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Preface

1st CenRaPS Conference on “Bangladesh in the 21st Century”, which was held in Istanbul, on 22 August, 2020, was a very initial phase of scientific gathering on Bangladesh Studies. Although the conference was a small-scale organization, in fact it brought together a group of over 25 early career researchers from multiple countries, many of them are Master’s and PhD candidates, and conducting multidisciplinary studies from a variety of research areas including sociology, archaeology, history, anthropology, education, media studies, gender studies, international relations, and philosophy. A majority of these young scholars are conducting their major and partial research on Bangladesh or different international issues related to Bangladesh. Therefore, I believe the conference has been a vital event that based a platform where the early career scholars had wider scopes to exchange their new ideas, learn and share knowledge on key issues related to socio-culture, history, economy, foreign policy, security, education, media, gender and politics of Bangladesh.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the keynote speaker for his excellent presentations and providing valuable insights for the future of Bangladesh. Special thanks should also be addressed to the members of the Scientific Committee who helped and guided our organizing team with their knowledge and expertise. I am also very grateful to the members of the organizing committee for their enthusiasm and voluntary efforts, without which this very first scholarly gathering would not be a success.

Finally, I thank all session chairs for their cooperation and efforts. I also thank all participants for their active participations, cutting-edge studies, and delightful discussions on many significant research areas related to Bangladesh. It was only because of the participants’ great effort and hardworking research that the day-long scholarly gathering was able to open up some surprising facts and bring new sheds of lights in Bangladesh Studies. I would like to remind the participants that you are very welcome to submit and publish your contributions as full research papers to our peer reviewed journal: CenRaPS Journal of Social Sciences.

I wish all of you safety and good health on these very difficult days,

Rahmat Ullah

August 2020, Istanbul

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Opening Session

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ayhan Nuri Yilmaz, Assistant Professor, Akdeniz University, Turkey

7.50-7.59 (GMT)

Session-1 Title: Bangladesh: History and Culture Session Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr. Abu B. Siddiq Time: 8.00-9.25 (GMT)	
Presenter	Title
Abu B. Siddiq	Bangladesh: A Potential Prehistoric Corridor between South and Southeast Asia
Ahsan Habib Abu B. Siddiq	New Insights on the Ethno-religious Diversity in Bangladesh
Tahmina Akter Dipu Al- Amin	War Heroines of 1971 of Bangladesh: How They Treated in our Society
Abu B. Siddiq	Importance of Studying Society and Culture in Medieval Bengal
Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan Khan	Role of Stakeholders in Heritage Management in Bangladesh: A Case Study of Mahasthangarh

Session-2 Title: Foreign Policy and Security of Bangladesh Session Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sultan Mahmud Rana Time: 9.30-10.55 (GMT)	
Presenter	Title
Niloufar Baghernia Ebrahim Meraji	Understanding China’s Relationship with Bangladesh
Md. Rahamatullah	Climate Change and Blue Economy: Challenges and Possibilities Towards Sustainable Development of Bangladesh
Shamsul Haque	Impact of Climate Change in Bangladesh: An Ethically Defensible Framework for Policy and Decision Making
Michal Tengeri	Security Risks of Rohingya on National Security of Bangladesh

Session-3 Title: Economy and Policy Session Chair: Assoc. Dr. Omar Faruque Time: 11.00-12.25 (GMT)	
Presenter	Title
Abdul Mahidud Khan Adib Ahmed	Remittance Inflow and Foreign Exchange Reserve in the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Case Study of Bangladeshi Economy
Syed Magfur Ahmad Abdullah Al Mamun	Opportunities of Islamic FinTech: The Case of Bangladesh and Turkey
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Kahkashan Khan	Role and Major Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Gender Equality

Session-4 Title: Education Session Chair: Assist. Prof. Rafiq Lone Time: 12.30-13.40 (GMT)	
Presenter	Title
Rafiq Lone Mushtaq Lone	Factors that make Bangladesh an Attractive Destination for Aspiring Medical Students from Kashmir
Muhammad Salahuddin	Progress and Problems of Primary Education in Bangladesh: A Snapshot of 50 Years
Md. Ramizul Islam Md. Omar Faruk	Qawmi Madrasa Education in Bangladesh: An Overview on the Past and Present

Session-5 Title: Media, Gender and Politics Session Chair: Assist. Prof. Dr. Md. Aliur Rahman Time: 13.45-15.10 (GMT)	
Presenter	Title
Halimatus Sadia Md. Arman Sorif Jibon	Media Advertisement Representation of women's Body Image and its Impacts of Society on Violence Against Women in Bangladesh
Moshiur Rahman	Struggle against Fake Newsmakers and Publishers on Social Media, Measures against Fake News
Md. Aliur Rahman Adnan	Right to Information Act 2009 to Tackle Corruption in Bangladesh: Citizens' Perception
Md. Hamza Kamal Mostafa	Cultural Politics of Censorship: Socio-political Ethos of Bangladesh
Md. Shamim Md. Aliur Rahman	Gender Representation in Media: An Analysis of Select TVCs of Bangladesh

Closing Session
15.11-15.30 (GMT)

Importance of Studying Society and Culture in Medieval Bengal

Abu B. Siddiq¹

Abstract

Due to the scope of comfortable human habitation and easy access to the rich natural resources Bengal Delta attracted many people groups of different ethnic and religious backgrounds since prehistoric period. Like many other ancient migratory groups, a large number of Central and West Asian people groups also settled down and established new political rules in medieval Bengal. Although they brought new cultures and religious trends, because the common trend in the Delta, medieval Bengal experienced momentous cultural adoptions and admixtures, providing the scope of multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies living side by side for centuries and eventually helped formation of the final stage of Bengali Civilization. However, the legacy was systematically diminished through the propaganda history produced by Anglocentric colonial scholarship. The excessive success of the colonial ‘divide and rule’ policy further destroyed socio-cultural harmony in the region and ultimately ended up creating severe social fractions, cultural complexities, and ethno-religious conflicts. So much so that Bengali Hindus started to see Bengali Muslims to be some unwelcomed foreigners while the Bengali Muslims continue blaming the Brahmanical tradition to be a devil migratory force that vanquished the long lasting Buddhist tradition. Consequently the socio-cultural divisions reached at its worst condition possible and often encouraging religious extremism today. In this context, this study proposes that intensive studies of the medieval socio-cultural traditions following a well-planned academic framework beyond the Anglocentric tradition can help wane the veritable pain of social divisions and religious detestations Bengal experiencing today.

Keywords: Bengal Delta, Medieval period; Anglocentric scholarship, Cultural conflict, Ethno-religious extremism, Bangladesh

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