



# Call for Papers

1<sup>st</sup> National Conference  
On

**Towards a Sustainable Future: Economic Stability,  
Political Reforms and Socio-Cultural  
Transformations in Bangladesh**

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**Organized by**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Science  
Pabna University of Science and Technology  
Pabna-6600, Bangladesh



## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Not only Bangladesh but the whole world is going through a complex and difficult time now. The ongoing global challenges are interconnected, creating a turbulent environment for countries across the world. In response, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science at PUST is organizing its first national conference to address the socio-economic challenges, diverse political structures, and sustainable development issues in Bangladesh. As the country navigates these interconnected challenges, it remains a crucial player in achieving sustainable development goals. The conference will bring together scholars, policymakers, development professionals, and social activists to discuss these vital topics and explore solutions to support Bangladesh's transition towards a more sustainable and stable future.

## Introduction

Bangladesh is grappling with an unparalleled set of crises that have profoundly affected its economy, politics, and society. While many developing countries face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and global wars like the Russia-Ukraine and the Israel-Palestine, Bangladesh is also dealing with a unique crisis triggered by the July-August revolution of 2024. This combination of crises has created a period of uncertainty, where the country faces both serious challenges and new opportunities for transformation.

The economic effects of these crises are profound. The pandemic disrupted businesses, industries, and jobs, while the Russia-Ukraine war led to soaring energy prices and disrupted global supply chains, worsening Bangladesh's economic situation. Moreover, the political crisis of mid-2024 has eroded public trust in the government, further weakening the country's economy. Inflation, unemployment, and poverty are on the rise. While the natural response may be to wait for the storm to pass, such an approach could undo all the progress made toward economic stability.

In these challenging times, public administration is crucial for recovery, as the crises have exposed significant weaknesses in governance, accountability, and transparency. This conference will focus on political reforms, decentralization, and strengthening public institutions to address these issues. By examining how governance, policy-making, and public services can work together, the conference aims to improve political stability, enhance public sector efficiency, and engage citizens in shaping their future. Additionally, Bangladesh's rich history and culture play a vital role in navigating its current challenges, offering lessons of resilience and transformation. Through collaboration, we aim to create a more sustainable, inclusive, and stable future for Bangladesh.

## Objectives of the Conference

The main objective of the conference is to provide a platform for interdisciplinary discussions that critically analyze the interconnected challenges of economic stability, political reforms, and socio-cultural changes in Bangladesh, and to propose innovative solutions that will guide the country toward a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient future in the face of ongoing crises. Specific objectives include:

1. To analyze economic scenarios and proposing stable, inclusive development for Bangladesh.
2. To explore how public administration and governance reforms can strengthen Bangladesh's political economy.
3. To assess the role of social work in reducing social issues, empowering vulnerable communities, and addressing inequalities.
4. To investigate how literature, cultural narratives, and history impact social unity and national development.
5. To foster multidisciplinary discussions and build strong academic networks among academics, policymakers, and civil society.

In response to these pressing challenges, the conference brings together academics, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to collaborate, share ideas, and develop solutions for building a resilient Bangladesh. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Science at Pabna University of Science and Technology invites academic paper submissions for this event. Below are the subthemes for exploration.

## Theme 1: Economy, Environment, and Society

### Thematic Issues and Subthemes:

#### a. Sustainable Economic Development

- i. Green growth strategy and economic transformation
- ii. Economic growth with environmental preservation
- iii. Innovation and technology for sustainable economies

#### b. Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

- i. Climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies
- ii. Conservation and resource management for sustainable ecosystems
- iii. Renewable energies for sustainable development

#### c. Social Equity and Sustainable Communities

- ii. Promoting social justice through sustainable development
- iii. Reducing inequality through economic and social policies
- iii. Community-led approaches to sustainability and resilience

#### d. Interconnectedness of Economy, Environment, and Society

- i. Integrating economic, environmental, and social sustainability for holistic development
- ii. Policy frameworks for a balanced and sustainable future

#### e. Social Progress and Sustainability

- i. Empowering Marginalized communities
- ii. Public Health and Social Care Integration
- iii. Social Safety Nets for Sustainable Communities
- iv. Social Protection for Aging and Disability

## Theme 2: Politics, Governance, and Administration

### Thematic Issues and Subthemes:

#### a. Political Reforms and Democratic Governance

- i. Strengthening democratic institutions and processes
- ii. Electoral reforms for inclusivity and fairness
- iii. Role of civil society in political accountability

#### b. Governance, Transparency, and Accountability

- i. Enhancing transparency in public administration
- ii. Anti-corruption measures and governance reforms
- iii. Role of digital tools in promoting government transparency

#### c. Public Policy and Administrative Efficiency

- i. Crafting effective policies for sustainable development
- ii. Public service upgrades and administrative practices
- iii. Policy implementation challenges and solutions

#### d. Decentralization and Local Governance

- i. Empowering local governments for better service delivery
- ii. Role of local governance in fostering community resilience
- iii. Bolstering administrative frameworks at the grassroots level

## Theme 3: Cultural Sustainability through Preserving History and Heritage

### Thematic Issues and Subthemes:

#### a. Historical Roots of Socio-Cultural Change

- i. Historical events and cultural identities
- ii. Colonization, Post colonization, Neo-colonization, imperialism and socio-cultural structures
- iii. Socio-cultural changes owing to the modernity and post modernity

#### b. Preservation of History and Heritage

- i. Coins, inscriptions, art, and architecture
- ii. Ancient, medieval, modern, and post-modern environment and society
- iii. Trade, Commerce, and Technology
- iv. Local History and Heritage

#### c. Globalization and Cultural Exchange

- i. Globalization and local culture transformations
- ii. Cultural resilience and Cross-cultural interactions
- iii. Religion, Humanism, and Gender equality
- iv. Liberal Order and Human Rights

## Theme 4: Language, Literature, and Social Transformation

### Thematic Issues and Subthemes:

#### a. Language as a Tool for Social Change

- The role of language in shaping social justice movements
- Language in political and cultural revolutions
- Language as a vehicle for promoting equality and inclusivity

#### b. Literature and Cultural Identity

- The role of literature in preserving and evolving cultural identity
- Post-colonial narratives and their impact on social change
- The influence of literature in defining national identity and history
- Class, Race, Religion, and Ethnicity
- Gender Discourse and Diversity
- Ecocriticism and Climate Justice

#### c. Language, Education, and Empowerment

- Language education as a means of social empowerment
- Promoting literacy and language skills for marginalized communities
- The role of language in bridging social divides in multicultural societies
- Diaspora Studies, and Translation Studies

#### d. Digital Media, Language, and Transformation

- The impact of digital media on language use and cultural narratives
- The role of social media in promoting language-based social movements
- Digital storytelling and its influence on social and cultural transformation

### Paper Submission Guidelines

We invite academics, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to actively engage in the academic discussions at our conference. If you would like to present a paper, please follow the guidelines below for submitting your abstract and full paper:

#### Abstract and Full Paper Submission Guidelines

**Word Limit (Abstract):** Maximum 300 words

**Word Limit (Full Paper):** Between 6000 to 8000 words inclusive of tables, diagrams, illustrations, etc.

**Paper Size:** Use A4 paper size for abstract/full paper

**Font Style:** "Times New Roman"

**Font Size:** 12 for entire abstract/full paper

**Line Spacing:** 1.5 throughout the abstract/full paper

**Referencing Style:** APA (American Psychological Association) system

**File Format:** Microsoft Word file (.docx).

### Evaluation of the Papers

The Conference Committee and panel reviewers will assess the relevance and quality of the papers, taking responsibility for the selection process.

### Publication Opportunity

All accepted abstracts/papers will undergo a peer review process. All accepted abstracts will be published in the official conference proceedings. Selected full papers will be considered for publication in the special issue of the Journal of Humanities and Social Science, PUST (ISSN 2959-1503), an academic, multi-disciplinary, and peer-reviewed journal published by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Pabna University of Science and Technology, Pabna – 6600, Bangladesh.

## Important Dates

- **Deadline for Abstract Submission:** June 12, 2025
- **Acceptance Notification:** June 16, 2025
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** June 21, 2025
- **Registration Deadline:** June 18, 2025
- **Conference Date:** June 28, 2025 (Saturday)

## Conference Benefits

- Conference kits and materials
- Publication opportunity
- Gaining professional recognition in the concerned field
- Networking opportunities with professionals from across the country
- Presenting and sharing research while receiving constructive feedback
- Enhancing knowledge and skills that extend beyond the field
- Certificate awarded to all participants

## Registration Fees

- Paper presenters/participants: BDT 1500
- Current student : BDT 1000

## Registration Details

- Registration is mandatory to participate in the conference.
- Please deposit the registration fee as detailed below:

### Through Mobile Transfer

bKash number: 01738-224098  
Nagad number: 01738-224098  
Rocket number: 01711-4614268

### Through Bank Account

Account Holder: Conference of FHSS, PUST  
Account Number: 0100271117412  
Bank Name: Janata Bank PLC  
Branch Name: Pabna University of Science and Technology Branch, Pabna  
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### Accommodation and Meals

All conference attendees will be provided with complimentary food and conference kits. Additionally, national participants from various universities will be offered accommodation at the University Guest House/Hostels. Requests for accommodation from paper presenters will be reviewed by the conference organizers and granted subject to availability.

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