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Work experiences

- Now working as Associate Professor in Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka since 30 December 2020 to present
- Worked as Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka since 26 June, 2013 to 30 December 2020.
- Worked as Lecturer in Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka since 14 July, 2011 to 25 June, 2013.
- Worked as Assistant Professor in Department of Sociology, Jagannath University, Dhaka since 13 October, 2010 to 14 July, 2011.
- Worked as Lecturer in Department of Sociology, Jagannath University, Dhaka since 7 October, 2008 to 12 October, 2010.
- Part time Teacher in Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka from January, 2008 to December, 2008.
- Worked as Senior Research Associate in the Research and Evaluation Division (RED) of BRAC from April 2007 to October 2008.
- Part-time faculty at the Department of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering, and Department of Geography, University of Dhaka.
- Worked as a part-time teacher. at North-South University (2018-19), BRAC University (2018-19), United International University (2007-08), Military Institute of Science and Technology (2016), Armed Forces Medical Institute (2018) and Dhaka School of Economics (2018).

Education

- Ph.D, (Awarded in 2018) Environment Policy Group, Department of Social Sciences, Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands. Thesis title: *Technological innovations for societal change: Arsenic mitigation technologies for safe drinking water in rural Bangladesh* under the supervision of Professor Dr. Arthur P.J. Mol (Promoter) and Professor Dr. Aarti Gupta (Co-Promoter)
- Master of Social Sciences in Sociology (Sessions: 2003-04) (Examination held in 2005 and result Published in 2006): First class First position in order of merit, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

• Bachelor of Social Sciences in Sociology (Sessions:1998-99 to 2002-03), (Examination held in 2003 and result published in 2004): First class Fourth position in order of merit, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Research Projects

- 1. Understanding the socio-technical regime of arsenic mitigation technologies in Bangladesh: Recent trends and changes (2021-22)
- 2. Narratives on Land Grabbing, University of Dhaka Centennial Research Grant, University of Dhaka. (2021-2022)
- 3. Promoting peace and prosperity: Lessons captured from empowering young women in Bangladesh, Centre for Peace & Jusice, Brac University (2021), funded by UN Women
- 4. Social Profiling of Violent Extremists: A Study on those taken under Law in Bangladesh, Counter Terrorism & Transnational Crime Protection Centre for Bangladesh Police and Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka (2021).
- 5. Understanding livelihood in Chittagong Hill Tracts and plain land, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2019-20).
- 6. An Assessment of the Socio-cultural and Political Factors Driving 'Religion-Based' Violent Extremism (VE) in Some Selected Northern Districts of Bangladesh, Centre for Trade and Investment, University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2018).
- 7. State of justice in the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Exploring the formal and informal justice institutions of the indigenous communities", Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC (2008-09).
- 8. Revisiting Group Dynamics and Legal Rights, Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC (2008).
- 9. Understanding Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) for the rural Women in Bangladesh: Some illustrations from BRAC's HRLS program, Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC (2007-08).

Published Articles

- **Kundu, D.K.**, S. Sarker; A.Y. Khan and M. Samadder (2021), Beyond Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP): A study on the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Bangladesh, Social Science Review, Dhaka University Studies, Part-D, Vol 38, No.2. June 2020, pp. 33-52.
- Sultana, Y & **DK Kundu** (2021), Revisiting Durkheim: A Study on Suicide in Jhenaidah District of Bangladesh, *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (Humanities)*, Vol 66, No. 2, pp. 169-186.
- Halim, S; **D.K. Kundu** and M. Samadder (2020), Livelihood Challenges of Indigenous Peoples in Hill and Plainland, *Solidarity*, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum: Dhaka: 91-97.
- **Kundu, D.K.**, A. Gupta, A. P.J. Mol, M. M. Rahman and D. van Halem (2018), Experimenting with a novel technology for provision of safe drinking water in rural Bangladesh: The case of sub-surface arsenic removal (SAR), *Technology in Society*, 53: 161-172. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techsoc.2018.01.010

- **Kundu, D.K.**, A.P.J. Mol and A. Gupta (2016), Failing Arsenic Mitigation Technology in Rural Bangladesh: Explaining Stagnation in Niche Formation of the Sono Filter, *Water Policy*. 18 (6): 1490- 1507. https://doi.org/10.2166/wp.2016.014
- **Kundu, D.K.;** B. Van Vliet; A. Gupta (2016), The consolidation of deep tube well technology in safe drinking water provision: the case of arsenic mitigation in rural Bangladesh, *Asian Journal of Technology Innovation*. doi: 10.1080/19761597.2016.1190286
- **Kundu, D.K.,** A. Gupta; A.P.J. Mol; M. Nasreen (2016), Framing social acceptability of arsenic safe technologies in rural Bangladesh: A user-oriented analysis, *Water Policy*. 18 (2): 318–334. doi: 10.2166/wp.2015.026
- Islam, Lamia and **D.K. Kundu** (2016), Who rules Bangladesh? An analysis of power actors and power networks, 1973- 2014, *Jagannath University Journal of Arts*, 6 (2): 177-190.
- Islam, Lamia and **D.K. Kundu** (2016), Transformation of power in rural power structure of Bangladesh: An outlook from 1960s to 2000s, *The Journal of Social Studies*, 150: 31-49.
- **Kundu, D.K.** and M. Samadder, (2013). Bundle of tears versus strength of numbers: A study on gender Justice and group dynamics in Bangladesh. *The Journal of Social Studies*, 137: 56-75.
- **Kundu, D.K.** and T.B. Das.(2012), Combating Sexual Harassment in Educational Institutions: Shifting the Status Quo from Disparity to Equality, *The Journal of Social Studies*, 134: 65-78.
- **Kundu, D.K.** (2011), Struggling with "flexibility": A Case on Ethnic Conflict and Citizenship Crisis in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh, *The Journal of Social Studies*, 132: 1-16.
- **Kundu, D.K.** and M. Samadder (2010), Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and gender justice in Bangladesh: Myth and Reality, *Journal of Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, 33: 1-16.
- Nasreen, M and **Kundu**, **D.K.** (2008), The Sociology of Monga: Some illustrations from Northern Part of Bangladesh, Social Science Review, Dhaka University Studies, D.
- Nasreen, M and **D.K. Kundu** (2008), Gender Role of Women in Coping with Monga in the Northern Region of Bangladesh, *Journal of Institute of Bangladesh Studies*, 31.
- Nasreen, M. K.M. Hossain, and **D.K. Kundu.** (2006), The Interrelationship between Poverty, Environment and Sustainable Development: an overview, *Bangladesh e-journal of Sociology*, 2(3), 59-79.

Books/ Chapters

- Halim, S; **D.K. Kundu** and N. Islam (2022), Social Profiling of the Violent Extremists Offenders: A Study on those taken under Law in Bangladesh, *Preventing Violent Extremism in Bangladesh*, Ahmed, I and M. Islam (Edited), Dhaka: CTTC & Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka. pp. 201-238.
- **Kundu, D.K** (2022), Practices of Humanities and Social Sciences in the University of Dhaka (In Bangla), *University of Dhaka: History and Traditions* (In Bangla), Dhaka: Dhaka University Publications. pp. 175-202.
- Halim, S and **D.K. Kundu** (2022), Teachers-Students relation, *University of Dhaka: History and Traditions* (In Bangla), Dhaka: Dhaka University Publications. pp. 433-442.
- **Kundu, D.K** (2022), The role of Bangabandhu on Industrialization in Bangladesh, In 'The Developmental Philosophy of Bangabandhu', Statistics and Information Management Division & Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Bangladesh. pp. 197-216.

Kundu, D. K. (2018). Technological innovations for societal change: Arsenic mitigation technologies for safe drinking water in rural Bangladesh. Wageningen University. https://doi.org/10.18174/429972

Research Reports

- **Kundu, D.K.** (2021), Promoting peace and prosperity: Lessons captured from empowering young women in Bangladesh, Centre for Peace & Jusice, Brac University, funded by UN Women
- Halim, S. And **D.K. Kundu** (2021), Social Profiling of Violent Extremists: A Study on those taken under Law in Bangladesh, Counter Terrorism & Transnational Crime Protection Centre for Bangladesh Police and Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka
- Halim, S. And **D.K. Kundu** (2020), Understanding livelihood in Chittagong Hill Tracts and plain land, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2019-20).
- **Kundu, D.K.**, M. Samadder, A. Khan and S.S. Naomi. (2011), State of justice in Chittagong Hill Tracts: Exploring the formal and informal justice institutions of the indigenous communities" *Monograph 44*, Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC. Cited in: www.bracresearch.org
- **Kundu, D.K.,** and m. Sammadder (2010), Revisiting Group Dynamics and Legal Rights, *Working paper 15*, BRAC-RED, Cited in: www.bracresearch.org
- **Kundu, D.K.,** A. Khan, and M. Sammadder (2010), Understanding Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) for the rural Women in Bangladesh: Some illustrations from BRAC's HRLS program, *Working paper 13*, BRAC-RED, Cited in www.bracresearch.org

Training

- Course name: Qualitative Data Analysis: Procedures and Strategies (2010), Wageningen University & Research (WUR)
- Course name: Research Methodology: From Topic to Proposal (2011), Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS)
- Course name: Information Literacy and End notes (2011), WGS
- Course name: Writing ethnographic and other qualitative interpretive research: An inductive learning approach (2012), Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS)
- Course name: Techniques for Writing and Presenting a Scientific Paper (2013), WGS.
- Innovative approaches to theory and methodology in development, STEPS Summer School 2013, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex University, United Kingdom, 2013.
- Course name: Systematic approaches to reviewing literature (2014), Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS).
- ToT on disaster management: Theory and Methodology, Bangladesh Academy of Rural Development, Comilla, Bangladesh, 2009
- Training on SPSS and Atlas-ti from WASS, WUR.

Conference Presentations/ Workshops/ Invited speaker

 Resource person in a workshop on Agrarian Change, jointly organized by Research Initiative, Bangladesh; Foundation for Agrarian Studies, India; and Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung South Asia, Germany from July 30 to July 31, 2022, Dhaka.

- Invited discussant, World Environment Day 2022, Organized by BARCIK in association with USAID & Counterpart International on 05 June, 2022 at Dhaka
- Session Chair, First International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences, 14-15 June, 2022, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymenshingh, Bangladesh.
- Resource person in a roundtable discussion on Violence against Dalit and Adivasi Women during Covid-19, jointed organized by Creative Media and Bangladesh Protidin in association with HEKS/EPER at CIRDAP, Dhaka, Bangladesh on 12 March 2022.
- Expert teacher, ToT designed for National University Sociology and Political Sciences Teachers (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022) for the Environmental Sociology and Sociology of poverty courses.
- **Kundu, D.K.**, A.Y. Khan, and M. Samadder (2021), Urban Resilience during a pandemic and the emergence of 'COVID Poor': Some illustrations on Dhaka City, National Conference on Climate Change and Resilience in Urban Bangladesh, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies & Bangladesh Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge, CIRDAP, Dhaka, 21 December 2021.
- Resource person in a training program on 'Fundamentals of Research Methodology for the Young Researchers', on 'Ethics in Social Science Research, organized by Bangladesh Institute of Governance and Management (BIGM) on 25 January 2021.
- Kundu, D.K. (2020), Women, Arsenic and Technological Innovation: An illustration from rural Bangladesh in the session Gender and Development: Contextualizing Theory on the Ground, 2020 Canadian Sociological Association (CSA-SCS) Conference. Western Ontario University, London ON, Canada. [Abstract accepted]
- Invited discussant to the International Symposium on Kindship and Family in a Muslim Village in Bengal: Revisiting an Ethnography by the late Professor Hara Tadahiko after 50 Years, Jointly organized by Centre for Social Science Research, Independent University, Bangladesh & ILCAA, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan on 19th October 2019.
- Kundu, D.K. (2019). Going beyond citizenship: Some illustrations on the social dynamics between the host community and Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh" to the International Seminar on 'Forced Migrants, Refugees, Welfare policies and the state', 02 06 December 2019, at University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. [Abstract accepted]
- Kundu, D.K. (2019). Socio-technical experiment and social change: An illustration from Bangladesh, First International Conference on Social sciences and Law, 15-16 March, University of Barishal, Barishal, Bangladesh.
- Kundu, D.K. (2015). Socio-technical experiments with Sub-surface arsenic removal technology for safe drinking water: Evidence from rural Bangladesh, International WATer Conference 2015, Oklahoma University, Norman, Okla, USA.
- Kundu, D.K. (2013), Dynamics of social acceptability of arsenic mitigation technologies in Rural Bangladesh: Lessons from three technologies, GeoGen 2013 Conference, held on 5-8 February 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia jointly organized by The Swiss Federal Institute for Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag), Addis Ababa University and the Chemical Society of Ethiopia.
- Kundu, D.K. (2013). From contamination to conflict: Water, arsenic and technologies in Bangladesh, International Conference on "Water Resources in South Asia: Conflicts to Cooperation (WRSA-CC)" held on January 4-5, 2013 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- Hossain, K.M and Kundu, D.K. (2008), The role of tobacco cultivation in environmental degradation of Bangladesh: A case study on Chittagong hill tracts, Seminar on World Environment Day-2008, jointly organized by Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka and Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), 5 June 2008.
- Kundu, D.K. and M. M. Islam. (2007), Searching the indigenous agenda: Non-environmental features of the environment movement in Bangladesh, Papers and Proceedings of the First Conference on Indigenous People and Bangladesh Environment, December 17-18, held at Dhaka, organized by: Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) and Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN), pp.57-80.
- Islam, Q.S., Marufa, A and D.K. Kundu, (2008), Cultural construction of nutrition care of TB patients: Perception and experience of community people in rural settings of Bangladesh, Abstract published in the *NORAD International Conference on Health* held on July 29, 2008, at Copenhagen, Denmark.

Membership in Professional Bodies

- Publication Secretary, Bangladesh Sociological Association (BSA)
- Member of Executive Committee, Dhaka University Sociology Alumni (DUSA)
- Former President, Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS)