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Education

- M.S. in Political Science, Illinois State University, IL *Expected May 2025*
Focus: Comparative Politics, Political Inquiry, Research Method, Political Theory, Econometrics.
- M.S.S. in Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh *January 2018*
Stream: Public Policy.
- B.S.S. in Development Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh *January 2017*
Courses: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Statistics, Public Administration, Political Science.

Areas of Interest

- Comparative Politics, Public Policy, Political Methodology, Politics of Science and Technology, AI in Government.

Conference Presentations

- Ahsan, Md. Imran. (2025, April 4) (Forthcoming). *Partisan Perspectives on AI Confidence: Government vs. Private Sector: Exploring How Political Affiliations Influence Trust in AI Applications*. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Ahsan, M. I., & Akter, S. (2024). *Assessing the Impact of Water Salinity on Women's Health in Coastal Areas: An Analysis Based on the Right to Water and Sanitation*. Illinois State University Repository. https://ir.library.illinoisstate.edu/rsp_urs/444/
- Ahsan, I. (2016, December). *ICEOCF-1471222: An Inescapable Trap, Understanding Lay Perceptions, Causes, and Consequences of Urban Poverty*. International Conference on Envisioning Our Common Future, SAYRIAD, University of Dhaka.

Works in Progress

- Exploring How Political Affiliations Influence Trust in AI Applications.
- Ethical and Trustworthy AI in Public Service Delivery.

Awards and Grants

- **International Studies Association (ISA) Conference Travel Grant** (\$500) *2024*
Supported travel to present at the conference.
- **EMK Center Small Grant (Team)** (\$10,000) *2018*
Project: Youth Engagement in Countering Violent Extremism: A Confluence of Policy and Practice. Arranged workshops and summits throughout Bangladesh. Produced a policy memo highlighting gaps in existing Government Policies on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE).

- **Facebook Seed Fund (Team)** (\$2,000) 2017
Project: Think Twice, Act Wise. This campaign promoted tolerance and empathy and countered hate speech through the development of critical thinking and extracurricular activities among the youth of Bangladesh.
- **Facebook Global Digital Challenge (Team)** (\$5,000) 2017
Secured first place among 170 teams representing 60 countries.

Research Experience

- **Research Assistant**, Politics and Government, Illinois State University May–July 2024
Study on the impacts of urban rivers' floating gardens on surrounding communities in Chicago.
- **Field Research Coordinator**, James P Grand School of Public Health, BRAC University Nov 2018–Dec 2020
Research (Quantitative) on sexual and reproductive health of persons with disabilities.
- **Junior Consultant**, Moonshot CVE, London May–Dec 2019
- **Coordinator**, Research Project on Youth Engagement in Violent Extremism July 2017–May 2019

Teaching Experience

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Politics and Government, Illinois State University F2024, S2024, F2023
POL 140: Comparative Politics, Dr. Yusuf Sarfati (F2024), Professor Andrew Mathews (S2024, F2023)
- **Guest Lecturer**, Department of Political Science, Illinois State University S2024
Topic: Why Are Some Countries Poor and Others Rich (POL 140)
- **Guest Lecturer**, Department of Political Science, Illinois State University S2024
Topic: Grassroots Organizations Contribute to Development in the Global South (POL 140)
- **Guest Lecturer**, Faculty of Social Science, Chittagong, Bangladesh April 27–29, 2019
Topic: Youth Engagement in CVE, Radicalization, and Counter-Radicalization
- **Guest Lecturer**, National University, Bangladesh Jan 31, Feb 10, Mar 6, 2019
Topic: Youth Engagement in Policy Making

Technical Skills

- Programming & Data: R, STATA, L^AT_EX, Power BI.

Exchange Programs and Training

- **Top Gun Young Leadership, South Korea** 2020
Leadership training on interfaith peacebuilding, joined by Asian youth from 17 countries.
- **International Leadership Workshop, Thailand** 2020
Workshops on peace and security, joined by Asian student leaders.

- **Yowunpura Youth Camp, Sri Lanka** *2016*
Leadership camp focused on enhancing leadership skills and knowledge, participated in by 100 foreign youth leaders.
- **Study of US Institutes (SUSI) for Student Leaders, United States** *2015*
A summer exchange program sponsored by the US Department of State.
- **Youth Camp for Asia's Future, South Korea** *2014*
Youth exchange program sponsored by the Ministry of Gender and Equality, participated in by young leaders from 24 Asian nations.

Service and Engagement

- **Academic Senate**, Illinois State University *August 2024 – Present*
Member, University Service Awards Selection Committee.
- **Pi Sigma Alpha, The National Political Science Honor Society** *May 2024 – Present*
Chapter Secretary.
- **Bangladesh Student Association**, Illinois State University *August 2024 – Present*
Treasurer.
- **Think Twice, Act Wise (TTAW)**, Dhaka, Bangladesh *July 2017 – May 2019*
Founder and President.

Affiliations

- American Political Science Association (APSA).
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA).
- International Studies Association (ISA).
- International Exchange Alumni. Network of Alumni of the US State Department Exchange program.

Languages

- **English:** Advanced
- **Arabic:** Proficient
- **Hindi and Urdu:** Primary
- **Bengali:** Native