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Short Biography

Oliver Tirtho Sarkar is a tenured Assistant Professor at the Department of Environment and Development Studies, United International University with research focus on environmental policy, ecosystem restoration, and socio-economic resilience. With five years of experience, he has spent three years teaching at the university level, which is complemented by research, consultancy, and development project management for both national and international organizations. Oliver has an MSS and a BSS degree in Development Studies from the University of Dhaka. His career objective is to advance environmental policies to promote equitable and sustainable environmental governance systems.

Other Publications:

Book Chapter: * Roy, S., Nandy, D., Sarkar, O. T., Kamruzzaman, & Nah, A. (2025). The Rohingya refugee crisis: Implications for peace and security in Bangladesh. In D. Nandy & M. Das (Eds.), *Decoding the chessboard of Asian geopolitics: Asian powerplay in South Asia, Central Asia, and West Asia*. Springer Nature (Palgrave Macmillan). (Accepted) * Suny, R. S., Sarkar, O. T., & Hasan, A. (2023). Political Economy of River Ecocide in Bangladesh: A Study in the Context of Dhaleshwari River. In *Politics of Climate Change: Crises, Conventions, and Cooperation*. World Scientific. <https://doi.org/10.1142/13067>

Academic Blog: * Roy, S. & Sarkar, O.T. (2023). Climate Change in South Asia and Lessons for the Philippines in Building Community Resilience. Power To Persuade.

<https://www.powertopersuade.org.au/blog/climatechangeinsouthasia>
Proceedings:

* Sarkar, O. T. (2022). Towards Reconstruction of a Knowledge-Based Society. International Conference of Sustainable Development. ISBN: 978-984-35-3293-0 **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW** * Roy, S. & Sarkar, O.T. Nurturing Local Government Leadership: Community Vulnerability and Climate Change Adaptation in Bangladesh
Zafarullah, H. Roy, S. & Sarkar, O.T. Through the Gender Lens: Global Frameworks for Disaster Risk Reduction and their Application in Bangladesh. * Sarkar, O.T., Hasan, A. Resilience in the informal economy amidst the COVID-19 crisis: A case of the street vendors in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Research Experience

Chief Investigator, Project: Resilience in the informal economy amidst the COVID-19 crisis: A case of the street vendors in Dhaka city. (Mar 2022–Present)

â€¢ Coordinated with the entire research team.

â€¢ Supervised research assistant, analyzed the collected data, and prepared the final draft. **Research Assistant** , Public Health Foundation of Bangladesh (Jul 2020â€”Aug 2020)

â€¢ Collected and organized data. **Research Intern** , Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) (Dec 2018â€”Mar 2019)

â€¢ Conducted FGD, KII, and surveys, and reviewed the literature.

Professional Training

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| Â• Circular Economy Business Strategies, LinkedIn Learning | Jun 2024 |
| Â• Introduction to ESG: Environmental, Social, and Governance, LinkedIn Learning | May 2024 |
| Â• Induction Training, United International University | Jul 2021 |
| Â• Social Impact Assessment (SIA), EQMS Consulting Ltd. | Mar 2021 |
| Â• Environmental and Social Management Systems (ESMS), EQMS Consulting Ltd. | Mar 2021 |
| ### Memberships | |
| Member , Development Studies Association of Australia | Jan 2023â€”Present |
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| Member , Dhaka University Development Studies Alumni Association | Feb 2020â€”Present |
| ### Invited Talks and Presentations | |
| Â• Meeting ECRs: Conversation on Building Research Career. (2023) Centre for Studies of South and South-East Asian Societies, West Bengal, India | |
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| Â• Motivating Factors of the People living in River Erosion prone area: A study in Faridpur, Bangladesh. (2022) 5th International Conference on Sustainable Development, IDSS, UIU, Bangladesh | |
| Â• Political Economy of Ecocide: A study in the context of Dhaka, Bangladesh. (2021) Association of Asia Scholars, New Delhi, India | |
| ### Voluntary Professional Services | |
| Secretariat , International Conference of Sustainable Development (ICSD), UIU | Sep 2021â€”Present |
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| Â• Organized the 5th, 6th, and 7th ICSD, attracting over 500 participants/conference.Â• Coordinated with more than 10 co-organizer institutions. | |
| Reviewer , Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development | Sep 2024â€”Present |
| Â• Reviewed articles for this peer-reviewed journal. | |
| Reviewer , Environment and Social Psychology | Aug 2024â€”Present |
| Â• Reviewed manuscripts for this peer-reviewed journal. | |
| Thesis Coordinator , Department of Environment and Development Studies | Jul 2024â€”Present |
| Â• Coordinated with final-year undergraduate students and their supervisor through their thesis. | |
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| Moderator | Aug 2023 |
| Â· â€œEnvironmental Sustainability vs Economic Growth: Can they Co-exist Together?â€organized by Lions Clubs International District 315-A2, Bangladesh | |
| Organizer , Academic Events and Field Trips | Sep 2021â€“May 202 |
| Â· Arranged academic workshops and seminars.Â· Coordinated national and international field trips in Bangladesh and Nepal for studentâ€™s practical learning. | |
| ### Ongoing Research Projects | |
| * Opportunities and Challenges to Accessing Global Voluntary Carbon Market: Bangladesh Case Study. | |
| * Through the Gender Lens: Global Frameworks for Disaster Risk Reduction and their Application in Bangladesh. | |
| * Nurturing Local Government Leadership: Community Vulnerability and Climate Change Adaptation in Bangladesh | |

Publication

Journal Papers

2024## Reframing urban informality: Gendered impacts of COVID-19 in Bangladeshi slums Publication: Progress in Disaster Science Author List: Sajal Roy, Rumana Sultana, Ashish Singh, Oliver Tirtho Sarkar, Krishna K. Shrestha

Challenges and Institutional Barriers to Forest and Landscape Restoration in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh

Forest Restoration Publication: Land Author List: Oliver Tirtho Sarkar, Sharif A. Mukul

Forest Restoration through Village Common Forests in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh: The Role of NGO Interventions

Forest Restoration Publication: Sustainability Author List: Sharif A. Mukul, Oliver Tirtho Sarkar

The Culture of Political Violence and Punishment in Bangladesh: The Role of Political Parties and Civil Society

Publication: Economic and Political Weekly Author List: Debashish Nandy, Oliver Tirtho Sarkar 2023## Political Economy of River Ecocide in Bangladesh: A Study in the Context of Dhaleshwari River Publication: Politics of Climate Change Crises, Conventions and Cooperation Author List: Rabby Us Suny, Md Abid Hasan, Oliver Tirtho Sarkar

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