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Education

Ph.D. in Media Sociology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO (Expected graduation: Spring 2026)

Dissertation: *Proposal for a Single-Society Influences Model (SSIM) to Explore Determinants of Variance in News Framing: A Perspective from Bangladesh*

Committee: Drs. David Wolfgang (chair), Kris Kodrich, Rosa M. Martey; Nick Marx, Matthew P. Hitt

M.A. in Media Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2020)

Thesis: *Factors That Push Bangladeshi Media to Exercise Self-Censorship*

Advisor: Dr. David S Allen

M.Sc. in Geology and Mining, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh, (2002)

B.Sc. in Geology and Mining, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh, (2000)

Academic Positions and Experiences

Colorado State University

Instructor for JTC 210 News Writing course

Fall 2023 –Fall 2024

Taught journalism and news writing which includes topics such as what news is, what its epistemological assumption is, why it is important for society, and news writing structure for all the news platforms newspaper, news-website, broadcast writing, ad copy, social media writing, advertising, and marketing.

Recitation Instructor for JTC 300 Strategic Writing and Communication

Summer 2021–Summer 2023 & Spring 2025

Taught strategic, professional writing and presentation skills with established professional communication techniques and creating content that is relevant across academic majors and career fields, and adaptable in traditional and digital communication.

Teaching Assistant for JTC 100: Media in Society

Fall 2020 –Fall 2024

Research Assistant at Professor Witt's Visualization Lab, Dept. of Psychology

Summer 2021

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Teaching Assistant

September 2018 – May 2020, Milwaukee

Taught JAMS-201 Media Writing course which includes teaching how to write news reports and

breaking news for print, broadcast and online media, how to write press release, media strategy, and creative brief and how to develop ad copy.

Peer-Reviewed Publication

- Ahmed, A. T.** (2025). "Private self-censorship" as the Achilles' heel of journalistic professionalism: Evidence from Bangladesh. *News Research Journal*, 0(0).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/30497841251380190>
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2024). Digitalizing Religious Preaching: YouTube as a place for traditional Islamic preaching Waz Mahfil. *Journal of Media and Communication Studies*, 4(1).
<https://jmcs.amcap.net/website/journal/article/65d34a028c23c/page>

Under Review or in Revision Manuscript

- Ahmed, A.T.** Politics or business – which overpowers the other in the political economy of the mass media industry in Bangladesh? [*Journal of International Communication*]
- Ahmed, A.T.** Organization's Ideological Orientation, News Framing and Political Parallelism: A Perspective from Bangladesh [*Journalism Practice*]
- Ahmed, A.T.** Impact of political ideology and social media use on public trust in Bangladeshi news media [*News Research Journal*]

Manuscript in preparation

- Ahmed, A. T.** How Intelligentsia, Media Became Tools of Cultural Hegemony for an Autocracy in Bangladesh
- Ahmed, A. T.** Effect from cognitive exercises on journalistic professionalism: A perspective from Bangladesh
- Ahmed, A. T.** Constitutive Rhetoric: the case of construction of *deemed citizenship*
- Ahmed, A. T.** What's wrong with the idea of the humans being autonomous?
- Ahmed, A.T. and Talha, M.** How a big neighbor's discursive hegemony makes a small country's sovereignty fettered: A case of India and Bangladesh

Book Chapter in preparation

Chapter name: Navigating Political Turbulence: Unveiling the Political Economy, Ideological Orientation, and Self-Censorship in Bangladeshi Media
Book name: Journalism in the Global South: Challenges, Opportunities and Perspectives.
Publisher: Palgrave & McMillan

Conference Presentations

- Ahmed, A.T.** (2025, August) "A Proposal for Remodeling of Hierarchical Influences Model to Understand Variance Influencing Factors in a Given Society" was awarded as the second top student theory paper in the Communication Theory and Methodology division and presented at the AEJMC 2025 in San Francisco.
- Ahmed, A.T.** (2025, August) "A news framing war between NYT & Al Jazeera on recent Israel-Palestine conflict" was presented at the AEJMC in San Francisco.

- Ahmed, A.T. and Bhuiyan, S. I.** (2025, June) “In search of Habermasian Ideal Public Sphere: Dynamics, Patterns, and Nature of Bangladesh’s Digital Public Sphere” was presented at the panel of the South Asian Communication Association (SACA) at the International Communication Association conference (ICA@75) at Denver, CO.
- Ahmed, A.T. and Bhuiyan, S. I.** (2025, June) “Double-Edged Sword of Commemorative Journalism in Bangladesh: Impact on Objectivity and Professionalism in Media Practices” was presented at the panel of the South Asian Communication Association (SACA) at the International Communication Association conference (ICA@75) at Denver, CO.
- Ahmed, A.T.** (2024, August) “Exploring impact of people’s political ideology and social media use on media trust: Evidence from Bangladesh” was presented (poster) at the AEJMC 2024 at Philadelphia.
- Ahmed, A.T. and Talha, M** (2024, April) “Exploring Indian Influence and Scratches on Bangladesh’s Sovereignty” was presented in the conference titled “AIBS Bangladesh Conference: Critical Perspectives” jointly organized by the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) and the South Asia Center of the University of Texas at Austin.
- Ahmed, A.T.** (2024) “Nature and types of disinformation campaign by the authoritarian regime in Bangladesh” will be presented at the 52nd Annual Conference on South Asia, organized by the South Asia Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2023, August). ‘Politics or business – what overpowers in the political economy of media industry: A perspective from a South Asian country’ has been presented at the 106th Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2023, August). ‘What pushes journalists, media to self-censor: A perspective from an authoritarian regime in a South Asian Country?’ has been presented at the 106th Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2023, April). ‘Constitutive Rhetoric: the case of construction of *deemed citizenship*’ was presented at the World Social Science Association (WSSA)'s 65th Annual Conference in Arizona.
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2023, February). Understanding Levels of Influence on Journalism across a given society: A perspective from Bangladesh was presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Midwinter conference at the University of Oklahoma.
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2022, November). How Intelligentsia, Media Became Tools of Cultural Hegemony for an Autocracy in Bangladesh presented at the conference “Bangladesh: A Critical Retrospection of the Past and Forethought of the Future” organized by the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) and the South Asia Center of the University of Texas at Austin.
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2022, August) Role of Media Organization’s Ideology in News Framing: A Perspective from Bangladesh’ presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) in Detroit.
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2021, December). YouTube as a place for Waz Mahfil’ presented at the 46th Annual AEJMC Southeast Colloquium 2021.

Latest Newspaper Op-Eds

- Ahmed, A. T.** (2025, November 5). We must consciously and intellectually confront the ethics of giving media space to a mass-murdering autocrat like Hasina... Retrieved November 10, 2025, from <https://en.banglaoutlook.org/editors-pick/235829>

- Ahmed, A. T.** (2025, September 23). Bangladesh doesn't need two parliaments. It needs 'real' checks on power. Retrieved October 3, 2025, from <https://en.banglaoutlook.org/opinion/235788>
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2025, January 4). Bangladesh in 2025: A new beginning or a return to old struggles? Retrieved July 30, 2025, from <https://en.banglaoutlook.org/editors-pick/235402>
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2020, April 23). Corona, science and God. *Prothom Alo*. Retrieved December 22, 2022, from <https://en.prothomalo.com/opinion/op-ed/corona-science-and-god>
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2020, November 15). What constitutes freedom -- and what does not. *Dhaka Tribune*. Retrieved December 22, 2022, from <https://archive.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2020/11/16/op-ed-what-constitutes-freedom-and-what-does-not>
- Ahmed, A. T.** (2020, July 19). The conversion of Hagia Sophia and a few questions. *Dhaka Tribune*. Retrieved December 22, 2022, from <https://archive.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2020/07/19/op-ed-the-conversion-of-hagia-sophia-and-a-few-questions>
- Ahmed, A.T. (2018, February 24).** Ill-politics plus uncritical intelligentsia. Retrieved March 3, 2023 from <https://en.prothomalo.com/opinion/ill-politics-plus-uncritical-intelligentsia>

Academic Service

Journal Reviewer

- News Research Journal
- Journalism Practice
- Journalism Studies
- New Media and Society
- Quality and Quantity

Conference Reviewer

- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) conference, 2022, 2023, 2024, & 2025
- International Communication Association (ICA), 2023

Conference Discussant

- Discussant for two papers of the South Asian Communication Association (SACA) at the ICA@75 at Denver, CO.

Conference Division Association

- *Social Media Manager (Since August 2025)*

Conference Volunteering

- Worked as a volunteer at the International Communication Association (ICA) at the ICA@75 at Denver, CO.

Relevant professional Experience

Prothom Alo English/Senior Journalist

June 2015 – July 2018, Dhaka

As the de facto deputy head of the news-website, I learnt how to run a news website keeping pace with developing events and how to run a team of newsmen. My responsibility here included writing stories and opinion pieces myself, editing stories, choosing photos and links for the news stories, deciding news treatment for the site, assigning stories to team members and so on.

New Age/Senior Staff Correspondent

August 2012 – May 2015, Dhaka

Wrote several hundred investigative and special stories primarily on politics, governance, elections, democratic practice, rule of law, rights issue, enforced disappearance, militancy and observed several parliamentary and local government elections. During the journalistic stint at the daily, I interviewed the country's leading politicians, political analysts and intellectuals.

New Age/Staff Correspondent

June 2008 – July 2012, Dhaka

Wrote extensive news reports primarily on urban planning, city development, land grabbing in the capital of Dhaka.

The Bangladesh Today/ Staff Correspondent

February 2004 – May 2008, Dhaka

Wrote several hundred investigative reports and special stories on politics, governance, economy, and crimes for the daily.

South Asian Monitor/Contributor

June 2017 – July 2018, Malaysia

Wrote several news reports and opinion pieces on politics, election and Bangladesh-India relations.

The Probe Newsmagazine/Contributor

June 2008 – December 2015, Dhaka

Wrote stories, including cover stories, on politics, particularly the politics of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), election and electoral system for the weekly news magazine.

First News/Proofreader

April 2017 – August 2017, Dhaka

Proof-read all the stories of the weekly magazine for the period.

Finland Times/Copy Editor

January 2013 – June 2014, Finland

Did copy-editing for the only online English-language daily of Finland.

Swedish Radio Corporation/Fixer

2014 – 2018, Dhaka

Worked as a fixer for the Swedish Radio for reportage on Rohingya exodus to Bangladesh, elections, militancy, Islamic political parties and garment workers' rights.

Presstv.com /Fixer

2012, Dhaka

Worked as a fixer for making documentaries on garment workers' rights and politics.

Membership in Associations

- Serving as the founding secretary of the *Citizen Initiative* – a rights-based organization of West-based Bangladeshi scholars and researchers – since 2023.
- Founded a Dhaka-based center of research and debate on socio-political issues titled *Dhaka School of Thoughts*.
- Acted as General Secretary of *Reporters' Forum for Election and Democracy* from January 2014 to

June 2015.

Personal Details

Nationality and Citizenship

Bangladeshi

Birth year

1977

References

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