

Short Biography of Researchers

Principal Researcher

Sadia Binta Zaman, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, East West University

Sadia Binta Zaman is a Lecturer in Sociology at East West University with prior teaching roles at Green University of Bangladesh from 2022 to 2024 and the University of South Asia in 2022. She holds both graduation (2018) and Post-graduation (2021) in Sociology from the University of Dhaka. Her research focuses on environmental sociology, internal migration, climate change and gender, disaster-induced displacement, stratification, and inequality. She has two academic publications in the field of disaster-induced displacement and internal migration in Bangladesh. In 2025, she became one of the Regional Editors for Bangladesh at *Global Dialogue*, the quarterly magazine of the International Sociological Association (ISA). Before that, she served as Research Assistant on ethically focused projects at Jahangirnagar University's Department of Philosophy (2023–24), including studies on medical ethics and C-section practices and some other international organizations such as Plan International, UNDP, UNIC etc.

Internal Co-Researcher

1. **Dr. Fouzia Mannan**, Professor & Chairperson, Department of Sociology, East West University

Dr. Fouzia Mannan is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at East West University, Dhaka. She completed her Ph.D. in Sociology with a concentration in gender and development in 2002 from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). She was awarded the University Grants Commission (UGC) Scholarship in India for pursuing her PhD program. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (ISS), The Hague, Netherlands, in 2009. She was a faculty member of the Department of Women and Gender Studies, University of Dhaka, from January 2005 to 2010. She was a U.S. State Department SUSI Scholar in the Dialogue Institute on religious pluralism at Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, in 2018. She started her career with the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and has researched and published on gender, poverty, water and sanitation, violence against women, social protection, religion, and women's empowerment nationally and internationally.

2. Dr. Muhammad Rehan Masoom, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, East West University

Dr. Muhammad Rehan Masoom, an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at East West University, specializes in the sociology of religion and the sociology of market. He earned his PhD in 2024, focusing on the socio-cultural dynamics of lived Islam. His academic journey includes an MBA in Marketing and a Master's in Social Sciences (MSS) with securing First Class First position from the University of Dhaka, reflecting his interdisciplinary expertise in business and social sciences. A prolific scholar, Dr. Masoom has authored over 40 academic publications with over a dozen of Scopus-indexed publications in esteemed journals such as *Heliyon*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, and *Religions* etc. He also serves as a Review Editor for *Frontiers in Psychology*, contributing to academic peer-review processes.

3. Ishtiaq Mohammad Fakhruddin, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, East West University

Ishtiaq Mohammad Fakhruddin is a Lecturer in Sociology at East West University. Recently, he has completed his MPhil in Sociology from South Asian University, New Delhi. His Sociological training initially started with a graduation degree from Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Before that, he had completed his Master's from the same university and did a research thesis on the Farmers' Movement in Delhi and adjoining areas during 2020-21. His research focused on global markets and the role of globalization in the negotiation power of the RMG workers in Bangladesh. This academic pursuit has been closely intertwined with intellectual curiosity to decipher the underlying principles of the socio-political system has played a significant role in my academic journey.