Students

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Speakers: Ms. Fahmida Rahman of BRAC University was the Lead Faculty Ambassador, Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB



In collaboration with CES, ULAB, on May 26, a MOOC workshop titled “Diversity, Tolerance, and Pluralism for Engineering Students” was conducted by Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) as a part of the fifth phase of BRUP.

The Lead Faculty Ambassador (who was from BRAC University) conducted an interactive session using the tool ‘Mentimeter’. Subsequently, the project manager encouraged the participants to reflect on the causes that impeded diversity and tolerance in our lives. About 55 students attended this event.

MOOC Workshop 3 at BRAC University

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Moderator: Ms. Fahmida Rahman of BRAC University was the Lead Faculty Ambassador

Speakers: Mr. Afsan Chowdhury, who was a Bangladesh Liberation War Researcher, Columnist, and Journalist and Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

BRACU organized an online MOOC Workshop in collaboration with CES, ULAB on May 26. The participants learned about the history of a diversity-related course that was already part of the curriculum at BRACU. Mr. Afsan Chowdhury, who was a Bangladesh Liberation War Researcher, Columnist and Journalist, was brought in to share the story. The Faculty Ambassador provided a lot of encouragement to the students to sign up for the MOOC. The workshop took place online through zoom.



MOOC Workshop 4 at University of Dhaka

Title: Diversity, Tolerance, and Pluralism for students of Social Science

Date: Monday, May 30, 2022

Moderator: Assistant Professor Tawhida Jahan of DU

Speakers: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB and Ms. Fahmida Rahman of BRAC University

CES, ULAB in collaboration with University of Dhaka arranged a MOOC workshop for their students on May 30. This workshop was a part of BRUP Phase 5. Three MOOC graduates inspired the participants to sign up for the MOOC by sharing how they benefited from this MOOC.



The Lead Faculty Ambassador and the Project Manager engaged the students to dive deep into what diversity and inclusion meant, the types of bias they experienced, and ways to overcome them by learning about the topic. The Lead Faculty Ambassador also added value by sharing about the course.

MOOC Workshop 5 at American International University, Bangladesh

Title: Practice of Diversity and Tolerance in the Workplace

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Speakers: AIUB, Dr. A B M Siddique Hossain, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB and Ms. Fahmida Rahman of BRAC University

On May 31, the workshop on MOOC for BRUP at AIUB titled "Practice of Diversity & Tolerance in the Workplace" was kicked off by the Dean of Faculty of Engineering, AIUB, Dr. A B M Siddique Hossain. This workshop was organized in collaboration with CES, ULAB as a part of BRUP's fifth phase with the hopes to bring a more sustainable change in the society. First and foremost these should be our university students as they are our future leaders.



The Faculty Ambassador of AIUB shared how the university was already setting examples in promoting diversity through its architectural designs and recruitment practices. The Project Manager stimulated the students' thinking on this topic further by facilitating an interactive segment.

Community Building Event at ULAB 2

Title: CES Networking Event: Diversity and Tolerance in Bangladesh

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022

Guest Speakers: Ms. Tasaffy Hossain, Founder, Coordinator, Bonhishikha - Unlearn Gender, and Assistant Professor Abantee Harun, Faculty Member, General Education Department, ULAB



A Community Building Event for BRUP was organized at the ULAB Chancellery on June 16, to bring together the students from partner universities who signed up and completed the MOOC after attending the workshops at partner universities.

The event was titled "Diversity and Tolerance in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities". In this event, students learned through interactions with the experts and by sharing their real-life experiences regarding the challenges they have witnessed in diversity and tolerance.

A network was built among them to help them continue the conversation. As facilitators, we had Ms. Tasaffy Hossain, Founder, Coordinator, Bonhishikha - Unlearn Gender, and Assistant Professor Abantee Harun, Faculty Member, General Education Department, ULAB.



Diversity Fellowship Workshop 1 at American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB)

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022

Moderator: Assistant Professor Mehedi Azad Shawon from AIUB

Guest Speaker: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

The Diversity Fellowship workshop for the 5th phase of the Building Resilient Universities Project (BRUP) was organized by AIUB on July 21 and about 50 students attended. Most of these students were in the 4th year of their studies. The Faculty Ambassador of AIUB facilitated a segment to help the participants understand what diversity and tolerance meant and why they should work on these areas.



Community Building Event at NSU 3

Title: Diversity in the workplace: Why does it matter?

Moderator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

Speaker: Parvin S. Huda, President of the Association for Community Empowerment-ACE

At this event, Parvin S. Huda talked about the mental health of the students and its importance and how it is related to diversity and tolerance. Then the Project Manager, Imran Newaz Khurshid discussed the various things that a student can learn from the ULAB MOOC and how it can help the students to grow as human beings and also help society to thrive.

Diversity Fellowship Workshop 2 at Independent University, Bangladesh

Date: Thursday, August 4, 2022

Facilitator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

On August 4, 2022, the second ULAB diversity fellowship workshop took place at IUB in coordination with IUB Theater Club, where the Project Manager led a session of critical thinking and reflection on the issues that the students encountered in many facets of their lives (such as personal, academic, and social). This aroused the student's interest in bringing about social change in the areas of diversity and tolerance. The conversation then proceeded on to "Diversity Fellowship" and how students may apply for it. This workshop was attended by more than 53 students of IUB.



Diversity Fellowship Workshop 3 at BRACU

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Facilitator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB, spoke at the event on why students should apply for the Diversity Fellowship and how they may do so. He also motivated the students by explaining how they might help their community by participating in this fellowship.





Workshop for MOOC Students

Title: Diversity and Development

Date: Thursday, Oct 20, 2022

Facilitator: Assistant Professor Abantee Harun, Faculty Member, General Education Department, ULAB

Guest Speaker: Prof. Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor of ULAB, Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB

On October 20, CES hosted a session for alumni of the ULAB online course on Diversity and Tolerance. The goal is to assist students to have a better understanding of the challenges to tolerance and the link between a tolerant society and sustainable development.



The event is part of a larger project to create a network of changemakers in Bangladesh who would strive to promote diversity, tolerance, and pluralism. Assistant Professor Abantee Harun, Faculty Member, General Education Department, ULAB, participated as the facilitator. Professor Imran Rahman, our distinguished Vice Chancellor, delivered the opening remarks. Mr. Sajid Amit, Director of CES, was also present.

Diversity Fellowship Workshop 4 at Independent University, Bangladesh (Online)

Date: Monday, Sep 26, 2022

Facilitator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

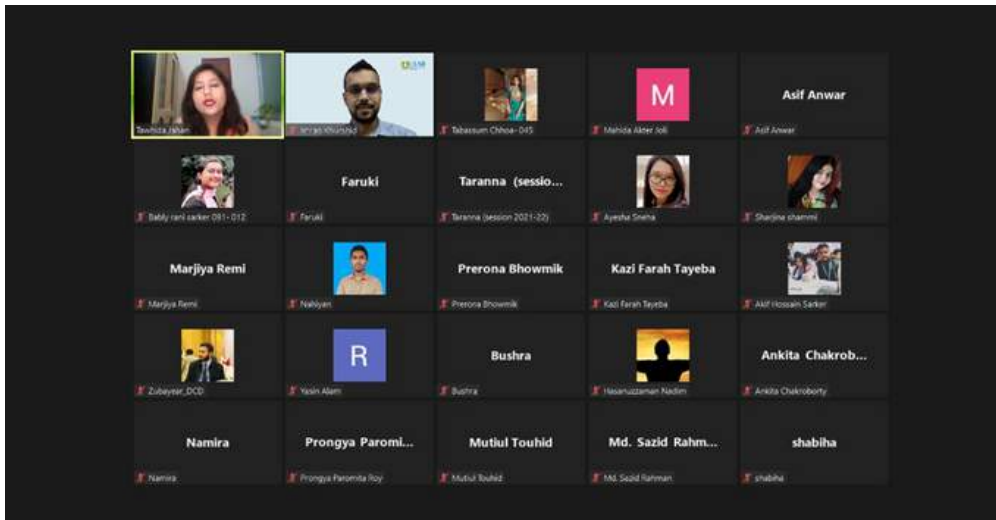
On September 26, 2022, ULAB conducted a diversity fellowship workshop at IUB. The project manager, Imran Newaz Khurshid, presented a presentation on the benefits of working on projects that have a long-term impact on people's perceptions of diversity and tolerance as well as the chance for the fellowship.

Diversity Fellowship Workshop 5 at University of Dhaka (Online)

Date: Wednesday, Nov 9, 2022

Moderator: Assistant Professor Tawhida Jahan of DU

Speakers: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB



On November 9, 2022, the Faculty Ambassador started the session by welcoming the participants. The Project Manager presented the fellowship opportunity along with the importance of doing projects for sustainable change in the mindsets of people regarding diversity and tolerance.

The Department of Communications Disorders organized this online session.

Diversity Fellowship Workshop 6 at North South University

Date: Saturday, Nov 26, 2022

Facilitator: Imran Newaz Khurshid, Project Manager, CES, ULAB

ULAB hosted a diversity fellowship workshop at NSU on November 26, 2022. Imran Newaz Khurshid, the project manager, gave a presentation about the fellowship opportunity and the value of working on initiatives that influence people's perspectives on diversity and tolerance over the long term.

The NSU Young Entrepreneurs Society (YES) arranged the event, which was attended by more than 30 students, under the supervision of the NSU Faculty Ambassador.



EVENTS ATTENDED

Title: GP Accelerator - Batch 7 Demo Day

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Venue: GP House

Attended by: Sajid Amit, Imran Newaz Khurshid and Rezwana Karim

CES team members attended a wonderful event at the GP House for the GP Accelerator Batch 7 Demo Day where 6 participating startups pitched their ventures to potential investors.

Eminent personalities from Bangladesh's startup scene, politicians, and reputable investors also attended the demo day. Mohsina Yasmin, Executive Member of BIDA, Md Altaf Hossain, Project Director of iDEA, and Yasir Azman, Chief Executive Officer of Grameenphone Ltd were among them.



Title: Sustainability Reporting by the Private Sector in Bangladesh: Expectations and Experience

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2022

Venue: Brac Centre Inn

Attended by: Sajid Amit and Rezwana Karim

On Saturday, October 29, the Center for Policy Dialog through its Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh and the United Nations Environment Program Poverty-Environment Action, hosted a national policy dialogue on "Sustainability Reporting by the Private Sector in Bangladesh: Expectations and Experience." Associate Professor Sajid Amit, Director, Center for Enterprise and Society (CES), attended as Distinguished Speaker. The Chief Guest was Mr. Saber Hossain MP, Bangladesh Awami League. Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, CPD, convened the event and the event also included a trigger presentation from Dr. Towfiq Islam, Senior Research Fellow, CPD.



Title: Inaugural Ceremony of the International Women Entrepreneurs' Summit 2022

Date: Wednesday, November 23, 2022

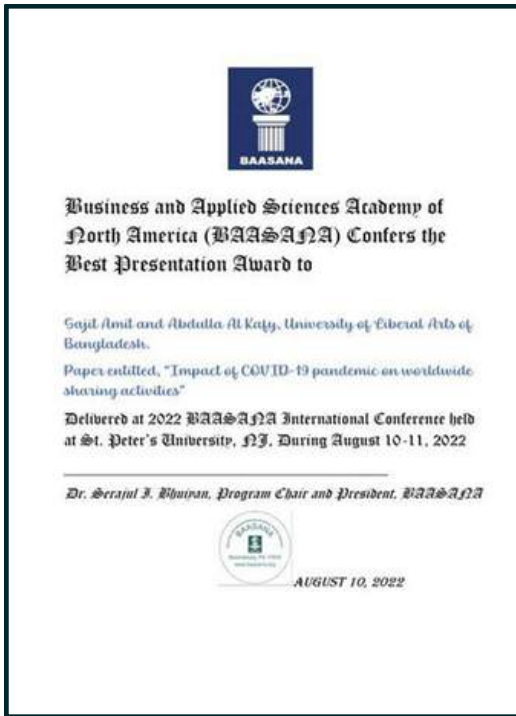
Venue: Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka

Attended by: Rezwana Karim

On Wednesday, November 23, 2022, on behalf of the Center for Enterprise and Society (CES), ULAB, Rezwana Karim, Coordinator, Projects and Communications, CES, ULAB attended the inaugural ceremony of the International Women Entrepreneurs' Summit 2022 at Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka where Jatiya



Sangsad Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury was invited as the chief guest. Bangladesh-India Business Council (BIBC) President Mantasha Ahmed chaired the event, while BIDA Executive Chairman Lokman Hossain Miah was present as the special guest.



In 2022, the Center for Enterprise and Society (CES), ULAB published a number of notable Scopus Indexed Journals on a wide range of issues relevant to startups, finance, and business, out of which 6 of them are Academic Papers, 4 are Book Chapters and 3 White Papers.

CES also won the best paper presentation award from the Business and Applied Sciences Academy of North America for presenting the paper titled “Impact of Covid-19 on Worldwide Sharing Activities” at BAASANA International Conference held at St. Peter’s University, NJ, during August 10-11, 2022.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

A systematic literature review on preventing violent extremism

Authors: Sajid Amit and Abdulla - Al Kafy

DOI: 10.1002/jad.12095

Published Date: Sep 23, 2022

On September 23, 2022, the academic paper titled ‘A systematic literature review on preventing violent extremism’ was published in a peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed Journal of Adolescence by CES Director Sajid Amit, and Publication Associate Abdulla Al Kafy.

The abstract of the paper states, “In recent years, violent extremism (VE) attacks have escalated worldwide. More schools and students are being attacked. Examining and addressing VE core causes through preventing VE (PVE) strategies can help avoid future atrocities.



Due to the tremendous proliferation of research geared toward PVE, an extensive but disorganized knowledge review has accumulated in recent years. The review aims to discover several common themes and strategies across different disciplines and suggests resilience approaches might be the effective framework for PVE worldwide.”

Mapping emerging massive open online course (MOOC) markets before and after COVID-19: A comparative perspective from Bangladesh and India

Authors: Sajid Amit, Rezwana Karim & Abdulla - Al Kafy

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41324-022-00463-4>

Published Date: July 13, 2022

On July 13, 2022, the academic paper titled ‘Mapping emerging massive open online course (MOOC) markets before and after COVID-19: A comparative perspective from Bangladesh and India’ was published in a peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed Spatial Information Research (Springer) by CES

Director Sajid Amit, Rezwana Karim, Coordinator, Projects and Communications, CES, ULAB, and Publication Associate Abdulla Al Kafy.

The abstract of the paper states, “Massive open online course (MOOC) is a relatively new concept in Bangladesh during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This study aims to develop a MOOC to promote a conceptual understanding of diversity, tolerance and pluralism. In addition, this study investigates the findings of MOOC exercises based on a comparative study of the MOOC markets in India and Bangladesh. Factors like education market background, current government and non-government market leaders and existing startups were considered for assessing the comparison.”



Re-opening the Bangladesh economy: search for a framework using a riskimportance space

Authors: Ahsan Senan, Md Oliur Rahman Tarek, Sajid Amit, Imran Rahman & Abdulla - Al Kafy

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41324-022-00450-9>

Published Date: May 17, 2022



'Re-opening the Bangladesh economy: search for a framework using a riskimportance space' was published by Ahsan Senan, Senior Lecturer of BRAC, Md Oliur Rahman Tarek, Research and Communications Associate, Sajid Amit, Director, CES, Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor, ULAB & Abdulla - Al Kafy,

Publication Associate in a peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed Spatial Information Research (Springer).

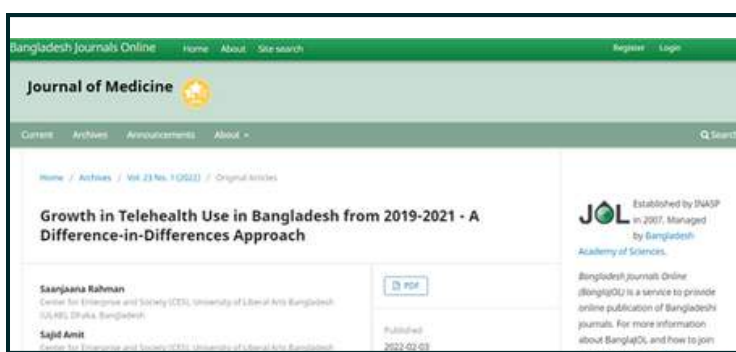
The abstract of the paper states, "The novel coronavirus has infected more than 50 million people worldwide. Countries that have been on lockdown for more than three months have partially started to reopen their economies, including Bangladesh. This study aims to assess the reopening policies in Bangladesh by mapping the economic sectors in a risk-importance space and using that to develop a phased reopening strategy. This study conducted 100 expert interviews to identify sectors critical to the reopening of the economy and sectors that carry high transmission risks of the disease."

Growth in Telehealth Use in Bangladesh from 2019-2021 - A Difference-in-Differences Approach

Authors: Saanjaana Rahman, Sajid Amit

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3329/jom.v23i1.57936>

Published Date: March 2, 2022



On March 2, Saanjaana Rahman, Researcher and Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB, published an academic paper titled 'Growth in Telehealth Use in Bangladesh from 2019-2021 - A Difference-in-Differences Approach' in the **Journal of Medicine**.

The abstract of the paper states, "To examine the change in telehealth use growth during the COVID-19 pandemic with non-elderly patients in Bangladesh."

A content-based analysis to identify the influence of COVID-19 on sharing economy activities

Authors: Sajid Amit, Abdulla - Al Kafy

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41324-022-00433-w>

Published Date: February 3, 2022



Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB and Abdulla - Al Kafy, Publication Associate, together published an academic paper titled 'A content-based analysis to identify the influence of COVID-19 on sharing economy activities' on **Spatial Information Research (Springer)**, a peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed Journal.

The abstract of the paper states, "Activities related to Sharing economy (SE) are in a vulnerable position globally due to the COVID-19 pandemic. SE businesses related to the transport and accommodation sectors are considered riskier than others, and the pandemic has only increased concerns. As such, assessing the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the SE is crucial. This study aims to identify the influence of COVID-19 on SE activities. Journal and news articles, blog posts, YouTube videos, and printed and televised news have been considered as data sources for this study."

Impact of COVID-19 and telehealth on mental health in Bangladesh: a propensity score matching approach

Authors: Saanjaana Rahman, Sajid Amit & Abdulla - Al Kafy

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41324-022-00434-9>

Published Date: February 15, 2022

'Impact of COVID-19 and telehealth on mental health in Bangladesh: a propensity score matching approach' titles academic paper was published by Saanjaana Rahman, Researcher, Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB and Abdulla - Al Kafy, Publication Associate on Spatial Information Research (Springer) a peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed Journal on February 15, 2022.



The abstract of the paper states, "COVID-19 have deteriorated mental health conditions in Bangladesh. The study aims to examine the impact of COVID-19 on mental health conditions through the propensity score matching method and establish the relationship between telehealth usage on mental health improvement during the COVID-19

pandemic. Nearest neighbor matching approach has been used to match treatment unit to nearest comparison unit and achieved balance between treatment and control groups on observable traits. A cross-sectional study on 89 participants was conducted from April to June 2020."

BOOK CHAPTERS

Systemic barriers to financial inclusion in the banking sector of Bangladesh

Authors: Sajid Amit, Abdulla-Al Kafy, Lumbini Barua

Published in: Business and Management in Asia: Digital Innovation and Sustainability

Publisher: Springer Nature Singapore

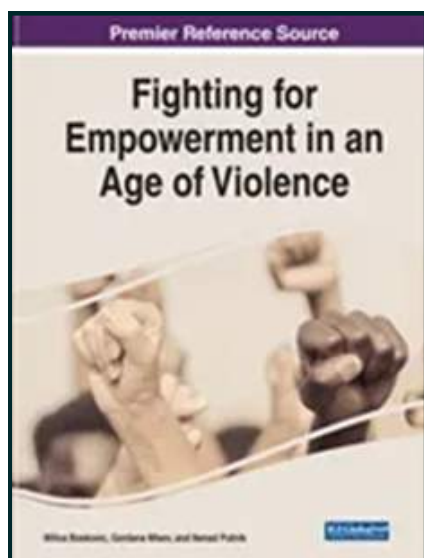
DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-19-6418-3_8

Published Date: November 18, 2022

CES Director Sajid Amit, Research Associate Lumbini Barua, and Publication Associate Abdulla Al Kafy published the book chapter titled

'Systemic barriers to financial inclusion in the banking sector of Bangladesh' in Springer, a peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed Journal.





Mapping Successful Countering Violent Extremism Strategies for Implementation in Bangladesh

Authors: Sajid Amit, Abdulla-Al Kafy & Lumbini Barua

Published in: Fighting for Empowerment in an Age of Violence

Publisher: IGI Global

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-6684-4964-6.ch004>

Published Date: June 15, 2022

On June 15, CES Director Sajid Amit, Research Associate Lumbini Barua, and Publication Associate Abdulla Al Kafy published the book chapter titled 'Systemic barriers to financial inclusion in the banking sector of Bangladesh' on IGI Global Publications.

The chapter is about Bangladesh, which is already plagued by the scourge of violent extremism (VE) and has become especially prone to radicalization via the internet, with one of the world's largest teenage populations using the internet and social media. Countering violent extremism (CVE) practitioners regularly say that extremists are increasingly relying on technology breakthroughs to recruit gullible teenagers to their cause, a trend they feel is escalating.

Sharing Economy: Conceptualization, Motivators and Barriers, and Avenues for Research in Bangladesh

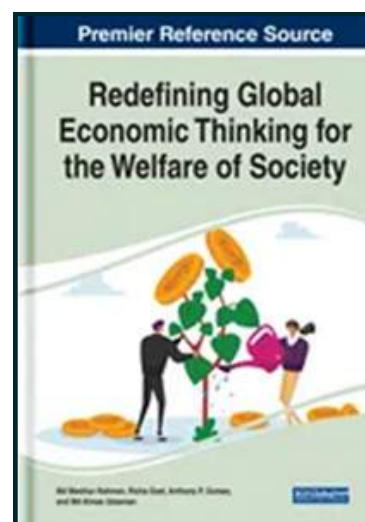
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Md. Oliur Rahman Tarek, Research and Communications Associate, Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB and Abdulla - Al Kafy, Publication Associate published a book chapter titled 'Sharing Economy: Conceptualization, Motivators and Barriers, and Avenues for Research in Bangladesh' on IGI Global on January 30.

The chapter is about Uber, Lyft, and Airbnb are 3 well-known global sharing-based businesses that have grown into behemoths in terms of value, revenue, and user base.

Implications of Female Farmer Knowledge and Participation in Bangladesh: Entrepreneurial Propensity and Income Enhancement

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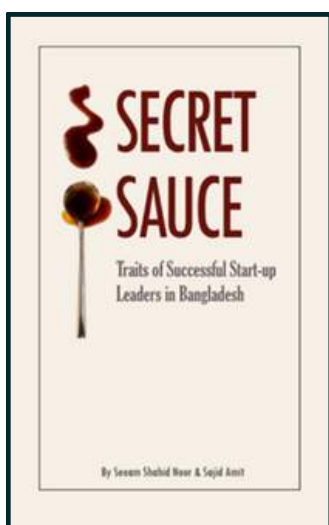
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On January 1, Saanjaana Rahman, Researcher and Sajid Amit, Director, CES, ULAB, published their book chapter titled 'Implications of Female Farmer Knowledge and Participation in Bangladesh: Entrepreneurial Propensity and Income' in the Journal of Agriculture and Crops.



The chapter proposes that female farmers who take part in the local knowledge training have an advantage over non-participants when it comes to growing maize.

WHITE PAPERS



“Secret Sauce”: Traits of Successful Startup Leaders in Bangladesh

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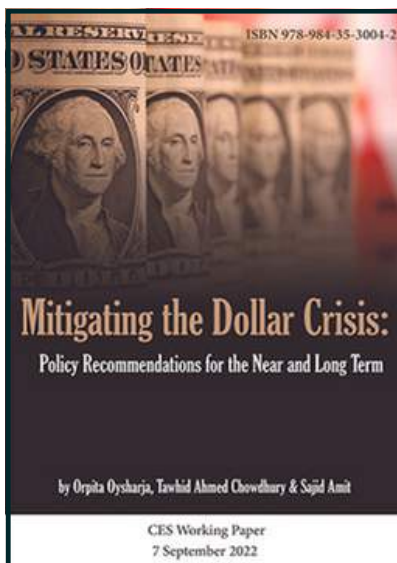
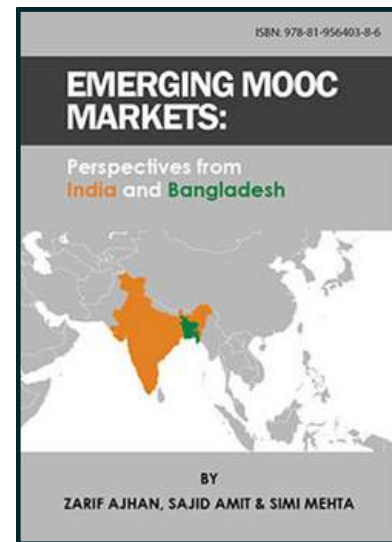
The goal of this white paper is to explore what leadership at successful startups in Bangladesh has in common. Global academic literature, as well as findings from our expert interviews, indicate that the leadership ability of startup leaders is critical to the success of the startup. In fact, startup leadership could well be considered a valid area of research on its own, among scholars of business and entrepreneurship.

Emerging Mooc Markets: Perspectives from India and Bangladesh

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Under the project “Building Resilient Universities,” CES has developed a MOOC on Promotion of Diversity, Tolerance, and Pluralism. The MOOC market is fast-growing in

Bangladesh and already quite large in India. This report looks at the MOOC market in Bangladesh and India in consultation with experts in both countries.



Mitigating the Dollar Crisis: Policy Recommendations for the Near and Long Term

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Over the last few months, the dollar price in Bangladesh has grabbed headlines and generated great discussion. Not unrelated to this, the country is also experiencing an energy crisis due to rising fuel prices and power shortages. A combined effect of the dollar and

fuel crises has led to high rates of inflation and fast depletion of forex reserves. The Government of Bangladesh has already adopted multiple measures to control the dollar price and supplement the forex reserves which includes seeking loans from the IMF, World Bank, and ADB. While many are worried that Bangladesh is headed in the same direction as Sri Lanka and Pakistan, we do not think that the Bangladeshi case is nearly as precarious. The Bangladesh economy is deeper, more complex, and more resilient. This paper provides a thorough analysis of the current situation as well as near and long-term recommendations on how to steer away from future crises.

FORTHCOMING

- In 2023 CES is going to organize an event titled 'ULAB Diversity Fellowship DEMO DAY' where 7 selected Fellowship candidates are going to present their project in front of a Jury Board after which the final 5 diversity fellows are going to be selected and announced.
- India-Bangladesh bilateral exchange is going to take place in 2023. On behalf of CES, Associate Professor Sudeep Chakravarti is going to India to take part in a workshop as a guest lecturer that is going to be organized at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi. 2 Indian guests are also going to visit Bangladesh to attend a workshop as guest lecturers, one of them is Prof. Saugata Bhaduri, a Professor at JNU and Ms. Ghazala Wahab, an Author and Journalist, as a part of this exchange program.
- CES is also going to organize an event titled 'Meet the CEO by ULAB-CES' with Shahir Chowdhury, CEO and Co-Founder of Shikho.

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