

Curriculum Vitae of Nasir Uddin

Nasir Uddin is a Cultural Anthropologist based in Bangladesh and a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chittagong. He graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science (honours) and a Master's both in Anthropology in 1997 and 1998 (passing year 1999 and 2000) respectively at the University of Dhaka. In January 2001, Uddin joined the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chittagong as a Lecturer and was promoted to an Assistant Professor in 2003. At Chittagong, he was involved in teaching at undergraduate and post-graduate level whilst doing research on Indigenous knowledge (fishing, housing technology, and salt production), development (internal reforms, transition in everyday life, and agencies in social transformation) and informal adjudication system (*salish* etc.) in rural Bangladesh. Uddin was awarded with Japan Government Scholarship (MEXT) in 2004 and joined Kyoto University as a PhD level graduate student in Area Studies with a major of Cultural Anthropology. At Kyoto, he broadened his perspective to trans-disciplinary frameworks of understanding other than merely anthropology whilst keeping the ethnographic study at the core. He carried out more than one year ethnographic fieldwork (from November 2005 to April 2007) in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) towards writing his dissertation for PhD degree which was conferred to him in 2008. His dissertation deals with the politics of indigeneity, the reproduction of marginality, and the emergence of a new form of leadership through dialectical process as an art of resisting everyday forms of discrimination and dominant notions stateness in the life of the Khumi people living in the CHT. After having PhD and required scholarly accomplishments, Uddin was promoted to an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chittagong in the mid-year 2009. In the same year, he was awarded with the most prestigious "British Academy Visiting Fellowship 2009" to do postdoctoral level research in the University of Hull, UK. His postdoctoral research project dealt with "Colonial (re)presentation of colonised people: a case study of the Chittagong Hill Tracts". As a British Academy Fellow, Uddin did part of his research in many leading universities of the UK including the University of Cambridge, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University College London (UCL), the University of Manchester, the University of Oxford, and the University of Durham. Apart from these, he undertook archival research in the British Library, the UK National Archive, Center for Anthropology at the British Museum and The UK Parliament Archive. Shortly after ending up his UK project, he engaged with a new research programme on "the dynamics of peace and conflict in the CHT". This project attempted to investigate into the notions of ethnic conflict, systems of conflict management and the process of peace-building with the critical

examination of the post accord situations in the CHT. In 2011, Uddin did another postdoctoral research at Delhi School of Economics (DSE) of the University of Delhi, India as a Visiting Fellow in 2011. His DSE project focused on “The state of ethnic minority in the state-formation in postcolonial states: experience from Bangladesh”. During the period of 2009-2012, Uddin served as a chairperson of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chittagong. At the end of 2012, Uddin was awarded with the Georg Foster Post-Doctoral Fellowship of Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany to do advanced research at Ruhr Universitat Bochum in Germany. His Humboldt project focuses on dialectical relations between the “state” and the “margins”, where the former itself (re)produces the latter. The research considers the state not as a single-governing entity as a bureaucratically organised political institution, but a multi-layered configurations that work beneath the institutional framework in the margins. Apart from doing research, Uddin offers a Master’s Seminar in the Faculty of Social Sciences in the period of 2012-2013 and 2013- 2014. Meanwhile, he spent some time in the Netherlands as a Visiting Fellow of Social and Cultural Anthropology at VU University Amsterdam. Besides, he was also a short term Visiting Fellow at the South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University, Germany. During the period of Humboldt fellowship, Uddin has given lectures/ talks at number of universities/institutions including VU University Amsterdam, Ruhr University of Bochum, the University of Frankfurt, the University of Munich, the University of Cologne, University of Bielefeld, Center for Global Cooperation Research at Duisburg, University of Heidelberg and University of Milan. Apart from it, Uddin, along with Prof. Dr Eva Gerharz and Dr Pradeep Chakkarath, organised an international workshop on the “Futures of Indigeneity: Spatiality, Identity Politics and Belongings” which is coming out as an edited volume in 2017. At the beginning of 2014, Uddin joined the Department of Anthropology at the London School of Economics (LSE) as a Visiting Fellow to undertake research on the relations of indigeneity, state-making and marginality in Bangladesh and South Asia apart from doing archival research at the British Library and the British Museum. Uddin’s current field of interests include Ethnicity and the Formation of Ethnic Category in Deterritorialised world; Mobility and Transition in Everyday Life; Indigeneity, Identity politics and Belongingness; Subaltern Studies and the Politics of Marginality; Dialectics between Colonialism and Post-colonialism; Peace and Conflict Studies; Notions of Power and the State in Everyday Life; Migration, Stateless, (non)Citizens and Refugee Studies; (political) Islam and Secularism, Dynamics of Regionalism and Area Studies; Paradox of Modernity and Globalization; Interface of Local Wisdom and Global Doctrine; the Chittagong Hill Tracts, South Asia.