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EDUCATION

2023   Doctor of Philosophy, Australian National University
Thesis: *Does Government Turnover Matter? A Comparative Study of the Implementation of Peace Agreements in Democratic Countries*

2016   Master of Science in Governance and Development
University of Antwerp

2012   Master of Social Sciences in Peace and Conflict Studies
University of Dhaka

2011   Bachelor of Social Sciences in Peace and Conflict Studies with Honours
University of Dhaka

CERTIFICATE COURSES

2024   Introduction to Social Network Analysis
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis

2022   Certificate Course on Game Theory in Political Science
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis

2022   Certificate Course on Advanced Political Text Analysis
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis

2021   Certificate Course on Introduction to Political Text Analysis
ANU Summer School in Political Analysis

2020   Certificate Course on Longitudinal Data Analysis
Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Inc. (ACSPRI)

2009   Certificate Course on Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods
The University of Dhaka and the UN University for Peace

PRIZES, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTION

- Australian Government Research Training Program International Fee Offset Scholarship, 2019
- Australian Government Research Training Program International Scholarship, 2019
- VLIR-UOS International Master Scholarship in Belgium, 2015
- Tajuddin Ahmed Peace Scholar Gold Medal, 2012 (awarded to the top achiever student at the undergraduate)
- Eastern Bank Ltd.–Dhaka University Alumni Association (EBBL-DUAA) Inspiration Award, 2011
- Eastern Bank Ltd.–Dhaka University Alumni Association (EBBL-DUAA) Inspiration Award, 2008
- Grameen Bank Award, 2006 (awarded to the top achiever students at higher secondary)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Award, Reference: RFx20632 – Lead Investigator: Professor Nicholas Biddle at ANU, Funding Amount: AUD $273,882 (incl. GST)
- 2023 Asia Pacific Innovation Program (APIP) Engagement and Impact Grant, Funding Amount: $11,966
- British Academy Award, Reference: IC2\100178 – Lead Investigator: Professor Peter Sammonds at UCL
Funding Amount: £50,000

WORKING HISTORY

2023–Present	*Research Fellow*, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University
2017-2023	*Assistant Professor*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka
2013-2017	*Lecturer*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- *Research Fellow*, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University (2023–Present)
Contributing to ARC-funded *Diaspora Humanitarians* project (LP200200817) by conducting qualitative, quantitative, and digital research on crisis response by migrant communities.
- *Researcher*, ANU/NRI & United States Institute of Peace Social Media Project (Jan–Feb 2024)
Scraped and analyzed YouTube data to examine inter-group violence and sorcery accusation related violence (SARV) in Papua New Guinea.
- *Research Assistant*, Department of Strategic and Defence Studies, ANU (Jan–Mar 2023)
Conducted literature review on social media and political campaigning in South Asia to support concept note development for a workshop.
- *Lead Researcher*, Kapaeeng Foundation (2021–2022)
Led research on violence against Indigenous women and girls in Bangladesh, funded by Manusher Jonno Foundation.
- *Researcher & Co-Applicant*, University College London IRDR (2018–2019)
Collaborated on *The Rohingya Exodus* project funded by the British Academy, exploring regional security implications.
- *Minority Rights Expert*, UNDP Bangladesh (2017–2018)
Supported grassroots peacebuilding and conflict resolution initiatives across Indigenous communities.
- *Researcher*, Department of Social Services, Government of Bangladesh (2018)
Assessed impact of Rural Social Services (RSS) program on development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- *Survey Data Analyst*, Department of World Religions, University of Dhaka (2017)
Analyzed institutional assessment data for self-evaluation project funded by University Grants Commission.
- *Survey Data Analyst*, Department of Sanskrit, University of Dhaka (2017)
Contributed to program self-assessment study through statistical analysis and reporting.
- *Survey Data Analyst*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka (2017)
Conducted data analysis for academic program assessment as part of UGC quality assurance initiative.
- *National Consultant*, UNDP Bangladesh (2015)
Evaluated confidence-building processes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts through field-based qualitative research.
- *Researcher*, UNDP Bangladesh (2013–2014)
Conducted social capital assessment in post-conflict zones of the Chittagong Hill Tracts.
- *Researcher*, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (2013)
Contributed to criminal justice reform study by collecting and analyzing qualitative data from legal institutions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Casual Sessional Academic*, School of Politics and International Relations, ANU *(Feb 2022 – May 2023)*
Tutored undergraduate courses in international relations, political research, and peace studies, including *POLS1006: Introduction to International Relations – Contemporary Global Issues, POLS1005: Introduction to International Relations – Foundation and Concepts, POLS1009: Research and Writing in Political Science*, and *POLS2123: Peace and Conflict Studies*.
- *Australia Awards Sessional Tutor*, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU *(Jul – Nov 2020)*
Delivered postgraduate tutorials in *STST8004: Australian Strategic and Defence Policy* and *STST8056: Strategy and Southeast Asia: Defence and Security Dynamics* as part of the Australia Awards program.
- *Assistant Professor*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka *(Jan – Dec 2018)*
Taught postgraduate and honours-level courses including *PACS522: Terrorism and Counterterrorism, PACS324: Quantitative Research Methodology, PACS214: International Law and Dispute Settlement*, and *PACS414: Media, Peace and Conflict*.
- *Lecturer*, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka *(Mar 2013 – Dec 2017)*
Delivered a broad portfolio of undergraduate courses such as *PACS106: Concept and Analysis of Conflict, PACS114: Bangladesh Politics, PACS124: International Politics, PACS211: Security Studies, PACS221: Migration, Refugee and Conflict, PACS412: Alternative Dispute Resolution*, and *PACS413: Indigenous Studies*.

- *Part-Time Lecturer*, Department of Business Studies, Dhaka City College *(Jun – Dec 2014)*
  Taught *Bangladesh Studies* to undergraduate business students.

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SKILLS

- Comparative politics
- Peace and conflict studies
- Indigenous studies
- Qualitative and quantitative methods
- Text-as-data method and machine learning
- Social media data analysis

- R
- STATA
- SPSS
- NVivo
- Kobo Toolbox
- QGIS
- Taguette

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Gamlen, A., & Chakma, A. (2025). Trusted intermediaries? The role of diasporas in humanitarian assistance. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdrr.2025.105212
- Arthur, M., Frank, N., Chakma, A., & Friel, S. (2024). Climate change mitigation policy for planetary health equity? An automated content analysis of countries' nationally determined contribution reports. *Environmental Research Letters, 19*, 114032.
- Chakma, A. (2024). Freedom from fear and subjective well-being: Does personal security affect life satisfaction? *International Social Science Journal, 74*, 1357–1373.
- Chakma, A. (2024). Government ideology and the implementation of civil war peace agreements. *Conflict, Security & Development, 24*(1), 1–24.
- Chakma, A. (2024). Does political security matter? A study on the life satisfaction of Indigenous Peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. *Journal of Asian and African Studies, 59*(2), 532–548.
- Chakma, A. (2023). Leadership changes and civil war peace agreements: Does who comes to power influence the implementation? *International Peacekeeping, 30*(1), 24–52.
- Islam, M. T., Ahmed, B., Sammonds, P., Chakma, A., Patwary, O. H., Durrat, F., & Alam, M. S. (2022). The 2017 Rohingya influx into Bangladesh and its implications for the host communities. *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding, 10*(2), 487–512.
- Chakma, A. (2021). Does state repression stimulate terrorism? A panel data analysis on South Asia. *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, 17*(2), 200–217.
- Chakma, A. (2019). Is NGO peacebuilding risk-free? A case study on Bangladesh. *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding, 7*(2), 349–367.
- Chakma, A. (2017). The peacebuilding process of the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Donor-driven or demand-driven? *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding, 5*(2), 223–242.
- Chakma, A. (2017). Understanding grassroots peacebuilding: Key lessons from the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh. *Journal of Human Rights and Peace Studies, 3*(1), 1–34.
- Chakma, A., & Siddiqui, M. S. H. (2016). State building, identity crisis and ethnic conflict: The case of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh. *Journal of Sociology, 8*(2), 59–73.
- Islam, M. R., & Chakma, A. (2013). Major obstacles to the process of implementing peace: Experience from the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh. *Peace and Conflict Review, 7*(2), 32–46.
- Patwary, O. H., & Chakma, A. (2013). A study on the terrorism of South Asia. *Social Science Review, 30*(2), 215–224.
- Ahmed, S., & Chakma, A. (2013). Refugee problem in South Asia: A threat to security. *Lok Proshason Samoeeky, 51*, 1–17.
- Ahmed, S., & Chakma, A. (2012). Kashmir conflict: A critical analysis. *Journal of Society and Change, 6*(3), 20–36.

Book Chapters

- Chakma, A., & Chakma, K. (2024). Nation-building policies and ethnic conflict in Bangladesh. In A. Ranjan, T. Hashmi, & M. Abbas (Eds.), The aftermath of the Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971: Enduring impact. London: Routledge.

- Chakma, A. (2022). Recent trends in peace and conflict studies: Possibilities for PACS. In R. Islam (Ed.), Peace and conflict studies in Bangladesh: Two decades of excellence in education and research. Dhaka: Dhaka University Press.
- Ahmed, B., Islam, M. T., Sammonds, P., Alam, S. M. R., Alam, M. S., Chakma, A., Durrat, F., & Patwary, O. H. (2021). Sustainable Rohingya repatriation in Myanmar: Some criteria to follow. In N. Uddin (Ed.), The Rohingya crisis: Human rights issues, policy concerns and burden sharing. Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore, Washington DC, Melbourne: SAGE Publications.
- Chakma, A. (2018). Triggering role of new media in communal violence: The case of India and Bangladesh. In P. Sarkar (Ed.), Media and politics: The global spectrum. Assam: Pratishthaa Publishing House.
- Barman, D. C., & Chakma, A. (2014). Politics of conflicts in Bangladesh and migration: Role of some historical issues and events. In S. Zaman (Ed.), Survival or extinction? Adivasi rights in Bangladesh. Dhaka: National Human Rights Commission.
- Chakma, A., & Chakma, P. (2014). Present status of social, economic and cultural rights of Indigenous Peoples of Bangladesh. In M. S. Chowdhury (Ed.), Survival under threat: Human rights situation of Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh. Thailand: AIPP Printing Press Co. Ltd.

Forthcoming / Under Review / In Progress

- Chakma, A., & Gamlen, A. "Sanctions and humanitarianism: Diaspora strategies in comparative perspective" (Journal article, submitted the revised manuscript to the *Political Geography* on 20 July 2025).
- Chakma, A., & Corraya, T. M. "YouTube and electoral integrity: Public Perceptions of the 2024 Bangladesh election" (Journal article, submitted to a special issue in the *Asian Studies Review).*
- Chakma, A. "Measuring regional conflict exposure: Introducing the Geographical Proximity to Conflict Index (GPCI), 1989-2023 (Journal article, *submitted to the Journal of Peace Research*).
- Chakma, A., & Gamlen, A. "Diaspora diplomacy from below: Reimagining International Relations through crisis, care, and contestation" (Journal article, ready to submit).
- Chakma, A., & Gamlen, A. "Migrant remittances and the implementation of civil war peace agreements? " (Journal article, ready to submit).
- Chakma, A. "YouTube and the Khalistan Movement in Australia: A Structural Topic Model" (Journal article, *ready to submit*).
- Chakma, A. "A Twitter analysis of the Manipur conflict" (Journal article, ready to submit).
- Chakma, A. "Do countries with better human rights situations implement peace agreements more than those with worse human rights conditions?" (Journal article, *in preparation).*
- Chakma, A. "Facebook and social movement: Evidence from the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh" (Journal article, *in preparation*).
- Chakma, A. "Post-accord violence, intragroup conflict, and political murder: Who joined the online protest on Facebook?" (Journal article, *in preparation*).
- Chakma, A. "Framing militarization and state repression in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT): The use of Facebook as a site of protest" (Journal article, *in preparation*).

BOOK REVIEW

- Chakma, A. (2024). *Book review: The Frontlines of Peace: An Insider's Guide to Changing the World. Australian Outlook.* Australian Institute of International Affairs. https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/book-review-frontlines-of-peace/?fbclid=IwAR0gSAyFMzXlyRgltLMlzQSHdF1HW8ekWxAIe-zpsR5-HqLEDl86DWSeiuI.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, GUEST LECTURES, AND INVITED TALKS

- *Diaspora and Facebook: Catalysing Aid During Humanitarian Crises.* Advisory Board Meeting, Diaspora Humanitarians Project, Online, 14 August 2024.
- *Taliban Takeover in Afghanistan: How Was It Discussed in Australia on Twitter?* Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Annual Conference, University of Sydney, 27–30 November 2023.
- *Revisiting the State Repression–Terrorism Nexus: Evidence from a Global Sample, 2011–2021.* Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science Conference, Griffith University, Brisbane, 7–8 December 2023.
- *Australian Diaspora Aid in Humanitarian Crises: Insights from Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nepal, and Tonga (Pacific Island).* Multi-Stakeholder Workshop, ANU RegNet & Australia Civil-Military Centre (ACMC), Canberra, 28 September 2023.

- *Does State Capacity Matter? A Panel Data Analysis on the Implementation of Intrastate Peace Agreements*. APSA Annual Conference, ANU, Canberra, 26–28 September 2022.
- *Does Political Security Influence Life Satisfaction of Indigenous Peoples? Evidence from the Chittagong Hill Tracts*. Bangladesh@50: Beyond Rhetoric Conference, Online, 9–11 December 2021.
- *The Effects of Government Ideological Turnovers on Civil War Peace Agreements: Evidence from Democratic Countries*. Joint Quantitative Political Science Conference for Asia and Australasia, Online, 13–15 January 2021.
- *Debating Democratic Peace Theory: Government Turnover and Peace Agreement Implementation*. 9th Biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS), Online, 7–9 December 2020.
- *Quantitative Research Methods*. Guest lecture for INTR8072: Approaches and Methods in International Relations, Master of International Relations Program, ANU, 5 October 2020.
- *Level of Personal Security and Support for Social Protest: Evidence from Bangladesh*. Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Flinders University, Adelaide, 22–25 March 2019.
- *Historical Background and Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Invited talk, BRAC Learning Centre, Dinajpur, Bangladesh, 16–17 September 2018.
- *Human Rights and Grassroots Peacebuilding*. Invited talks at Beachway Hotel, Cox's Bazar (29–30 June 2018) and GUK Centre, Gaibandah (4–5 May 2018).
- *Peacemaking, Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding, and Globalization of Security Technology*. Invited talk, Ansar-VDP Academy, Gazipur, Bangladesh, May 2018.
- *A Study on the Nexus Between Buddhism and Peace*. International Seminar on Buddhism, Civilization and Culture, University of Dhaka, 18–19 March 2018.
- *Democracy in the Era of Social Media: Opportunities, Threats and Challenges*. International Seminar on Media and Politics, Assam University, Silchar, India, 6–7 December 2017.
- *Understanding Grassroots Peacebuilding: Lessons from the Chittagong Hill Tracts*. International Conference on Political Transition and Conflict Transformation, Prince of Songkla University, Pattani, Thailand, 24–26 January 2017.
- *Internal and External Dimensions of Terrorism: The Case of Bangladesh*. International Conference on Terrorism in the Wave of Islamic State, University of Dhaka, 7–8 January 2017.
- *Human Rights Situation in Bangladesh*. Invited talk, FIVDB Training Centre, Sylhet, 29–30 June 2015.

IMPACT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Policy Report and Advocacy Papers

- Chakma, A. (Ed.). (2021, August). *Annual human rights report 2022 on Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh*. Kapaeeng Foundation. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/375059967_HUMAN_RIGHTS_HUMAN_RIGHTS_ANNUAL_R_E_P_O_R_T_2_0_2_2_on_Indigenous_Peoples_in_Bangladesh_W_O_M_E_N_A_N_D_G_I_R_L_S.
- Chakma, A. (Ed.). (2021, August). *Annual human rights report 2020 on Indigenous Peoples in Bangladesh*. Kapaeeng Foundation. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/354860575_ANNUAL_HUMAN_RIGHTS_REPORT_2020_ON_INDIGENOUS_PEOPLES_IN_BANGLADESH.
- Chakma, A., & others. (2021). *Baseline study report of Indigenous Navigator on human rights and socio-economic development of Indigenous Peoples of Bangladesh*. Kapaeeng Foundation.
- Chakma, A., & others. (2020). *The Rohingya exodus 2017: Issues and implications for stability, security and peace in South Asia*. Institute of Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London & Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Dhaka. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/339933567_The_Rohingya_Exodus_2017_Issues_and_Implications_for_Stability_Security_and_Peace_in_South_Asia#fullTextFileContent.
- Chakma, A. (Contributor). (2016). *Human rights report 2015 on Indigenous Peoples of Bangladesh*. Kapaeeng Foundation.
- Chakma, A., & others. (2015). *Mining and silent disaster: An account of mining-affected Indigenous Peoples and environment of Tahirpur, Sunamganj and Bijoypur, Netrokona*. Kapaeeng Foundation. https://www.academia.edu/17870868/Mining_and_Silent_Disaster_An_Account_of_Mining_Affected_Indigenous_Peoples_and_Environment_of_Tahirpur_Sunamganj_and_Bijoypur_Netrokona.

Policy Commentaries and e-Publications

- Chakma, A. (2025, May 26). *Pahalgam 2025: Analysing YouTube comments across South Asia*. South Asia @ LSE, London School of Economics and Political Science. https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2025/05/26/pahalgam-2025-analysing-youtube-comments-across-south-

asia/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLEPdhleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETFaOGhKUlkyN2VMVTk2Q29vAR4SV2g-6gY2knrdwvwb0Y8X44OGHsxMf3nqtl_2mi303N7I90Ej81nxuVkqRQ_aem_z3RS1cl1Bm8g3GDXqhy1nw

- Chakma, A. (Co-author). (2024, June 18). *The relationship between social media and violence in Papua New Guinea*. United States Institute of Peace. https://www.usip.org/publications/2024/06/relationship-between-social-media-and-violence-papua-new-guinea?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0YeupO4o6UP4_o1mBl3rumdrUotIUUGZY_gt_DIXSuQ9-ScSSCvinQ1Cs_aem_ZmFrZWR1bW15MTZieXRlcw

- Chakma, A. (2024, March 19). *Will the Tiprasa Accord bring peace to India's Tripura?* The Diplomat. https://thediplomat.com/2024/03/will-the-tiprasa-accord-bring-peace-to-indias-tripura/?fbclid=IwAR0A96rk1aeDwF0qTukxnqXA2v7MHDqP-LzYIZf2Nond4hu8_P_3cKGnu7I

- Chakma, A. (2020, October 15). *The United States Presidential Election 2020: Hawks vs. Doves*. Australian Institute of International Affairs. https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/the-united-states-presidential-election-2020-hawks-vs-doves/.

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- Chakma, A. (2020, August 25). *Is South Asia headed for border breakdown?* Policy Forum. https://www.policyforum.net/is-south-asia-headed-for-border-breakdown/.

- Chakma, A. (2020, August 12). *Indo-Nepal boundary dispute: What dominates the Indian perspective?* South Asia Journal. http://southasiajournal.net/indo-nepal-boundary-dispute-what-dominate-the-indian-perspective/.

- Chakma, A. (2020, October 1). *What is getting in the way of the 3rd round of Indo-Naga peace talks?* The Diplomat. https://thediplomat.com/2020/10/what-is-getting-in-the-way-of-the-3rd-third-indo-naga-peace-talks/.

- Chakma, A. (2019, August 31). *Will the Khartoum power-sharing agreement survive?* International Policy Digest. https://intpolicydigest.org/2019/08/31/will-the-khartoum-power-sharing-agreement-survive/.

- Chakma, A. (2019, August 22). *The unforeseen future of Kashmir*. International Policy Digest. https://intpolicydigest.org/2019/08/22/the-unforeseen-future-of-kashmir/.

- Chakma, A. (2018). *NGO peacebuilding in Bangladesh: What best lessons can we learn?* IPRA Newsletter, 7(2). http://www.iprapeace.org/images/newsletters/ipra-newsletter-vol-7-2.pdf.

- Chakma, A. (2014, June 24). *Maritime piracy in Bangladesh*. International Policy Digest. https://intpolicydigest.org/2014/06/24/maritime-piracy-bangladesh/.

- Chakma, A. (2012, September 24). *Terminology of peace and conflict studies*. Amazon Books. http://www.amazon.com/Terminology-Conflict-Studies-Anurug-Chakma/dp/1479301604.

- Chakma, A. (2012, May 19). *Insurgency produces child soldiers: The case of Sri Lanka*. SSRN. http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2062789.

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

- *Member*, Australian Political Studies Association (APSA)

- *Member*, Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science (ASQPS)

- *Member*, ANU South Asia Research Institute (SARI)

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