

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Prof. Dr. Nasir Uddin**

#### **State of Education**

- 2013 Post-Doctorate, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany
- 2011 Post-Doctorate, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India
- 2009 Post-Doctorate, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Hull, UK
- 2008 PhD, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan
- 2000 MSS, Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka
- 1999 BSS, Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka

#### **Professional History**

- Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (From 12/12-11/13)
- Chairperson, Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong (From 10/2009 to 10/2012)
- Affiliated Fellow, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India (From 1/2011 to 4/2011)
- Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong (From 5/2009 to date)
- British Academy Visiting Scholar, University of Hull, UK (From 6/2009 to 9/2009)
- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chittagong, (From 4/2008 to 5/2009)
- Ph.D. Candidate, Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University (From 10/2004 to 3/2008)
- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chittagong, (From 8/2003 to 9/ 2004)
- Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong (From 1/ 2001 to 7/ 2003)
- Research Officer, Environmental Conservation and Management Center (ECOMAC), Dhaka (2000)

#### **Publication: Books**

1. Editor, *To Host or To Hurt: Counter-narratives on Rohingya Refugee Issues in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: Institute of Culture and Development Research (ICDR), 2012.
2. Editor, *Politics of Peace: A Case the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: Institute of Culture and Development Research (ICDR), 2012.
3. Guest Editor, special Issue of *Man in India* on “Anthropology in South Asia”, Volume 92, Issue 1, 2012.
4. Lead-Editor, *Environmental Issues in Bangladesh: An Anthropological Perspective*. Dhaka: Environmental Conservation Management Center (COMAC), 2002.

#### **Publication: Selected Articles**

1. “Malaise of Modernity: Symptoms of Cultural Imperialism in Bangladesh” *Man in India*, Vol. 92, No.1, 2012, pp.: 175-192.
2. “Going Back to Knowing Thyself: Conceptualizing Postmodern Ethnography” *The Journal of Social Studies*, Vol.136, No. 4, 2012, pp.: 112-132.
3. “Decolonising Ethnography in the Field: An Anthropological Account” *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, Vol. 14, No. 6, 2011, pp.: 455-467.
4. “Dynamics of Identity: Ethnography of Bazar in the Chittagong Hill Tracts” *The Journal of Social Studies*, Vol.132, No. 4, 2011, pp.: 37-55.

5. "Politics of Cultural Differences: Ethnicity and Marginality in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh" *South Asian Survey*, 2010, Vol. 17, No. 2, pp.: 283-294
6. "People of Cultural Difference: Cultural Diversity of Bangladesh with Specific Focus on the Chittagong Hill Tracts" *The Journal of Social Studies*, Vol.128, No. 4, 2010, pp.: 51-73.
7. "Paradigm of Better-life: Re-conceptualising Development among the Khumi in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh", *The Bangladesh Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 25, No. 1 & 2, 2010, pp.: 125-140.
8. "Notions of Critical Anthropology: Featuring Contemporary Critiques and Praxis of the Discipline" *The Chittagong University Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 25, No. 1, 2010, pp.: 135-160.
9. "Living on the Margin: The Positioning of the Khumi within the Sociopolitical and Ethnic History of Chittagong Hill Tracts" *Asian Ethnicity*, Vol. 9, NO. 1, 2008, pp.: 33-53.
10. "The Land of Myths: A Study on the Ethnohistory of Moheshkhali Island" *The Journal of Social Anthropology*, Vol. 4, No. 1, 2007, pp.: 53-64.
11. "Approach towards Ethnicity among the Bengalis living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh" (lead-authored) *South Asian Anthropologist*, Vol.7, No.1, 2007, pp.: 21-29.
12. "Knowledge on Homes: A Study on the Traditional Housing Technology of Bangladesh" *Indian Journal of Social Development*, Vol.7, No.2, 2007, pp.: 181-194.
13. "Classic Symptoms of Liminality: Notes on Problems and Prospects of Anthropology", (co-authored) *Indian Anthropologist*, Vol. 37, No. 2, 2007, pp.: 17-30.
14. "Paradoxes of Ethnicity as a Phenomenon: Bangladesh Perspectives" *South Asian Anthropologist*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2006, pp.: 01-07.
15. "History is the Story for Existence: A Case Study of the Chittagong Hill Tracts" *Asian Profile*, Vol. 33, No. 4, 2005, pp.: 391-412.
16. "Facts and Fantasy of Knowledge: Retrospective of Ethnography for the Future of Anthropology" *Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 3, No. 7, 2005, pp.:
17. "Grass without Roots: Experience of Development and Environmental Resources Management in Bangladesh" *South Asian Anthropologist*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2005, pp.: 89-96.
18. "Traditional Environmental Knowledge in Marine Fisheries: An Anthropological Study" *The Journal of Social Studies*, Vol. 109, No.3, 2005, pp.: 15-37.
19. "Informal Judicial Practice in Rural Bangladesh: A Few Case Studies of *Salish*", *The Chittagong University Journal of Law*, Vol. 6, 2004, pp.: 147-159.
20. "Social Stratification among the Fisherman Community of Bangladesh: An Anthropological Study" (in Bengali) *The Journal of SAMAJ NIRIKKAN* (Social Observation), Issue-2001.
21. "Indigenous Fishing Knowledge: An Ethnographic Study", *The Chittagong University Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2000, pp.: 91-104.

### **Book Chapters**

1. State of Stateless People: The Plight of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh" in Rhoda Howard-Hassmann and Margaret Walton-Roberts edited *Slippery Citizenship*. USA: Penn State University Press (Forthcoming in 2013).
2. "Between Peace and Conflict: Study of Peace in Post-Peace Accord Situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh" in Simon Chilvers and Kumar Sanjay Singh edited *Region Formation in Contemporary South Asia*. New York: Monthly Review Press (forthcoming in 2013).

3. "Peace in Paper: Paradox of Peace-building in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh" in N. Uddin edited *Politics of Peace: A Case of the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: Institute of Culture and Development Research, (ICDR), 2012, pp.: 190-204.
4. "Bar between Brothers: Rohingya-Issue in Bangladesh-Myanmar Relations" in N. Uddin edited *To Host or To Hurt: Counter-narratives on Rohingya Refugee Issue in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: Institute of Culture and Development Research, (ICDR), 2012, pp.: 31-46.
5. "Of Hosting and Hurting: Crises in Co-existence with Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh" in N. Uddin edited *To Host or To Hurt: Counter-narratives on Rohingya Refugee Issue in Bangladesh*. Dhaka: Institute of Culture and Development Research, (ICDR), 2012, pp.: 83-98.
6. "Durkhiem" in *Avenel Companions to Social Theorists*, edited by Pradip Basu. West Bengal, India: Avenel Publishers, February 2011, pp.: 293-306.
7. "Questioning the Unquestioned Truth: A Case Study of Ethnic Integration in Bangladesh" (co-authored with Mahfuza Akhter) in Zahidul Islam and Hasan Shafie edited *Anthropology on Move*. 2005. Dhaka: Department of Anthropology at the University of Dhaka, pp.: 459-478.
8. "An Overview on Ecological Anthropology: Theories, Methodologies, Concepts and Issues" in Nasir Uddin, Shahed Hasan and Ansarul Karim edited *Environmental Issues in Bangladesh: An Anthropological Perspective*. 2002. Dhaka: Environmental Conservation Management Center (COMAC), pp.: 124-142.

#### **Seminar Presentation: Selected Papers**

1. "State of Stateless People: A Case of the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh" paper presented in a workshop on Slippery Citizenship held on October 11-14, 2012 in Wilfred Laurier University, Canada.
2. "Dependent People in Independent States: Forty Years of the Chittagong Hill Tracts" paper presented in a national conference on **Forty Years of Bangladesh: In the Contexts of Society, Politics, Economics** held on July 5-6, 2012 in the University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.
3. "Colonial Representation and Theory of Civilization: A Case Study of the Chittagong Hill Tracts", paper prepared to be presented at a regional conference on **the Chittagong Hill Tracts**, May 29, 2011, organized by Bangladesh Research Society, to be held in the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.
4. "Treatment of Unwelcome Guests: The State of Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh" paper presented in an international conference on **Culture, Politics and Economics of South Asian Migrants**, 24-26 November, 2010, organized by Indian Formation Research Society, held in the University of Delhi, India.
5. "Politics of Cultural Difference: Identity and Marginality in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh" paper presented in a South Asia Conference on **Modernity, Identity and Resistance in South Asia: Negotiating Subjectivity amidst Changing Solidarities**, 18-20 March, 2010, organized by, and held in, the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, India.
6. "Between Peace and Conflict: A Case Study of Post-Peace Accord Situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh" paper was presented at an international conference on **Regional Formation in Contemporary South Asia**, November 25-27, 2009 held in the University of Delhi, India.
7. "**Colonial (Re)presentation of Colonised People: A Case Study of the Chittagong Hill Tracts,**" paper presented at a seminar organised by the Department of Politics and International Studies, September 11, 2009, University of Hull, UK.

8. "Paradigm of Better-life: Re-conceptualizing Development among the Pahari in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh", paper presented at a regional seminar on **Relevance of Chittagong on the Economic Development of Bangladesh** jointly organized by the Department of Economics, University of Chittagong, and Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA), Chittagong Chapter, March 03, 2009, Theatre Institute Auditorium, Chittagong.
9. "Transforming Identity: A Study on the Evolving History of Upland-lowland relationship in Bangladesh", paper presented at the **20<sup>th</sup> International Association of Historians of Asia Conference**, November 14-17, 2008, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
10. "Constructing Minority: The State of 'Tribal' people in Bangladesh" Paper presented at **The Eleventh Asian Studies Conference Japan**, June 23-24, 2007, Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo.
11. "Breaking the Boundary between Hills and Plains: Transition in Everyday Life among the Marginalized Pahari in Bangladesh" Paper presented at the international Conference entitled "**Looking at Asia: Changes, Continuities and Consequences**" June 15-17, 2007, the University of Hawai'i, USA.
12. "Questioning the Unquestioned Truth: A Case Study of Ethnic Integration in Bangladesh", (co-authored), Paper presented at an International Seminar entitled **Assessing Contemporary Anthropology: Tasks and Priorities**, January 5-7, 2005 organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.
13. "Language Situation among the Tribal People of Chittagong", (co-authored) paper presentation at a seminar of **the Research Society of Bangladesh**, February 24, 2004, The Chittagong University Club Auditorium, Chittagong.
14. "Cultural Imperialism: An Empirical Study on the Post-colonial Discourse in Anthropology", Paper presented at an international seminar entitled **Anthropology in the 21st Century**, January 25-26, 2004 organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.

### **Fieldwork Experience**

1. Three months among the Fisherman Community of *Moheshkhali* Island in Bangladesh (1998-99) (BSS Research Monograph in Anthropology), Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka.
2. Six months among the Fisherman Community of *Moheshkhali* Island in Bangladesh (1998-99) (MSS thesis in Anthropology), Department of Anthropology, University of Dhaka.
3. 14 months on the Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK) and Indigenous Environmental Knowledge of the Marine Fisheries in Bangladesh (ECOMAC) (2000-2001).
4. 6 months on *Rakhain* Housing Technology in coastal areas of Bangladesh (International Voluntary Service or IVS) (2002).
5. 8 months on Traditional Rural Adjudication System, (locally called *SALISH*) of rural Bangladesh (Chittagong University Research Cell or CURC) (2003).
6. PhD Dissertation research on the Khumi of the Chittagong Hill Tracts from October, 2004 to March 2008 (Kyoto University, Japan). Ethnographic fieldwork has been carried out 12 months in between Nov. 2005 and April 2007.
7. An intensive study on "Malaise of Modernity: Transition in Social Fabrics of Bangladesh" since April, 2008 to June 2009.
8. Archival research as Post-Doc fellow on the "Colonial (re)presentation of colonised people: a case study of Chittagong Hill Tracts", the University of Hull, UK (June-September, 2009).

9. Eight months field visit in three phases to *Teknaf* and *Ukhin* of Cox's Bazar to understand the plight of stateless Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh in between 2008 and 2012.
10. Four months in four phases for ongoing research on "State in Everyday Life: Understanding the Paradox of Peace in Post-peace Accord Situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh." since October 2011 to date.

### **Professional Expertise**

1. Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Culture and Development Research (ICDR), Dhaka.
2. Member, Bangladesh Historical Society
3. Member, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh
4. Regular Reviewer, *the Chittagong University Journal of Social Science*
5. Regular Reviewer, *The Journal of Social Anthropology*
6. Regular Reviewer, *Man in India*
7. Regular Reviewer, *Journal of the Institute of Bangladesh Studies*
8. Regular Reviewer, *the Journal of Social Science*
9. Regular Reviewer, *South Asian Anthropologists*
10. Regular Reviewer, *International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology*
11. Regular Reviewer, *International Journal of Politics, Gender and Development*

### **Grants & Award Winning**

1. Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany (2012-2013)
2. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, Wilfred Laurier University, Canada (2012).
3. Institute of Culture and Development Research (ICDR), Research Grants (2010-2011)
4. British Academy Visiting Fellowship, the University of Hull, UK (2009)
5. The MEXT (Ministry of Education, Youth, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology, the Government of Japan) (2004-2008)
6. 21<sup>st</sup> Century COE Fieldwork Grant (Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University) (2006)
7. 21<sup>st</sup> Century COE Fieldwork Grant (Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University) (2005)
8. Grant from the Chittagong University Research Cell, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh (2003).

### **Current Field of Interest**

Ethnicity and the Formation of Ethnic Category in De-territorialized world; Mobility and Transition in Identity and Cultural Entity; Subaltern Studies and the Politics of Marginality; Dialectics between Colonialism and Post-colonialism; Peace and Conflict Studies; Notions of Power and State in Everyday Life; Migration and Refugee Studies; Dynamics of Regionalism and Area Studies; Paradox of Modernity and Globalization; Interface of Local Wisdom and Global Doctrine; the Chittagong Hill Tracts, South Asia

### **Language Proficiency:**

Bengali, English, Hindi, Japanese, Khumi, Chakma