

# Ishrat Hossain

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Oxford

DPhil in International Relations

Thesis Title: *The Rohingya Refugee Crisis and Minority (In)securities in the Bangladesh-Myanmar Borderland*

Supervisors: Prof. Richard Caplan and Dr. Matthew Walton

**Maternity leave 2021-2022.**

Oxford, United Kingdom

December 2023 (expected)

### Australian National University

M.A. in International Relations

Thesis Title: *Shifting Ties - Effects of Foreign Policy Restructuring on Bangladesh-Myanmar Relations*

Supervisor: Dr Nicholas Farrelly

First Class Honours' and Department prize for best thesis in the Program

Canberra, Australia

2013

### Dhaka University

M.A. in English Literature

Dhaka, Bangladesh

2008

### Dhaka University

B.A. in English Literature

Dhaka, Bangladesh

2006

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Ethnic Politics, Political Processes, Forced Migration and Refugees, Methods, South Asian Politics

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Oxford International Seed Fund (Conference grant, to be hosted at the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford)	2021
Oxford Linacre College Conference Expenses Grant	2020
Oxford Linacre College Mulder Fund for research	2019
Cumberland Lodge Fellow, Windsor	2018-2019
Oxford Department of Politics and International Relations Cyril Foster Travel Grant	2019
Oxford-Burma Visiting Fund to conduct field work (both Hilary and Trinity rounds)	2018
Oxford Programme on Modern Burmese Studies Travel Grant	2018
Commonwealth Scholarship Study Travel Grant	2018
Commonwealth PhD Scholarship 2016 (full tuition and subsistence)	2016
London School of Economics PhD Studentship (full tuition and subsistence, Declined)	2016
Australian National University, MAIR Prize, for best thesis in the Programme	2013
Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship 2012 (full tuition and subsistence)	2012-2013

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed Chapters in Edited Volumes

Farrelly, N and Hossain, I (2014). From Bangladesh: Considering Another Side of the Rakhine Conflict in Nick Cheesman and Htoo Kyaw Win (Ed.) Communal Violence in Myanmar, MKS Publishing, Yangon

### Book Reviews

Hossain, I. (2018). Myanmar's Mountains and Maritime Borderscapes: Local Practices, Boundary Making and Figured World, by Su-Ann Oh (ed.). *Bijdragen tot de taal-, land-en volkenkunde/Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia*, 174(1), 118-120.

Hossain, I (2018). Myanmar's Enemy Within: Buddhist Violence and the Making of a Muslim "Other" by Francis Wade. Zed Books, 2017. Tea Circle Forum, Oxford

### Peer-reviewed Policy Papers

Ishrat Hossain (2020). After Humanitarianism: Bangladesh's Evolving Rohingya Policy. GIGA Focus Asia Number 06. October 2020 (ISSN 1862-359X)

Ishrat Hossain (2019). Buddhist-Muslim Relations in Southeast Bangladesh in the Shadow of the Rohingya Crisis, Briefing Paper for the X-Border Local Research Network, The Asia Foundation, USA

### Selected Other Publications

Ishrat Hossain (2023). How acute is the threat to democracy in Bangladesh?. *The Hundred*. Number 54. 05 May 2023

Ishrat, Hossain (2018). Bangladesh balances between big brothers China and India, *East Asia Forum*

Ishrat Hossain (2018). Where Buddhism meets Islam: Communal Dynamics along the Bangladesh-Myanmar Borderlands, Lead article for the *Common Knowledge Magazine*, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

## WORKING PAPERS

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"Impact of Refugee Social Networks on Civic Activism and Mobility: A Case study from the Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh". 2022

"Fragile Border, Changing Communities: Impact of the Rohingya Refugee Crisis on Ethnic Minorities in the Bangladesh-Myanmar Borderland". 2020

"Rohingya Repatriation: International Framework and Domestic Constraints". With Ashraful Azad. 2021.

"Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: Response of the State, Host Community, Market and Civil Society". With Ashraful Azad. 2018.

## TEACHING

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### Graduate Teaching Assistant

2022

*Course title: Qualitative Methods in Political Science*

Core method course at the Department of Politics and International Relations

### Undergraduate Tutor

2019 - 2023

*Course title: Politics in South Asia*

Oxford Colleges: St. Edmund's Hall, Pembroke College, St Hilda's College

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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**2021:** International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meetings, European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference (Panel Organiser).

**2020:** International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting (cancelled), British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference (cancelled), British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) Annual Conference (cancelled), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meetings.

**2019:** Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) Annual Workshop, Oxford.

**2018:** International Burma Studies Conference, Bangkok.

**2017:** European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference, Oxford-SOAS Graduate Student Workshop, Oxford.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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**2021:** Muslim Minorities of Myanmar: The Politics of Belonging and Exclusion. Oxford Consortium for Human Rights Workshop 2021. *Oxford*.

**2020:** Becoming More Authoritarian? Myanmar Ahead of the November 2020 Elections. Panel at GIGA Talk. *Berlin*.

**2019:** Fragile Borders, Changing Communities: Rohingya Crisis and Buddhist-Muslim Relations in the Bangladesh-Myanmar Borderland. Commonwealth Commission Research Impact Event. The Royal Society. *London*.

**2019:** Higher Education in the Rohingya refugee camps' at Extending the Welcome: Symposium on Long-term Approaches to Supporting Refugees and at-risk Scholars in Higher Education. *University of Edinburgh*.

**2019:** Fragile Borders, Changing Communities: Impact of the Rohingya Crisis on the Bangladesh-Myanmar Border. Interactive workshop organised by the Association of Commonwealth Universities. *London Metropolitan University*.

**2017:** Youth Interfaith Engagement. Panel at the G20 Interfaith Summit. *Potsdam*.

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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Centre for Fundamental Rights, the Hertie School. Visiting Fellow, 2022

The German Institute for Global and Area Studies. Associate, 2019 -

Oxford Analytica Ltd. Expert Contributor, 2017 -

Research Initiatives, Bangladesh. Visiting Researcher, 2018

United Nations Development Programme, Dhaka. Head of Communications, 2014 - 16

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dhaka. Political Advisor to the Ambassador, 2013 - 14

Australian High Commission, Dhaka. Senior Research Officer, 2010 - 12

## METHODS TRAINING

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- **Quantitative:** Intermediate Statistics for Social Sciences
- **Qualitative:** Advanced Qualitative Methods

## FIELDWORK

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Dhaka (2012, 2014, 2018-19); Cox's Bazaar (2010, 2018-19); Chittagong Hill Tracts (2018-19); London (2017, 2019)

## SKILLS AND TRAINING

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**Language:** English, Bengali. Hindi (intermediate), Urdu (limited) and German (beginner)

**Language Training:** Institute of Modern Languages, Dhaka University. Russian (2005)

**Technology:** STATA, R, NVivo. (Basic training)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

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External Assessor: Independent Social Research Foundation, 2021 –

Member: International Studies Association, 2019 –

Member: Midwest Political Science Association, 2019 –

Member: British International Studies Association, 2019 –

Member: British Association for South Asian Studies, 2019 –

Member: American Political Science Association, 2020 –

Member: European Association for Southeast Asian Studies, 2021 –

## REFERENCES

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Richard Caplan, Professor of International Relations, University of Oxford

Nicholas Farrelly, Professor and Head of Social Sciences, University of Tasmania

Matthew Walton, Assistant Professor of Comparative Political Theory, University of Toronto