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EDUCATION

- 2023 Doctor of Philosophy, Australian National University
Thesis: *Does Government Turnover Matter? A Comparative Study of the Implementation of Peace Agreements in Democratic Countries*
- 2016 Master of Science in Governance and Development
University of Antwerp
- 2012 Master of Social Sciences in Peace and Conflict Studies
University of Dhaka
- 2011 Bachelor of Social Sciences in Peace and Conflict Studies with Honours
University of Dhaka

CERTIFICATE COURSES

- 2024 Introduction to Social Network Analysis
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis
- 2022 Certificate Course on Game Theory in Political Science
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis
- 2022 Certificate Course on Advanced Political Text Analysis
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis
- 2021 Certificate Course on Introduction to Political Text Analysis
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis
- 2020 Certificate Course on Longitudinal Data Analysis
Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Inc. (ACSPRI)
- 2009 Certificate Course on Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods
The University of Dhaka and the UN University for Peace

PRIZES, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTION

- Australian Government Research Training Program International Fee Offset Scholarship, 2019
- Australian Government Research Training Program International Scholarship, 2019
- VLIR-UOS International Master Scholarship in Belgium, 2015
- Tajuddin Ahmed Peace Scholar Gold Medal, 2012 (awarded to the top achiever student at the undergraduate)
- Eastern Bank Ltd.–Dhaka University Alumni Association (EBBL-DUAA) Inspiration Award, 2011
- Eastern Bank Ltd.–Dhaka University Alumni Association (EBBL-DUAA) Inspiration Award, 2008
- Grameen Bank Award, 2006 (awarded to the top achiever students at higher secondary)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Award, Reference: RFx20632 – Lead Investigator: Professor Nicholas Biddle at ANU, Funding Amount: AUD \$273,882 (incl. GST)
- 2023 Asia Pacific Innovation Program (APIP) Engagement and Impact Grant, Funding Amount: \$11,966
- British Academy Award, Reference: IC2\100178 – Lead Investigator: Professor Peter Sammonds at UCL
Funding Amount: £50,000

WORKING HISTORY

2023–Present	<i>Research Fellow</i> , School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University
2017–2023	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka
2013–2017	<i>Lecturer</i> , Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- *Research Fellow*, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University (2023–Present)
Contributing to ARC-funded *Diaspora Humanitarians* project (LP200200817) by conducting qualitative, quantitative, and digital research on crisis response by migrant communities.
- *Researcher*, ANU/NRI & United States Institute of Peace Social Media Project (Jan–Feb 2024)
Scraped and analyzed YouTube data to examine inter-group violence and sorcery accusation related violence (SARV) in Papua New Guinea.
- *Research Assistant*, Department of Strategic and Defence Studies, ANU (Jan–Mar 2023)
Conducted literature review on social media and political campaigning in South Asia to support concept note development for a workshop.
- *Lead Researcher*, Kapaeeng Foundation (2021–2022)
Led research on violence against Indigenous women and girls in Bangladesh, funded by Manusher Jonno Foundation.
- *Researcher & Co-Applicant*, University College London IRDR (2018–2019)
Collaborated on *The Rohingya Exodus* project funded by the British Academy, exploring regional security implications.
- *Minority Rights Expert*, UNDP Bangladesh (2017–2018)
Supported grassroots peacebuilding and conflict resolution initiatives across Indigenous communities.
- *Researcher*, Department of Social Services, Government of Bangladesh (2018)
Assessed impact of Rural Social Services (RSS) program on development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- *Survey Data Analyst*, Department of World Religions, University of Dhaka (2017)
Analyzed institutional assessment data for self-evaluation project funded by University Grants Commission.
- *Survey Data Analyst*, Department of Sanskrit, University of Dhaka (2017)
Contributed to program self-assessment study through statistical analysis and reporting.
- *Survey Data Analyst*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka (2017)
Conducted data analysis for academic program assessment as part of UGC quality assurance initiative.
- *National Consultant*, UNDP Bangladesh (2015)
Evaluated confidence-building processes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts through field-based qualitative research.
- *Researcher*, UNDP Bangladesh (2013–2014)
Conducted social capital assessment in post-conflict zones of the Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- *Researcher*, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (2013)
Contributed to criminal justice reform study by collecting and analyzing qualitative data from legal institutions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Casual Sessional Academic*, School of Politics and International Relations, ANU (Feb 2022 – May 2023)
Tutored undergraduate courses in international relations, political research, and peace studies, including *POLS1006: Introduction to International Relations – Contemporary Global Issues*, *POLS1005: Introduction to International Relations – Foundation and Concepts*, *POLS1009: Research and Writing in Political Science*, and *POLS2123: Peace and Conflict Studies*.
- *Australia Awards Sessional Tutor*, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU (Jul – Nov 2020)
Delivered postgraduate tutorials in *STST8004: Australian Strategic and Defence Policy* and *STST8056: Strategy and Southeast Asia: Defence and Security Dynamics* as part of the Australia Awards program.
- *Assistant Professor*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka (Jan – Dec 2018)
Taught postgraduate and honours-level courses including *PACS522: Terrorism and Counterterrorism*, *PACS324: Quantitative Research Methodology*, *PACS214: International Law and Dispute Settlement*, and *PACS414: Media, Peace and Conflict*.
- *Lecturer*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka (Mar 2013 – Dec 2017)
Delivered a broad portfolio of undergraduate courses such as *PACS106: Concept and Analysis of Conflict*, *PACS114: Bangladesh Politics*, *PACS124: International Politics*, *PACS211: Security Studies*, *PACS221: Migration, Refugee and Conflict*, *PACS412: Alternative Dispute Resolution*, and *PACS413: Indigenous Studies*.

- *Part-Time Lecturer*, Department of Business Studies, Dhaka City College (*Jun – Dec 2014*)
Taught *Bangladesh Studies* to undergraduate business students.

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SKILLS

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| • Comparative politics | • R |
| • Peace and conflict studies | • STATA |
| • Indigenous studies | • SPSS |
| • Qualitative and quantitative methods | • NVivo |
| • Text-as-data method and machine learning | • Kobo Toolbox |
| • Social media data analysis | • QGIS |
| | • Taguette |

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Gamlen, A., & Chakma, A. (2025). Trusted intermediaries? The role of diasporas in humanitarian assistance. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdr.2025.105212>
- Arthur, M., Frank, N., Chakma, A., & Friel, S. (2024). Climate change mitigation policy for planetary health equity? An automated content analysis of countries' nationally determined contribution reports. *Environmental Research Letters*, 19, 114032.
- Chakma, A. (2024). Freedom from fear and subjective well-being: Does personal security affect life satisfaction? *International Social Science Journal*, 74, 1357–1373.
- Chakma, A. (2024). Government ideology and the implementation of civil war peace agreements. *Conflict, Security & Development*, 24(1), 1–24.
- Chakma, A. (2024). Does political security matter? A study on the life satisfaction of Indigenous Peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 59(2), 532–548.
- Chakma, A. (2023). Leadership changes and civil war peace agreements: Does who comes to power influence the implementation? *International Peacekeeping*, 30(1), 24–52.
- Islam, M. T., Ahmed, B., Sammonds, P., Chakma, A., Patwary, O. H., Durrat, F., & Alam, M. S. (2022). The 2017 Rohingya influx into Bangladesh and its implications for the host communities. *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*, 10(2), 487–512.
- Chakma, A. (2021). Does state repression stimulate terrorism? A panel data analysis on South Asia. *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism*, 17(2), 200–217.
- Chakma, A. (2019). Is NGO peacebuilding risk-free? A case study on Bangladesh. *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*, 7(2), 349–367.
- Chakma, A. (2017). The peacebuilding process of the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Donor-driven or demand-driven? *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*, 5(2), 223–242.
- Chakma, A. (2017). Understanding grassroots peacebuilding: Key lessons from the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh. *Journal of Human Rights and Peace Studies*, 3(1), 1–34.
- Chakma, A., & Siddiqui, M. S. H. (2016). State building, identity crisis and ethnic conflict: The case of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh. *Journal of Sociology*, 8(2), 59–73.
- Islam, M. R., & Chakma, A. (2013). Major obstacles to the process of implementing peace: Experience from the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh. *Peace and Conflict Review*, 7(2), 32–46.
- Patwary, O. H., & Chakma, A. (2013). A study on the terrorism of South Asia. *Social Science Review*, 30(2), 215–224.
- Ahmed, S., & Chakma, A. (2013). Refugee problem in South Asia: A threat to security. *Lok Proshason Samoeeky*, 51, 1–17.
- Ahmed, S., & Chakma, A. (2012). Kashmir conflict: A critical analysis. *Journal of Society and Change*, 6(3), 20–36.

Book Chapters

- Chakma, A., & Chakma, K. (2024). Nation-building policies and ethnic conflict in Bangladesh. In A. Ranjan, T. Hashmi, & M. Abbas (Eds.), *The aftermath of the Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971: Enduring impact*. London: Routledge.

- Chakma, A. (2022). Recent trends in peace and conflict studies: Possibilities for PACS. In R. Islam (Ed.), *Peace and conflict studies in Bangladesh: Two decades of excellence in education and research*. Dhaka: Dhaka University Press.
- Ahmed, B., Islam, M. T., Sammonds, P., Alam, S. M. R., Alam, M. S., Chakma, A., Durrat, F., & Patwary, O. H. (2021). Sustainable Rohingya repatriation in Myanmar: Some criteria to follow. In N. Uddin (Ed.), *The Rohingya crisis: Human rights issues, policy concerns and burden sharing*. Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore, Washington DC, Melbourne: SAGE Publications.
- Chakma, A. (2018). Triggering role of new media in communal violence: The case of India and Bangladesh. In P. Sarkar (Ed.), *Media and politics: The global spectrum*. Assam: Pratishthaa Publishing House.
- Barman, D. C., & Chakma, A. (2014). Politics of conflicts in Bangladesh and migration: Role of some historical issues and events. In S. Zaman (Ed.), *Survival or extinction? Adivasi rights in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: National Human Rights Commission.
- Chakma, A., & Chakma, P. (2014). Present status of social, economic and cultural rights of Indigenous Peoples of Bangladesh. In M. S. Chowdhury (Ed.), *Survival under threat: Human rights situation of Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh*. Thailand: AIPP Printing Press Co. Ltd.

Forthcoming / Under Review / In Progress

- Chakma, A., & Gamlen, A. “Sanctions and humanitarianism: Diaspora strategies in comparative perspective” (Journal article, submitted the revised manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal).
- Chakma, A., & Corraya, T. M. “YouTube and electoral integrity: Public Perceptions of the 2024 Bangladesh election” (Journal article, submitted to the special issue in a peer-reviewed journal).
- Chakma, A. “Measuring regional conflict exposure: Introducing the Geographical Proximity to Conflict Index (GPCI), 1989-2023 (Journal article, submitted to a peer-reviewed journal).
- Chakma, A., & Gamlen, A. “Diaspora diplomacy from below: Reimagining International Relations through crisis, care, and contestation” (Journal article, ready to submit).
- Chakma, A., & Gamlen, A. “Migrant remittances and the implementation of civil war peace agreements? ” (Journal article, ready to submit).
- Chakma, A. “YouTube and the Khalistan Movement in Australia: A Structural Topic Model” (Journal article, ready to submit).
- Chakma, A. “A Twitter analysis of the Manipur conflict” (Journal article, ready to submit).
- Chakma, A. “Do countries with better human rights situations implement peace agreements more than those with worse human rights conditions?” (Journal article, in preparation).
- Chakma, A. “Facebook and social movement: Evidence from the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh” (Journal article, in preparation).
- Chakma, A. “Postaccord violence, intragroup conflict, and political murder: Who joined the online protest on Facebook?” (Journal article, in preparation).
- Chakma, A. “Framing militarization and state repression in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT): The use of Facebook as a site of protest” (Journal article, in preparation).

BOOK REVIEW

- Chakma, A. (2024). *Book review: The Frontlines of Peace: An Insider's Guide to Changing the World*. *Australian Outlook*. Australian Institute of International Affairs. <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/book-review-frontlines-of-peace/?fbclid=IwAR0gSAYFMzXlyRgltLMlzQSHdFIHW8ekWxAIe-zpsR5-HqLEDI86DWSeiul>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, GUEST LECTURES, AND INVITED TALKS

- *Quantitative Analysis of Documents*. Guest lecture for REGN8001/9076: Methods in Interdisciplinary Research, Master of Regulation and Governance, ANU, 6 August 2025.
- *Diaspora and Facebook: Catalysing Aid During Humanitarian Crises*. Advisory Board Meeting, Diaspora Humanitarians Project, Online, 14 August 2024.
- *Taliban Takeover in Afghanistan: How Was It Discussed in Australia on Twitter?* Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Annual Conference, University of Sydney, 27–30 November 2023.
- *Revisiting the State Repression–Terrorism Nexus: Evidence from a Global Sample, 2011–2021*. Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science Conference, Griffith University, Brisbane, 7–8 December 2023.

- *Australian Diaspora Aid in Humanitarian Crises: Insights from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nepal, and Tonga (Pacific Island)*. Multi-Stakeholder Workshop, ANU RegNet & Australia Civil-Military Centre (ACMC), Canberra, 28 September 2023.
- *Does State Capacity Matter? A Panel Data Analysis on the Implementation of Intrastate Peace Agreements*. APSA Annual Conference, ANU, Canberra, 26–28 September 2022.
- *Does Political Security Influence Life Satisfaction of Indigenous Peoples? Evidence from the Chittagong Hill Tracts*. Bangladesh@50: Beyond Rhetoric Conference, Online, 9–11 December 2021.
- *The Effects of Government Ideological Turnovers on Civil War Peace Agreements: Evidence from Democratic Countries*. Joint Quantitative Political Science Conference for Asia and Australasia, Online, 13–15 January 2021.
- *Debating Democratic Peace Theory: Government Turnover and Peace Agreement Implementation*. 9th Biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS), Online, 7–9 December 2020.
- *Quantitative Research Methods*. Guest lecture for INTR8072: Approaches and Methods in International Relations, Master of International Relations Program, ANU, 5 October 2020.
- *Level of Personal Security and Support for Social Protest: Evidence from Bangladesh*. Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Flinders University, Adelaide, 22–25 March 2019.
- *Historical Background and Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Invited talk, BRAC Learning Centre, Dinajpur, Bangladesh, 16–17 September 2018.
- *Human Rights and Grassroots Peacebuilding*. Invited talks at Beachway Hotel, Cox’s Bazar (29–30 June 2018) and GUK Centre, Gaibandah (4–5 May 2018).
- *Peacemaking, Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding, and Globalization of Security Technology*. Invited talk, Ansar-VDP Academy, Gazipur, Bangladesh, May 2018.
- *A Study on the Nexus Between Buddhism and Peace*. International Seminar on Buddhism, Civilization and Culture, University of Dhaka, 18–19 March 2018.
- *Democracy in the Era of Social Media: Opportunities, Threats and Challenges*. International Seminar on Media and Politics, Assam University, Silchar, India, 6–7 December 2017.
- *Understanding Grassroots Peacebuilding: Lessons from the Chittagong Hill Tracts*. International Conference on Political Transition and Conflict Transformation, Prince of Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand, 24–26 January 2017.
- *Internal and External Dimensions of Terrorism: The Case of Bangladesh*. International Conference on Terrorism in the Wave of Islamic State, University of Dhaka, 7–8 January 2017.
- *Human Rights Situation in Bangladesh*. Invited talk, FIVDB Training Centre, Sylhet, 29–30 June 2015.

IMPACT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Policy Report and Advocacy Papers

- Chakma, A. (Ed.). (2021, August). *Annual human rights report 2022 on Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh*. Kapaceng Foundation.
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/375059967_HUMAN_RIGHTS_HUMAN_RIGHTS_ANNUAL_R_E_P_O_R_T_2_0_2_2_on_Indigenous_Peoples_in_Bangladesh_W_O_M_E_N_A_N_D_G_I_R_L_S.
- Chakma, A. (Ed.). (2021, August). *Annual human rights report 2020 on Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh*. Kapaceng Foundation.
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/354860575_ANNUAL_HUMAN_RIGHTS_REPORT_2020_ON_INDIGENOUS_PEOPLES_IN_BANGLADESH.
- Chakma, A., & others. (2021). *Baseline study report of Indigenous Navigator on human rights and socio-economic development of Indigenous Peoples of Bangladesh*. Kapaceng Foundation.
- Chakma, A., & others. (2020). *The Rohingya exodus 2017: Issues and implications for stability, security and peace in South Asia*. Institute of Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London & Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka.
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/339933567_The_Rohingya_Exodus_2017_Issues_and_Implications_for_Stability_Security_and_Peace_in_South_Asia#fullTextFileContent.
- Chakma, A. (Contributor). (2016). *Human rights report 2015 on Indigenous Peoples of Bangladesh*. Kapaceng Foundation.
- Chakma, A., & others. (2015). *Mining and silent disaster: An account of mining-affected Indigenous Peoples and environment of Tahirpur, Sunamganj and Bijoypur, Netrokona*. Kapaceng Foundation.
https://www.academia.edu/17870868/Mining_and_Silent_Disaster_An_Account_of_Mining_Affected_Indigenous_Peoples_and_Environment_of_Tahirpur_Sunamganj_and_Bijoypur_Netrokona.

Policy Commentaries and e-Publications

- Chakma, A. (2025, May 26). *Pahalgam 2025: Analysing YouTube comments across South Asia*. South Asia @ LSE, London School of Economics and Political Science. https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2025/05/26/pahalgam-2025-analysing-youtube-comments-across-south-asia/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLEPdhleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBicmlkETFaOGhKUlkyN2VMVTk2Q29vAR4SV2g-6gY2knrdwvwb0Y8X44OGHsxMf3nqtl_2mi303N7I90Ej81nxuVqRQ_aem_z3RS1cllBm8g3GDXqhy1nw
- Chakma, A. (Co-author). (2024, June 18). *The relationship between social media and violence in Papua New Guinea*. United States Institute of Peace. https://www.usip.org/publications/2024/06/relationship-between-social-media-and-violence-papua-new-guinea?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR0YeupO4o6UP4_o1mBl3rumdrUotIUUGZY_gt_DIXSuQ9-ScSSCvinQ1Cs_aem_ZmFrZWR1bW15MTZieXRlcw
- Chakma, A. (2024, March 19). *Will the Tiprasa Accord bring peace to India's Tripura?* The Diplomat. https://thediplomat.com/2024/03/will-the-tiprasa-accord-bring-peace-to-indias-tripura/?fbclid=IwAR0A96rk1aeDwF0qTukxnqXA2v7MHDqP-LzYIZf2Nond4hu8_P_3cKGnu7I
- Chakma, A. (2020, October 15). *The United States Presidential Election 2020: Hawks vs. Doves*. Australian Institute of International Affairs. <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/the-united-states-presidential-election-2020-hawks-vs-doves/>
- Chakma, A. (2020, August 16). *What determines the implementation of civil war peace agreements*. E-International Relations. <https://www.e-ir.info/2020/08/16/what-determines-the-implementation-of-civil-war-peace-agreements/?fbclid=IwAR3a7fPigJMbysV37jvP6sWj2bKHtj6-pNsosiT0m3CI2i0Kshue0nc0II>
- Chakma, A. (2020, August 25). *Is South Asia headed for border breakdown?* Policy Forum. <https://www.policyforum.net/is-south-asia-headed-for-border-breakdown/>
- Chakma, A. (2020, August 12). *Indo-Nepal boundary dispute: What dominates the Indian perspective?* South Asia Journal. <http://southasiajournal.net/indo-nepal-boundary-dispute-what-dominate-the-indian-perspective/>
- Chakma, A. (2020, October 1). *What is getting in the way of the 3rd round of Indo-Naga peace talks?* The Diplomat. <https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/what-is-getting-in-the-way-of-the-3rd-third-indo-naga-peace-talks/>
- Chakma, A. (2019, August 31). *Will the Khartoum power-sharing agreement survive?* International Policy Digest. <https://intpolicydigest.org/2019/08/31/will-the-khartoum-power-sharing-agreement-survive/>
- Chakma, A. (2019, August 22). *The unforeseen future of Kashmir*. International Policy Digest. <https://intpolicydigest.org/2019/08/22/the-unforeseen-future-of-kashmir/>
- Chakma, A. (2018). *NGO peacebuilding in Bangladesh: What best lessons can we learn?* IPRA Newsletter, 7(2). <http://www.iprapeace.org/images/newsletters/ipra-newsletter-vol-7-2.pdf>
- Chakma, A. (2014, June 24). *Maritime piracy in Bangladesh*. International Policy Digest. <https://intpolicydigest.org/2014/06/24/maritime-piracy-bangladesh/>
- Chakma, A. (2012, September 24). *Terminology of peace and conflict studies*. Amazon Books. <http://www.amazon.com/Terminology-Conflict-Studies-Anurug-Chakma/dp/1479301604>
- Chakma, A. (2012, May 19). *Insurgency produces child soldiers: The case of Sri Lanka*. SSRN. http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2062789

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

- *Member*, Australian Political Studies Association (APSA)
- *Member*, Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science (ASQPS)
- *Member*, ANU South Asia Research Institute (SARI)

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