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Education

- Ph.D School of Architecture, Oxford Brookes University, UK, 1997.
B.Arch Dept. of Architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), 1989.

Professional Experiences

- Sabbatical Leave, March 2009 – March 2010
- Professor Department of Architecture, BUET, April, 2008 -
Associate Professor Department of Architecture, BUET, December, 2002- April, 2008.
Assistant Professor Department of Architecture, BUET, September, 1997 - December, 2002.
Lecturer Department of Architecture, BUET, November, 1990 - August, 1997.
Junior Architect Engineers and Consultants Bangladesh Ltd., Dhaka. December, 1989-May, 1990.

Academic Activities

Undergraduate

- Theory* **Housing** (Arch 473), Level 4 Term II
 Urban Design-II (Arch 455), Level 4 Term I
 Urban Design (B.URP, Arch 355), Level 3 Term II (Now discontinued)

- Sessionals* **Design Studio-VII** Urban Design Focus (Arch 402), Level 4 Term I
 Design Studio-VIII Urban Housing Focus (Arch 404), Level 4 Term II

Postgraduate **Postgraduate Coordinator**, Dept. of Architecture, BUET (August, 2006-April, 2008).

- Theory* **Urbanism and Housing in Developing Countries** (Arch 6307)
(Course offered to M.Arch and M.URP students)

Thesis Completed: **A Phenomenological Study of Perception of *Dochala* Form as an Image**,
Supervision M.Arch thesis, 2007.

Ongoing: **Women's Negotiation of Domestic Space: An Investigation into Gender Issues in Low- Income Housing of Dhaka**, MArch thesis.

Ongoing: **Spaces for Social Interaction: A Post-occupancy Evaluation of Real-estate Apartments in Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka**, MArch thesis.

Book and Book Chapters

- Forthcoming. **Space of Poverty–Poverty of Space. Reflections on Urbanism and Housing in Dhaka.**
- **Space: Architecture, South Asia**, Suad Joseph (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Vol. 4, Leiden, NL: Brill Publishers, 1-3, 2006.
- **Cities: Homelessness, South Asia**, Suad Joseph (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Vol. 4, Leiden, NL: Brill Publishers, 8-10, 2006.
- **Bangladesh**, D. Levinson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Homelessness*, Thousand Oaks, CA and London: Sage Publications, 2004.
- Contributor to **Contemporary Architecture in Bangladesh**, Zahiruddin, A.H., Imamuddin A. H., and Khan, M.M. (Eds.), Dhaka: Institute of Architects Bangladesh, 1990.

Referred Publications

- **Spatial and Social Adaptations: A Post-occupancy Evaluation of Multi-storey Social Housing in Dhaka.** *Protibesh* (Journal of the Dept. of Architecture, BUET), Vol. 13 (2), 2009
- (second author with Farhan Sirajul Karim): **Use of *Dochala* Form as an Image in Architecture in Bengal,** *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh*, Vol. 53 (2), 2008, 239-262.
- **Situating Practice within Diversity: Homelessness and Human Development in Bangladesh,** *The Journal of Social Studies*. (Journal of Centre for Social Studies, Dhaka), 112, October-December, 2006, 44-64.
- **Social Exclusion and Residential Densification: Implications for Integration of the Urban Poor in Dhaka, Bangladesh.** *Protibesh* (Journal of the Dept. of Architecture, BUET), Vol. 10 (1), 2006, 3-15.
- **Home for Human Development: Policy Implications for Homelessness in Bangladesh,** *International Development Planning Review* (formerly TWPR). Vol. 26 (3), 2004, 231-256.
- **Undoing Heroicization of Louis Kahn in Bangladesh,** *Protibesh* (Journal of the Dept. of Architecture, BUET), Vol. 9 (1), 2004, 51-53.
- **Gender Implications of Space Use in Home-based Work: Evidence from Slums in Bangladesh,** *Habitat International*, Vol. 26 (1), 2002, 33-50.
- **Beyond Homemaking: The Role of Slum Improvement in Home-based Income Generation in Bangladesh,** *Third World Planning Review* (TWPR), Vol. 23 (2), 2001, 111-135.
- **A Settlement Typology Approach to Home-based Income Generation: The Case of Slums in Intermediate-sized Cities, Bangladesh,** *Oriental Geographer* (Journal of the Bangladesh Geographical Society), Vol. 45 (2), July, 2001, 1-16.
- **Entitlement to Patronage: social construction of household claims on Slum Improvement Projects, Bangladesh,** *Habitat International*, Vol. 24 (3), 2000, 241-268.

(Otto Koenigsberger Prize winner, Best Article for the Volume 2000)

Conference/Seminar/Workshop Papers

- **Re-imagining Housing in Dhaka, Bangladesh,** 698th Geographical Colloquium lecture given at the Dept. of Geography, Bonn University on 12 May, 2010.
- **Disappearing Rationale: Consequences of Neo-liberalism for Formal-Informal Housing in Dhaka,** presentation at the Scientific Colloquium of the Scientific Priority Program (SSP) 1233 "Megacities-Megachallenge" of the German Research Foundation (DFG), Berlin, 10-11 May, 2010.
- **Imprints of the Changing Doctrines on Housing in Dhaka,** International Seminar on *The History Heritage and Urban Issues of Capital Dhaka*, Dhaka, 16-19 February 2010.
- **Interfacing Separate Spheres: Reflections on Housing as a Contested Site of Sustainability,** workshop on *Constructing Sustainability—ethics, techniques or aesthetics*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 13 February 2009.
- **Situated Sustainability: Postcolonial Critique of Urbanism and Housing,** Graduate Seminar on *Urban Infrastructure, Housing and Sustainability*, Faculty of Social Sciences and Arts, National University of Singapore, 12 February 2009.
- **Spatial and Social Adaptations: A Post-occupancy Evaluation of Multi-storey Social Housing in Dhaka.** CD Proceedings, The Asia-Pacific Network for Housing Research 2007 Conference *Transformations in Housing, Urban Life, and Public Policy*, 30 August-1 September, 2007, Seoul, Korea, 733-746.
- (first author with Anisur Rahaman and Farhan Sirajul Karim) **Studio Discourse in Searching Liberating Alternatives: Dhaka Experience.** Proceedings, Asia-Urbs and Asia-Link International Conference *Emerging South Asian Urban Design Practices and Paradigms*, 7-9 June, 2007, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 75-92.
- **Situating Practice within Diversity: Homelessness and Human Development in Bangladesh.** Paper at the international conference *Homelessness: A Global Perspective*, Delhi, 9–13 January 2006.
- **Homelessness in Cities in Bangladesh: Key Findings.** A conference presentation at the international conference *Homelessness: A Global Perspective*, Delhi, 9 – 13 January 2006.
- **Integration through Densification: Multi-storey Living of the Urban Poor in Dhaka, Bangladesh.** Paper accepted for oral presentation at the *Action for Sustainability. The 2005 World Sustainable Building Conference in Tokyo*, 27-29 September, 2005.
- **Dhaka after Kahn.** Proceedings, International Seminar *Architecture: Overcoming Constraints*, 11-13 June, 2003, Dhaka, Bangladesh. pp.219-225.
- **Adaptations Mechanism in Multistory Social Housing in Dhaka.** Proceedings, International Seminar *Architecture: Overcoming Constraints*, 11-13 June, Dhaka, Bangladesh. pp. 24-30.
- **Urban Livability Re-examined: Proposal for an Urbanism-Housing Discourse.** CUS 30th Anniversary Conference *Towards Livable Cities*, 1-2 November, 2002, Dhaka.
- **Homelessness in Cities in Bangladesh: Causes outside Housing Supply.** *Virtual Conference on Global Homelessness* in June 2002, hosted by CARDO, the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
www.campus.ncl.ac.uk/cardo/virtualconf/asp/commentpaper.asp?id=29

- **Development Begins at Home: Policy Implications for Homelessness in Cities in Bangladesh.** *Proceedings*, the XXX IAHS World Congress on Housing, 9-13 September 2002, Coimbra, Portugal.
- **Urban Poor Home-based Work and Development in Bangladesh: an Entitlement Perspective.** *Proceedings*, the CARDO International Conference on *Housing, Work and Development: The Role of Home-Based Enterprises*, 26-28 April, 2000, in University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, pp. 126-138.
- **The Role of Home-based Income Generation in Local Economic Development: Towards Sustainable Livelihoods. Evidence from Bangladesh.** *Proceedings*, the International Seminar on *Human Resources Development for Sustained Economic Growth and Poverty Alleviation as well as Progress in the Member states of the IOC*. Organized by Islamic Institute of Technology, 11 – 13 April, 1999, Dhaka, Bangladesh, pp. 207-216.
- **Urban Poor Home-based Income Generation: Lessons for Action Against Poverty in Bangladesh**, paper presented on the theme *Shelter, Employment and the Informal City* in Florence Conference - *Governance and Participation: Practical Approaches to Urban Poverty Reduction. Towards Cities for the New Generation*. *Proceedings of the International Conference on Urban Poverty*, p. 35, (9-13 November, 1997), Florence, organized by United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat).
- **Space as a Resource: A Framework for Investigating Home-based Income Generation. Intermediate-sized cities, Bangladesh.** Bahoul, M., (Ed.), *Conference Proceedings*, 13th Inter-School Conference on Development at Huddersfield, 26-27 March, 1996.
- **Physical Upgrading Initiatives in Low-income Settlements: the Case of Bangladesh** in the 25th Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) Conference in San Antonio, Texas: USA, 16-20 March, 1994.

Non-referred Articles

- **Homelessness in Cities in Bangladesh.** CUS Bulletin, Special Issue, July 2002.
- **Broadening the Paradigm: Issues and Agenda in Architecture and Society.** EARTH, vol. 2 (1), 1995, pp. 22-23.

Newspaper Articles

- **Nobbo-udernitir Nirashrayee Abashon** (Neo-liberalism's Dsheltered Housing), *Shaptahik*, Vol. 2 (47), 8 April, 2010, pp.92-93.
- **Spectre of Product Fetishism: Reviewing Housing Development Proposal for Dhaka City**, Agenda for Urban Concern, *The Daily Star*, 12 July, 2008.
- **The Future of Gulshan South Park: a pro-people plea**, *Star Weekend Magazine*, Vol. 10, Issue 492, 21 April 2006, pp. 32-34.
- **Dhaka Jibone Nagar Noksha** (Urban Design in Dhaka Life). *Saptahic 2000*, , 2004
- **Shakhari Bazaar: Sustaining in the Cultural Context.** *The Daily Star*, 16 July, 2004
- **Crescent Lake: Third Face of Land Grabbing.** *The Daily Star*, 10 January, 2003. (Also republished in the *Institute of Architects Bangladesh Newsletter*, Vol.1 (15), 2003).
- **For Whom are Our Cities?.** *The Daily Star*, October 7, 1999.
- **Urbanism with a Human Face.** *The Daily Star*, February 8, 1999.
- **Multistoried Slums? Bad News for Petty-producers.** *The Daily Star*, June 6, 1998.
- **Shelter for Income Generation. An Approach for Reduction of Urban Poverty.** *The Daily Star*, January 26, 1998.

Book Review

- **Cities in Transition: Transforming the Global Built Environment.** Edited by Tasleem Shakur, Cheshire: Open House Press, *Global Built Environment Review (GBER)*, Vol. 5 (2), December'2005 / January' 2006, pp. 76-78.
- **Designing Healthy Cities: Prescriptions, Principles and Practice** by Joseph Aicher, Melbourne: Krieger, 1998. *Habitat International*, Vol. 24 (4), 2000, pp. 536-538.
- **Destination Dhaka. Urban Migration: Expectations and Reality** by Anwara Begum, Dhaka: University Press Ltd., 1999. *The Daily Star*, November 18, 2000.

Awards/Honours Received

- **Otto Koenigsberger Prize** by the Editorial Board of the Habitat International for the paper 'Entitlement to Patronage: social construction of household claims on Slum Improvement Project, Bangladesh' for 2000, Volume 24 (May, 2001).
- **Commonwealth Scholarship** to carry out Ph.D research in Architecture in the Postgraduate Research School, within the School of Architecture at Oxford Brookes University (October, 1992).

Service / Affiliations

- **Editor**, *Protibesh*, the Journal of the Department of Architecture, BUET, January, 2004-
- **Reviewer**, *Habitat International*, *Cities* and *Plan Plus* (Bangladesh)

- **Member**, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)
- **Member**, International Forum on Urban Poverty (IFUP)
- **Member**, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB)

Completed Research

- **Socio-spatial Adaptation for Living and Livelihood: A Post Occupancy Evaluation of Multi-storey Low-income Housing in Dhaka** with funds from the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research (CASR), BUET. 2005.
- **The nature, extent and eradication of homelessness in developing countries: The Case of Bangladesh**, carried out in ten developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Funds from the Department for International Development (DFID), UK, and Dr. Graham Tipple as principal researcher, University of Newcastle upon Tyne (UK). September 2001 - February 2002.
- **Spatial Setting for Home-based Income Generation: The Case of Intermediate-sized Cities, Bangladesh**, Ph.D research carried out at the Postgraduate Research School (PGRS), School of Architecture, Oxford Brookes University with funds from Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, UK, 1997.

Current Research Interests

Integration between Social Sciences and Architecture and Urbanism, currently in the following topics:

- Postcolonial Critique of Urbanism and Housing in Bangladesh
- Social Production of Space: Lefebvre, Heidegger and Gramsci
- Homelessness and Human Development
- Post-occupancy Evaluation of Multi-storey Housing

Event Organization and Participation

Event Organization:

- Workshop Instructor, **Workshop on Research in Architecture**, organized by the Dept. of Architecture, BUET, 27 January, 2007
- **Master of Ceremony**, 9th Convocation, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, 2006.
- Organized ARCASIA FORUM 12 International Seminar on **Globalization and Asian Architecture** as Member Secretary, Seminar Committee, 10-11 December 2003, Dhaka.
- Coordinated Workshop under the UIA Work Programme *Architecture for All Universal Accessibility – The People Oriented Approach*, on behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) Dhaka, 12 December 2003.
- Organized International Seminar **Architecture: Overcoming Constraints**, 11-13 June, 2003, held at Dhaka as Member Secretary, Seminar Organising Committee.

International Participation and Collaboration:

- Member, panel of discussants, **Forum on Culture and Identity**, Organized jointly by Dhaka University and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, 17 December, 2006.
- Attended the **International Conference on Bangladesh Environment**, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 14-15 January, 2000.
- In March, 1999, collaborated with Dr. A. G. Tipple, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, to contribute to the development of a report on 'Homelessness' at an early stage by providing views and useful information on Bangladesh context. Final output of this report is **Strategies to Combat Homelessness**, a publication in support of the Global Campaign for Secure Tenure. No. 03/2000. Nairobi: UNCHS (Habitat), 2000.
- Attended the international conference **Celebrating Chandigarh: 50 Years of the Idea**, Chandigarh, India, 8-11 January, 1999.
- Attended the International Conference on **Environmental Strategies for Sustainable Development in the Urban Areas: Lessons from Africa and Latin America**, promoted by The Institute of Commonwealth Studies and The Institute of Latin American Studies, at University of London, 16-18 September, 1996.
- Rapporteur in the Conference on **Educating for Real: the Training of Professionals for Development Work**, 12th Inter-School Conference on Development, Oxford Brookes University, 27-28 March, 1995.
- Attended the **10th Inter-School Conference on Development** held at Development Planning Unit, University College London in 29-30 March, 1993.

National Events Participation:

- Presented Book Review **Cities in Transition: Transforming the Global Built Environment**, T. Shakur (Ed.), at the Book Launch Ceremony held at the North South University, Dhaka, on 18 August 2005.
- Invited Speaker, Round Table Dialogue on **Housing Industry: Problems and Prospects**, and REHAB, held at Add Club, Dhaka on 27 July, 2004.
- Invited Speaker, Roundtable Dialogue on **Planned Urbanization and Housing Industry**, organized by the *Shaptahik* (Weekly) 2000, at the National Press Club, Dhaka on 2 August, 2005
- Participated the Round Table Dialogue on **Housing Industry: Problems and Prospects**, jointly organized by the *Shaptahik* (Weekly) 2000 and REHAB, held at Add Club, Dhaka on 27 July, 2004.
- Participated a Seminar **Capital Development Thoughts: Environment and Governance Issues**, organized by the Bangladesh Foundation for Development Research, held at the CIRDUP Auditorium, Dhaka 30 March, 2003.
- Participated the Dialogue on **Strengthening the Role of Private Sector Housing in Bangladesh Economy: The Policy Challenges**, jointly organized by the Centre for Policy Dialogue and REHAB, held at CIRDAP Auditorium, Dhaka on 11 March, 2003.
- Participate in the Roundtable Conference on **Dhanmondi - Reviving a Lost Heaven**, organized by the Agenda for Urban Concern, The Daily Star, BUET and Bangladesh Scouts in conjunction with Dhanmondi Poribesh Unnayan Jote (DPUJ), held at the Conference Room of The Daily Star office, Dhaka on 25 January, 2003
- Participated the workshop on **Climate Conscious Design in Architecture**, organized in collaboration with the Building Research Establishment (Bradford, UK), AA School of Architecture, UK, and Department of Architecture, BUET, April, 1990.