

Rifat Binte Lutful

Contact Information

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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science & International Relations. University of Delaware, Fall 2023
(*expected*).

Fields: Comparative Politics (Major field) and International Relations (Minor field)

Committee: Dr. Muqtedar Khan (Chair), Dr. Stuart Kaufman, Dr. Benjamin E. Bagozzi.

Thesis Title: Rise of Radicalization in Muslim Majority States: A Comparative Case Study Analysis of Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Egypt

M.A. in Political Science & International Relations. University of Delaware, 2018.

M.A. in Political Science (Security Studies track). University of Akron, 2015.

M.S.S. in Political Science. University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2013.

B.S.S in Political Science. University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2011.

Research Interests

Democratization and Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, Security Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Public Support for Islamist militancy, Comparative Politics of the South Asia, Middle East, and Latin America, Islam and Good Governance, Global Public Health, Comparative Political Economy, and Research Methods.

Honors and Awards

Summer Doctoral Fellowship, 2023, University of Delaware.

M. H. Khan Award for Excellence in Graduate Research on Islam and Global Affairs, 2023, Dept. Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware.

Non-Resident Research Fellowship, 2022, US-India Policy Institute (USIPI).

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award 2019, Dept. Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware.

Professional Activities

Instructor of Record/Adjunct Instructor

POSC 113L 113: International Relations. Marist College. Fall 2022.

POSC240: Introduction to Global Politics. University of Delaware. Winter 2021.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, University of Akron. Fall 2013-Spring 2015.

- 3700 545: Al Qaeda; 3800 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice.

Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. Fall 2016-Spring 2020.

- POSC240: Intro to Global Politics; POSC329: International Migration; POSC409: Emerging South Asian Cities in a Global Context; WOMS201: Introduction to Women and Gender Studies; POSC300: Research Methods for Political Science; POSC413: Conspiracy Theories & Political Misinformation.

Graduate Research Assistant

With Professor Muqtedar Khan, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware. June 2018-August 2018 and June 2021-August 2021.

With Professor Karl Kaltenthaler, Director of the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies, University of Akron. August 2013- May 2015.

Graduate Assistant

College of Arts and Sciences, Student Success Center, University of Delaware. August 2020-Present

Publications

Journals

Khan, M. A., and **Rifat Binte Lutful**. "[Emerging Hindu Rashtra and its Impact on Indian Muslims](#)." *Religions* 12.9 (2021): 693. Web.

Book Chapters

Lutful, Rifat Binte. "Shirin Ebadi: [The Spirit of Resistance](#)." *Great Muslim Leaders: Lessons for Education*. Eds. Melanie Brooks and Miriam Ezzani. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing (IAP), 2023. Print.

Khan, Muqtedar, and **Rifat Binte Lutful**. "[Political Islamic Movements in South Asia: The Case of Jamaat-E-Islami](#)." *Routledge Handbook of Political Islam*. Ed. Shahram Akbarzadeh. Oxfordshire, UK: Routledge, 2020. Print.

Conference Papers

Khan, Muqtedar, and **Rifat Binte Lutful**. "Equality to Second Class: India's Governance of its Muslim Minority". *International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)*. Herndon, VA: 2021. Print.

Lutful, Rifat Binte. "Indian Muslims: In search of communal bonds." Accepted for the *US India Policy Institute* occasional papers.

Selected Work in Progress

Lutful, Rifat Binte. "Radicalization in Bangladesh." In preparation for *Religions Journal*.

Presentations at National Conferences

Kaltenthaler, Karl, **Rifat Binte Lutful**, and Stuart Blessing. "Collective Identity and Support for Islamist Militant Groups". *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA)*. March, 2016, Print.

Kaltenthaler, Karl, **Rifat Binte Lutful**, and Stuart Blessing. "Collective Identity and Support for Islamist Militant Groups: The Case of Lashkar-e-Taiba". *Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)*. April, 2016, Print.

Invited Talks

- "Radicalization in India." Introduction to Comparative Politics Course, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. November 29th, 2022.
- "[A Talk with Bangladeshi Doctoral Student Ms. Rifat on State of Women, Growth & Infrastructure](#)," Dinesh K Vohra Show, India. January 18th, 2022.
- "Radicalism in Bangladesh." Global Terrorism Course, Department of Political Science, Marist College. September 30th, 2021.
- "India." Comparative Politics Course, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. August 9th, 2021.
- "Rise of Islamic Radicalism in Bangladesh." ARSC 300 Panel: Religion, Politics, and Democracy, University of Delaware. February 19th, 2020.
- "Relation between India and Pakistan: the perspectives from Bangladesh." International Symposium Peace Prospects between India Pakistan, Masjid Isa Ibn-e-Maryam. February 3rd, 2018.
- "Bangladesh." Comparative Politics course, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. January 29th, 2018.
- "The Garments Sector of Bangladesh." South Asian Cities (POSC409), Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. October 2017.

Service and Outreach

Journal Reviewer. *Religions*.

Note Taker: For a DSS student, University of Delaware, Spring 2019.