



# *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 (SIPG) 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 is to 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.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

- Do Refugees Destabilize National and Regional Security? The Security Impact of the Rohingya Crisis on Bangladesh and Regional States
- Rohingya and Demographic Shift in Teknaf: A National Security Threat for Bangladesh?
- Comparing Individual Resilience in the Source and Destination Areas in Climate Change Trust Fund
- 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
- ‘Nobody can see us’- an investigation/understanding of young adults’ perspective about the cyber world in Bangladesh.

## NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- 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
- A two-day "International Conference on the Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions" held at NSU in 2019

## PEACE EDUCATION

Peace education curriculum that includes:

- Certificate courses for professionals
- 3 credit GED course on Peace & Conflict Resolution (proposed)
- A diploma program in Peace Education and Conflict Resolution (proposed)

## COMPLETED 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

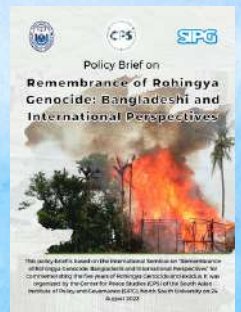
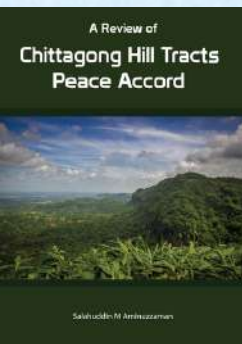
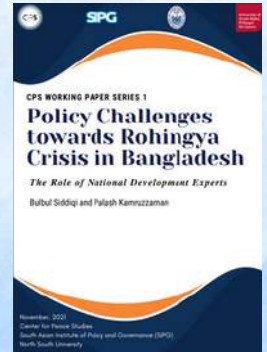
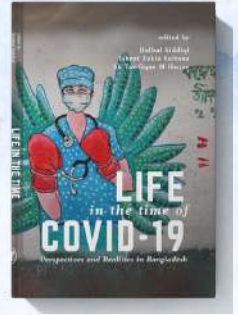
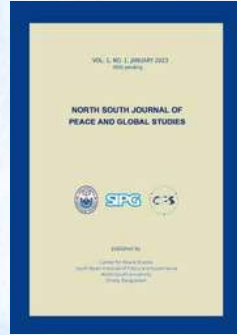
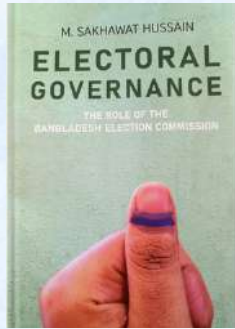
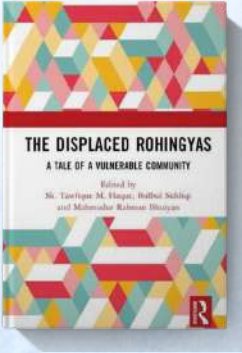
- Seminar on **'Indo-Pacific - Canada's Strategy and Bangladesh's Outlook: A Deeper Look into the Key Areas'**, August 28, 2023
- Policy Colloquium titled **'Rohingya Repatriation: Who Decides and Why?'**, August 24, 2023
- Policy Debate on **'Integration or Repatriation of the Rohingya'**, August 23, 2023
- Commemorating 50th Anniversary of **Bangabandhu Receiving Joliot-Curie Medal of Peace**, May 23, 2023

## CPS EVENTS

- Policy Colloquium on "From the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal: New Possibilities in the Bangladesh, Japan, India Trilateral Partnership", May 17, 2023
- Ambassador Talk Series: Session 2- **Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Talks on Peace**, April 30, 2023
- CPS Research Talk 10 by delegates from **The Arctic University of Norway, the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dhaka**, March 30, 2023
- Launching Ceremony of the **North South Journal of Peace and Global Studies**, March 13, 2023
- Colloquium on Impacts of "**BURMA Act**" on Bangladesh -Myanmar Bordering Region, February 22, 2023
- Seminar on '**Bangladesh's Approach towards Emerging Alliances in Asia**', February 14, 2023
- Seminar on '**Restoring Peace in Myanmar: Two Years after the Military Coup**', January 31, 2023
- National Seminar on "**Role of Bangladesh in Global Peace**", September 21, 2022 in partnership with Bangladesh Army.



# CPS SELECTED PUBLICATIONS



## EVENT GALLERY



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



North South University Commemorates **50th Anniversary of Bangabandhu Receiving Joliot-Curie Medal of Peace**



Seminar on **'Bangladesh's Approach towards Emerging Alliances in Asia'**, Dhaka, 14 February 2023



MoU between **Center for Peace Studies (CPS)** of The Arctic University of Norway & **CPS of NSU** (24 May 2023)



Colloquium on Impacts of **"BURMA Act"** on Bangladesh -Myanmar Bordering Region, 22 February 2023



Celebrating **International Day of Peace 2022**, September 21, 2022



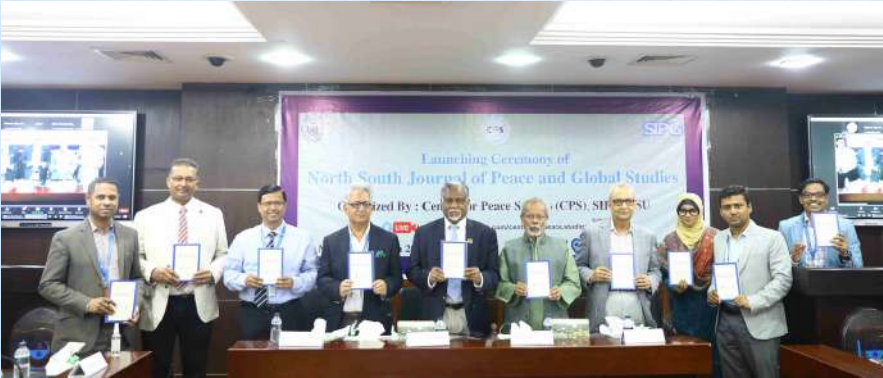
seminar on **'Restoring Peace in Myanmar: Two Years after the Military Coup'**, 31 January 2023



Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Talks on **Peace** at NSU during the **Ambassador Talk Series: Session 2**



CPS Policy Colloquium on **From the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal**



Launching Ceremony of the **North South Journal of Peace and Global Studies** (13 March 2023)



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- O.P. Jindal Global University, India
- University of Amsterdam/ COMMEET, Netherlands
- Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative (HADRI)- Western Sydney University, Australia
- Artolution Inc.
- UiT The Arctic University of Norway
- 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
- Indian Institute of Management- Ahmedabad, India



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