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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)	
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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	
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Presenter	Title
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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
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Md. Shamim Md. Aliur Rahman	Gender Representation in Media: An Analysis of Select TVCs of Bangladesh

Closing Session
15.11-15.30 (GMT)

Bangladesh: A Potential Prehistoric Corridor between South and Southeast Asia

Abu B. Siddiq¹

Abstract

Bengal Delta has been a favorable land for dense vegetation and diverse fauna, which were vital for the survival of prehistoric human groups. Although there is a lack of large-scale archaeological exploration, records of stone tools from a series of locations including Sitakunda hill of Chittagong, Chhagalnaiya of Feni, Lalmai-Mainamati region of Comilla, Wari-Bateshwar area of Narsingdi, and Chaklapunji of Habiganj indicate the movements of prehistoric people along the elevated topographic lands of Bangladesh. There are also records of a large number of prehistoric locations in Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, Bihar and West Bengal of India, some of them are very close to and often share equal palaeo-geographical settings with Bangladesh. Particularly over forty prehistoric locations in the neighboring Garo Hills and Khasi Hills of Meghalaya, and over two hundred Palaeolithic locations in Bardhaman, Birbhum, Bankura, Purulia and Midnapur districts of West Bengal signify the busy movements of archaic human groups across Bengal Delta. Besides, the prehistoric tools of east and southeastern Bangladesh demonstrate strong techno-typological resemblances with prehistoric assemblages of the Irrawaddy valley of Myanmar. Presenting some vital palaeo-environmental and archaeological records, this study primarily aims to present the hypothesis that, during the sea level fluctuations in the Pleistocene, the deltaic arcs of Bengal Basin were parts of a possible route for archaic human groups' dispersal across South and Southeast Asia. It also highlights the importance of large-scale systematic explorations and recording of prehistoric locations in Bangladesh, particularly to understand its potentials in world prehistory.

Keywords: Bengal Delta, Palaeolithic, Stone tool, Hominid, Southeast Asia, South Asia

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