



Center for Peace Studies (CPS)



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Peace Begins with Me

Peace begins with me
how the world I see
and what I choose to be

Peace begins with you
through everything you do
creates a kind of glue

Peace begins with us
and all that we discuss
reduces any fuss

Peace belongs to her
with or without fur
freedom as it were

Peace belongs to him
with every life and limb
a cup full to the brim

Peace belongs to them
more precious than a gem
in every single stem

Peace begins with me
Peace begins with you
Peace belongs to us

May we live in peace

- Katherine Li, PhD
26 February 2020

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CPS

The Center for Peace Studies (CPS) is an interdisciplinary center of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPOG) that aims to facilitate the academic study of peacebuilding and the promotion of a resilient society through evidence-based and empirical research at North South University (NSU).

CPS is a platform for academics, researchers, and practitioners from diverse academic backgrounds working together to create a peaceful world with a focus on sustainable and inclusive solutions for contemporary humanitarian crises. CPS began its journey with an international conference on the Rohingya issue in July 2019. In February 2020, CPS was formally established.

The Center aspires to be a hub of academic research and activity in conflict studies and peace promotion that will have national, regional, and global implications. CPS researchers envision playing a central role in the promotion of NSU's recognition and reputation both nationally and globally as a higher education institution of excellence.

The mission of CPS is aligned with NSU's mission to cultivate critical thinkers with well-developed analytical skills. The aim is to make them ethically and socially responsible champions of diversity and tolerance with global awareness and a commitment to social justice and sustainability.

The Center is also focused on 'Peace Education and Global Citizenship Education as promoted in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically 4 and 16. Furthermore, to create a sustainable and equitable society, CPS is focused on understanding contemporary humanitarian crises that include refugee and displacement issues in the context of South Asia.

VISION

The vision of CPS will become a recognized platform in South Asia and beyond where academics, scholars, researchers, and practitioners come together to create sustainable and inclusive approaches to peacebuilding using evidence-based knowledge and skill development with a human rights focus.

MISSION

CPS promotes peace through people.

GOALS

To promote and produce interdisciplinary research on topics of peace, conflict, and inequality resulting from contemporary humanitarian crises.

To create a collaborative network of peace researchers, advocates, and conflict resolutionists.

To develop self-reflective peace practitioners through the teaching of life skills for conflict management and transformation.

To become the leading think tank on issues of peace and security in South Asia and beyond.

To provide informed solutions when peacebuilding is compromised.

RESEARCH THEMES

- Global and regional humanitarian crises, conflict, forced displacement and other issues that may have effect on peace.
- Peace education as the foundation for global citizenship.
- Peace and security.
- Migration, displacement and social transformation.
- Understanding the root causes of tension and conflict in multifaceted contexts of South Asia to develop preventive strategies.

CURRENT RESEARCH TOPICS

- Understanding social cohesion: Perspectives from the host and Rohingya communities in Bangladesh
- Reflection of the Rohingya voice in various initiatives towards their repatriation including the bilateral agreement between Bangladesh and Myanmar
- Review of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord
- The humane yet ambivalent attitude towards refugees: A potential threat to peace
- The loss of intangible cultural heritage and its impact on the identity of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh
- When R2P meets geopolitics: The challenges of engaging the international society in the Rohingya crisis
- Life skill education of Rohingya female adolescents

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Some notable achievements of CPS include:

- An international webinar on the Russia-Ukraine War where Jody Williams, Nobel Laureate (Peace), and Richard J. Roberts, Nobel Laureate (Medicine) joined as panelists on April 1, 2022
- Webinars and seminars on contemporary national, regional and global peace and conflict issues like the Rohingya crisis, Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Afghan Crisis, etc.
- CPS members regular publication in books, journal articles, book chapters, newspaper Op-eds, articles, etc.
- CPS publication of policy briefs, working papers, resolutions, and statements on pressing national, regional, and global issues towards promoting peace
- Celebration of International Day of Peace on September 21st annually
- CPS Resolution and Position paper on the Rohingya crisis in 2022
- Three online Certificate Courses offered in 2021-2022
- Dialogue with the Press in 2020
- A two-day "International Conference on the Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions" held at NSU in 2019
- NSU - The Daily Star Roundtable in 2019

PEACE EDUCATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Proposed peace education curriculum that includes:

- A major in Peace Education
- Short courses for professionals
- A Graduate Certificate program in Peace Education and Conflict Resolution

CERTIFICATE COURSES

CPS 1st Certificate Course (CC1) on
Humanitarianism, Policy, and
Diplomacy

CPS 2nd Certificate Course (CC2)
on the Rohingya Crisis

CPS 3rd Certificate Course (CC3) on
Geopolitics of Peace, Pandemic &
Development

CPS EVENTS

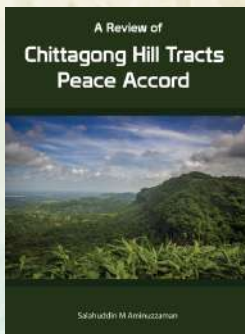
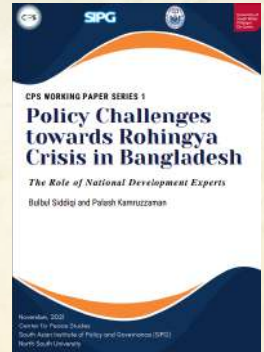
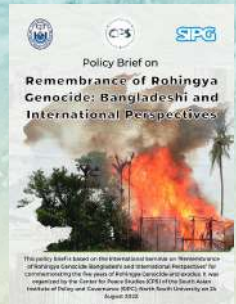
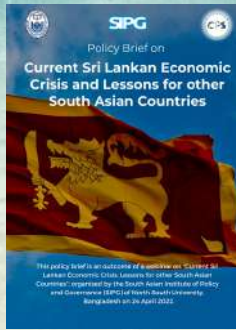
Examples of CPS seminars and webinars include:

- Celebration of CPS 2nd Anniversary, 2022
- Series of 4 seminars and webinars about the Russia-Ukraine War
- Celebration of International Day of Peace, 2022
- International seminar titled, “5 years Remembrance of Rohingya Genocide”, 2022
- Jointly organized national seminar on “Role of Bangladesh in Global Peace” on Peace Day with BIPSOT, Bangladesh Army, 2022

CPS RESEARCH TALKS

- **Migrants, Displaced Persons, and Human Rights Winners**
Dr. William Paul Simmons | July, 2022
- **Community-based Public Art Education: A Way of Transforming Lives, a Case Study of the Rohingya Community**
Dr. Max Frieder Ed. D., Ed. M. | July, 2022
- **Protection First, Justice Later: International Responses to Genocide and Mass Atrocities in a Post-pandemic World**
Dr. Raymond Kwun-Sun Lau | June, 2022
- **Vaccine Diplomacy during the Pandemic: The Population on the Margin**
Dr. AKM Ahsan Ullah | June, 2022
- **Statelessness in Bengal Borderlands**
Dr. Mohammad Musfeques Salehin | January, 2022
- **Testing the Case of Rohingya Repatriation via a Judgment of the International Court of Justice**
Dr. Md. Rizwanul Islam | September, 2021
- **Conflicts, Strategic Divergences and the Survival of Economic Groupings: Will China-India Rivalry Kill the BRICS?**
Dr. Mohammed Nuruzzaman | November, 2021
- **Considerations in Developing an NGO Intervention Model on Rohingya Female Adolescents' Participatory Resiliency Mapping Towards Livelihood and Survival Strategies**
Dr. Helal Mohiuddin | March, 2021
- **Policy Challenges towards Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: The Role of National Development Experts**
Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi & Dr. Palash Kamruzzaman | March, 2021

CPS SELECTED PUBLICATIONS



EVENT GALLERY



Celebrating 2nd Anniversary of CPS, February 28, 2022



International Seminar on 5 Years Remembrance of Rohingya Genocide, August 24, 2022



National Seminar on the Role of Bangladesh in Global Peace with BIPSOT, Bangladesh Army, September 21, 2022



Art Program for Rohingya & Host Community Children at Ukhia, Cox's Bazar, August 18, 2021



CPS 2nd International Webinar on Russia- Ukraine War, April 1, 2022 with two Noble Laureates



Celebrating International Day of Peace 2022, September 21, 2022



CPS 4th International Seminar on Russia- Ukraine War, June 7, 2022



Field visit by the participants of 1st CPS Certificate Course at Ukhia, Cox's Bazar. March 26-27, 2021



Digital Khichuri Challenge (DKC) by CPS & UNDP, July 4, 2022



CPS-IOM Rohingya Artifacts Exhibition at NSU, September 19-25, 2021



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- University of Amsterdam/ COMMEET, Netherlands
- Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative (HADRI)- Western Sydney University, Australia
- Artolution Inc.
- The University of Arizona, USA
- The University of Hawai'i Mānoa, USA
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT)
- Center for Peace and Justice-BRAC University
- Goa Institute of Management- Panaji, India



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