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**1<sup>st</sup> International  
Conference of  
Social Sciences  
on Transforming  
Bangladesh into a  
Middle-Income Country**

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Venue: Central Auditorium, SUST, Sylhet

**Organized by**

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### About the Conference

Between 1972 and 2019, Bangladesh raised its dollar per capita income eightfold, reduced poverty by more than third, increased life expectancy by more than 47 percent, and enhanced gross primary enrolment by over 80 percent. These remarkable development achievements compare favorable with outcomes in less developing countries. This progress, fighting against frequent natural calamities and poor governance in general, is a testimony to the resilience and determination of a dynamic young nation, which stimulates the hope that with continued determined efforts Bangladesh can look forward to further gains in development.

Along with this focus on growth, effort must also continue to ensure that the benefits of growth are more widely shared. While Bangladesh has done well in raising per capita income and improving human development, measured against comparable per capita income countries, its long-term performance regarding poverty reduction is relatively weaker.

What are the policy and institutional reform challenges for higher growth rates? What additional reforms are needed to increase the impact of growth on poverty? The answers to these questions require analyzing and understanding past development performance, to look at what worked and what did not work and why. The objective of this conference is to contribute to these analyses and understanding of policies and institutions in Bangladesh.

### Conference Sub Theme

1. Social and Cultural Progress
2. Exchanging Social and Cultural South
3. Development Performances, and Change
4. Reforming Public Sectors
5. Social Innovation, Change, and Resilience
6. Society and Equity
7. Livelihood and Network Societies
8. Risk Society: Nutrition and Environment
9. Linguistics and Sub-altern Studies

### Abstract Submission

An abstract of no more than 250 words outlining the context, aims, methods, findings, and implication should be sent by March 15, 2020. While preparing the manuscript, authors are requested to follow the guidelines below:

- Font should be Times New Roman, size 12, space 1.5, and referencing style APA 6<sup>th</sup> version
- All submission should be done in micro-soft word file (.docs), (Please note that jpg or pdf file is not accepted)

Submission can be done through email: dean-soc@sust.edu; nahmed1973@gmail.com

### Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline	:	March 15, 2020
Notification of the abstract	:	April 01, 2020
Full paper submission	:	April 30, 2020
Last date of registration	:	June 01, 2020
PPT submission	:	June 04, 2020

### Registration fees

International participants	US \$200
(Participants from SAARC countries will get 50% waiver)	
Faculties, professionals, and practitioners of Bangladesh	BDT 2500
University students of Bangladesh	BDT 2000

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### Publication

The proceedings of the conference will be published in two forms: Printed book (only abstracts) and electronic. Selected papers will be published in a reputed journal.