

# Md. Obaidullah

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Southern Mississippi** Hattiesburg, MS  
*MA in Political Science* 2024–2026

**University of Barishal** Bangladesh  
*MSS in Public Administration, CGPA: 3.70 out of 4.00, Merit Position: 2nd* 2020–2021

**University of Barishal** Bangladesh  
*BSS in Public Administration, CGPA: 3.67 out of 4.00, Merit Position: 1st* 2017–2020

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Relations, Great Power Competition, Comparative Politics, Health Policy

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Commissioning Editor** October 2024 – Present  
*E-International Relations* UK

- Developing and commissioning timely, impactful content.
- Upholding editorial standards to ensure content quality.
- Engaging with global issues and emerging trends in international relations.

**Research Fellow** January 2024 – Present  
*Centre for Global Migration Studies, Daffodil International University* Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Research Assistant in a PhD Project of Zobayer Ahmed** July 2023 – August 2023  
*Selcuk University* Turkey

- Collected and analyzed quantitative data for the project titled 'Macroeconomic Dynamics of the Third-Sector Economy: Panel Count Regression Evidence from Selected Developing (D-8) Countries.'

**Research Assistant in a PhD Project of Salah Uddin** May 2023 – June 2023  
*Marmara University* Turkey

- Analyzed qualitative data for the thesis report on 'Mulla Mahmud Jawnpuri and His Philosophy.'

**Research Assistant** August 2022 – February 2023  
*BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health* Bangladesh

- Transcribed interviews and analyzed qualitative data.

**Research Assistant** January 2021 – December 2022  
*Center for Advanced Research* Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Managed research projects from design to dissemination.
- Conducted interviews, surveys, and data analysis.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Bob Press

Spring 24

*School of Social Science & Global Studies, University of Southern Mississippi*

*Hattiesburg, MS*

- Led discussion sessions and graded assignments for undergraduate courses: PS 101 American Government, PS 306 Race & Ethnic Politics, PS 459 Human Rights .
- Held office hours and guided students in research projects.

### Lecturer

January 2024 – July 2024

*Department of Development Studies, Daffodil International University*

*Dhaka, Bangladesh*

- Taught Bangladesh Studies, Introduction to Politics, International Trade, Aid and Development, Migration Studies, Political Economy, Public Policy.

### Lecturer

August 2023 – Present

*UniV*

*Bangladesh*

- Developed and delivered English Listening and Reading classes for real-life skill development and IELTS exam preparation.

## PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

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### Journal Articles:

- **Obaidullah, M.**, Hossain, M., Raihan, M. S., Hossen, M. S. (2024). From humanitarian crisis to burden: Understanding the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh. *SN Social Sciences*, 4(8). DOI link.
- Soheli, M. S., Sifullah, M. K., Hossain, B., Sarker, M. F. H., Zaman, N. T., **Obaidullah, M.** (2024). Exploring risky health behaviors and vulnerability to sexually transmitted diseases among transnational undocumented labor migrants from Bangladesh: A qualitative study. *BMC Public Health*, 24(1), 1261. DOI link.
- Zaman, N. T., Soheli, M. S., **Obaidullah, M.**, Hossen, M. S., Rahman, M. T., Sifullah, M. K., Sarker, M. F. H. (2023). Factors shaping Bangladeshi students' migration decision using push-pull theory: A focus group study. *SN Social Sciences*, 4(1). DOI link.

### Book Chapters:

- Hossain, M., **Obaidullah, M.** (2025). *China's Diplomatic Approach to the Rohingya Crisis: Balancing Economic Interests and Humanitarian Concerns..* In Ullah, A.A. (Ed.) *Handbook of Migration, International Relations and Security in Asia*. Springer Singapore. DOI link.
- Soheli, M.S., Hossain, M.A., Sarker, M.F.H., Sifullah, M.K., **Obaidullah, M.**, Ullah, A.A. (2025). *Bangladeshi Undocumented Migration Crisis in Europe: Implications of Security, Human Rights, and Policy..* In: Ullah, A.A. (eds) *Handbook of Migration, International Relations and Security in Asia*. Springer, Singapore. DOI link.
- **Obaidullah, M.**, Hossain, M. (2024). *Major Powers' Approaches to the Rohingya Crisis and Their Impact on Bangladesh.* In Ullah, A.A. (Ed.) *Handbook of Migration, International Relations and Security in Asia*. Springer Singapore. DOI link.
- **Obaidullah, M.**, Raihan, M. S. (2024). *Soft Power Competition: A Comparative Analysis of China and the US in South Asia.* In Zreik, M. (Ed.) *Soft Power and Diplomatic Strategies in Asia and the Middle East*. IGI Global. DOI link.

### Book Reviews:

- Hossain, M., **Obaidullah, M.** (2024). We had the Watches. They had the Time: A Witness Account of the War in Afghanistan. *Small Wars & Insurgencies*. DOI link.
- **Obaidullah, M.**, Hossain, M. (2023). Book Review: Rohingya Refugee Crisis in Myanmar: Ethnic Conflict and Resolution. *Society and Culture in South Asia*. DOI link.

## NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS / OPINION EDITORIALS (SELECTED)

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- **Obaidullah, M.** (2024). *How does China leverage soft power in South Asia?* The Geopolitics. Link.
- Hossain, M., **Obaidullah, M.** (2024). *Is the US Dollar Losing its Grip? The Rise of Alternative Reserve Currencies.* Modern Diplomacy. Link.
- **Obaidullah, M.** (2024). *The challenge of America: From the Middle East to Asia.* Perspective. Link.
- **Obaidullah, M.** (2023). *Major Power Dynamics in Bangladesh: Navigating Interests and Conflicts between the United States and China.* Perspective. Link.

## TRAINING EXPERIENCE, WORKSHOPS, AND COURSES

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**Statistics with STATA** October – November 2022  
*Statistical Research Consultants in Bangladesh* Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Qualitative Data Analysis Using NVivo** October 2021  
*Centre for Advanced Research* Dhaka, Bangladesh

## AWARDS & FUNDING

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**CZM Genius Scholarship Holder** 2018  
*Center for Zakat Management (CZM)* Bangladesh

## SKILLS

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**Technical Skills:** Excel, SPSS, STATA, R, NVivo, Mendeley, Kobo Toolbox

**Writing Tools:** MS Office, Google Workspace, Latex

**Research Skills:** Thematic analysis, Coding, Interview techniques, Regression analysis, Generalized linear models

**Languages:** Bengali (Native), English (Fluent)

## REFERENCES

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**Dr. Bob Press** 601-434-3804  
*Professor of Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi, USA* bob.press@usm.edu

**Dr. Marek Steedman** 601-266-4941  
*Director of SSGS and Professor of Political Science, University of Southern Mississippi, USA* marek.steedman@usm.edu

**Dr. Nazmul Islam**  
*Associate Professor of Political Science, Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University, Turkiye* mislam@aybu.edu.tr

**Rifat Mahmud, M.Phil. (Bergen, Norway)** +88-01552394009  
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