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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENOCIDE AND MASS VIOLENCE: THEORIES, TRAUMAS, TRIALS AND TESTIMONIES

March 24-26, 2016

Special Conference Room, Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka

Organized by:

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## PROGRAMME

Thursday, March 24, 2016

### Inaugural Session

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| 10.00 am to 10.10 am | Welcome and opening remarks by <b>Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed</b><br>Professor, Department of International Relations &<br>Director, Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka |
| 10.10 am to 10.35 am | Keynote Address by <b>Dr. Kamal Hossain</b><br>Former Minister of Law (1972-73) & Lawyer   |
| 10.35 am to 10.45 am | Speech by Chief Guest <b>Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor</b><br>Honorable Minister of Cultural Affairs, People's Republic of Bangladesh   |
| 10.45 am to 10.55 am | Remarks by Chairperson <b>Professor Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique</b><br>Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka   |
| 10.55 am to 11.00 am | Vote of thanks by <b>Professor Dr. Delwar Hossain</b><br>Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka  |
| 11.00 am to 11.15 am | REFRESHMENT  |

### Plenary Session on Theories of Genocide and Mass Violence

#### Chairperson:

**Advocate Sultana Kamal**, Executive Director, Ain-O-Shalish Kendro

#### Designated Discussants:

**Professor Ehsanul Haque**, Chair, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

**Dr. Ayesha Banu**, Associate Professor, Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka

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| 11.15 am to 11.35 am | <b>Dr. Bina D'Costa</b> , Senior Research Fellow and Director of Studies, Department of International Relations, Australian National University<br><i>Rethinking Genocide Theories: Emotions and the Logics of Mass Violence</i> |
| 11.35 am to 11.55 am | <b>Saima Ahmed</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka<br><i>The Limits of Transitional Justice: The Bangladesh Context</i>  |

11.55 am to 12.15 pm	<b>Salma Sonia</b> , Research Associate, Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka <i>Genocide and War Crime: Violation of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law in 1971</i>
12:15 pm to 12:35 pm	<b>Designated Discussants</b>
12.35 pm to 12:55 pm	<b>Open Discussion</b>
12:55 pm to 1:05 pm	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>
1.05 pm to 2.05 pm	LUNCH

### Plenary Session on Trials of Genocide and Mass Violence

#### Chairperson:

**Dr. Shamsul Bari**, Chair, Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB)

#### Designated Discussants:

**Shahriar Kabir**, Writer and Activist

**Mizanur Rahman Khan**, Joint Editor, the *Daily Prothom Alo*

2.05 pm to 2.30 pm	<b>Barrister Tureen Afroz</b> , Prosecutor, International Crime Tribunal, Bangladesh <i>Genocide on Trial: The Bangladeshi Experience</i>
2.30 pm to 2.55 pm	<b>Manjida Ahamed</b> , PhD Researcher, School of Law, Middlesex University, UK <i>Lack of Civilian Protection: Was It Military Necessity to Attack on Civilian Population during the Liberation War in Bangladesh 1971 or Violation of Fourth Geneva Convention?</i>
2.55 pm to 3.20 pm	<b>Niran Anketell</b> , Attorney at Law and Director, South Asian Centre for Legal Studies Colombo <i>Genocide as Crime and Genocide as Situation</i>
3.20 pm to 3:40 pm	<b>Designated Discussants</b>
3:40 pm to 3:55 pm	<b>Open Discussion</b>
3:55 pm to 4:10 pm	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>
4.10 pm to 4.30 pm	REFRESHMENT

Friday, March 25, 2016

### Plenary Session on Traumas of Genocide and Mass Violence

#### Chairperson:

**Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta**, Executive Director, Research Initiatives Bangladesh

#### Designated Discussant:

**Barrister Sara Hossain**, Lawyer, Bangladesh Supreme Court

**Dr. Shuchi Karim**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University

10.00 am to 10.25 am	<b>Professor Dr. Firdous Azim</b> , Chairperson, Department of English, BRAC University & Member, Naripokkho <i>Birangona or Muktijoddha: The Politics of Naming</i>
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10.25 am to 10.50 am	<b>Anushree Gupta</b> , Research Assistant, Bharat Law House, New Delhi, India <i>Genocidal Rape: A Prologue to Murder?</i>
10.50 am to 11.15 am	<b>Bojan Djokic</b> , Associate Historian, Museum of Genocide Victims, Belgrade, Serbia <i>The Banjica Concentration Camp in Occupied Serbia: The Question of Numbers of the Jews and Non-Jewish Jews Who Perished</i>
11.15 am to 11.40 am	<b>Tanbir Uddin Arman</b> , Sub-editor (trainee), The Daily Star & <b>Md. Saifullah Akon</b> , Research Assistant, Micro Governance Research Initiative <i>Genocide and Sexual Violence in Darfur: Mapping the Nexus</i>
11.40 am to 12.00 pm	<b>Designated Discussants</b>
12:00 pm to 12:15 pm	<b>Open Discussion</b>
12:15 pm to 12:30	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>
12.30 pm to 01.30 pm	LUNCH

### Plenary Session on Testimonies of Genocide and Mass Violence

#### Chairperson:

**Dr. Muntasir Mamoon**, Professor, Department of History, University of Dhaka

#### Designated Discussants:

**Dr. Delwar Hossain**, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

**Anol Rayhan**, Film Maker

1.30 pm to 1.55 pm	<b>Dr. Amena Mohsin</b> , Professor, Dept. of International Relations, University of Dhaka <i>The Other Side of the Fence: Stranded Bengalis in Pakistan</i>
1.55 pm to 2.20 pm	<b>Dr. Zakir Hossain Raju</b> , Professor, Department of Media and Communication, Independent University, Bangladesh <i>Nation on Air: Bangladesh Liberation War and the 'Swadhin Bangla Betar'.</i>
2.20 pm to 2.45 pm	<b>Md. Ziaul Hoque</b> , Writer and Researcher <i>মুক্তিযুদ্ধের চলচ্চিত্রে মানবতাবিরোধী অপরাধের উপস্থাপন</i>
2.45 pm to 3.10 pm	<b>Kazi Sameeo Sheesh</b> , Lecturer, Institute of Educational Development, BRAC University <i>Religious Conflict Sensitivity, Education System and Shahbag Gonojagoron Moncho Movement in Bangladesh: Exploring the Role of Academia</i>
3.10 pm to 3.35 pm	<b>Md. Pizuar Hossain</b> , Intern, International Crimes Tribunal, Bangladesh & Graduate Teaching Assistant, East-West University, Dhaka <i>Oral History and Testimonies: The ICT-BD Cases of Killing Intellectuals</i>
3.35 pm to 4:00 pm	<i>Designated Discussants</i>
4:00 pm to 4:15 pm	<i>Open Discussion</i>
4:15 pm to 4:35 pm	<i>Concluding Remarks</i>

4.35 pm to 5:00 pm      SESSION BREAK

**Concluding Session**

5:00 pm to 5:20 pm      Keynote Address by **Professor Rounaq Jahan**, Distinguished Fellow, Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD)

5:20 pm to 5:30 pm      Remarks by Chairperson **Professor Dr. Nasreen Ahmed**, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka

5:30 pm to 5:40 pm      Vote of Thanks by **Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed**, Professor of International Relations, & Director, Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka

5:40 pm to 6:00 pm      REFRESHMENT

**Saturday, March 26, 2016**

**Visit to the Genocidal sites by international scholars**

09.30 am to 04.30 pm      University of Dhaka Campus

Liberation War Museum  
5, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka -1000.

National Martyred Intellectuals Memorial  
Rayer Bazar, Mirpur