Maliha Rahman

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Academic Background:

Master of Arts in Economics Sep 26-Present
York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Bachelor of Social Science in Economics Oct 21–Jan 25
BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
CGPA: 3.62/4.00
Undergraduate Thesis Title: Effects of Unemployment on Marriage in the United States (1990-2019)
Supervisor: Dr K.M. Arefin Kamal, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, BRAC university

Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) Jul 18–Jan 21
Holy Cross College, Dhaka, Bangladesh
GPA: 5.00/5.00

Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Jan 16–May 18
Motijheel Model School and College, Dhaka, Bangladesh
GPA: 5.00/5.00

Relevant Coursework: Econometrics I & II, Mathematical Methods for Economics, Differential & Integral Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Programming Language I & II, applied econometrics.

Research Interest: Labor economics, applied econometrics.

Experience:

Research Experience

Paper Title: Life After Life: Future of Work in Bangladesh Feb 25-Jul 26
Paper Type: Research Paper, Centre for Policy Dialogue
Study Lead: Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue
Authors: Debapriya Bhattacharya, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Najeeba Mohammed Altaf, Mamtajul Jannat, Maliha Rahman

- Analyzed global and national labor market trends and weak signals of change in the future of work in Bangladesh.
- Analysed the existing policy framework in Bangladesh to identify gaps and establish policy recommendations for the future of labour market in Bangladesh.
- Presented at the *66th Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) Conference*, organized by the *Indian Society of Labour Economics, India.*
- Co-authored policy brief titled "Is Bangladesh Ready for the Future of Work – Preparing the Labour Market for Automation, AI, and Structural Transition"
- Co-authored blog titled "Is Bangladesh ready for the future of work?"

Paper Title: Effects of Unemployment on Marriage in the United States (1990-2019) Oct 24
Paper Type: Individual Thesis, BRAC University
Supervisor: Dr K.M. Arefin Kamal, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Social

Sciences, BRAC university

- Analyzed how business cycle fluctuations affect the propensity of marriage among the educated and less-educated women of the United States.
- Utilised a 30-year panel data, four econometric models and time fixed effects
- Presented at the *Business and Social Sciences Research Conference*, organized by the *World Business Institute, Australia,* and *Research and Publication Organization of Bangladesh*.

Repository Link: http://hdl.handle.net/10361/24362

Paper Title: Dynamics of Unemployment and Labor Force Participation in the United States (1990–2019) Jan 25

Paper Type: Individual Paper, BRAC University
Status: Completed

- Analyzed the dynamics of labor force participation and unemployment rate across the U.S.

Professional Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant Sep 26-Present
York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Programme Associate, Research May 25-Jul 26
Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Drafted key sections of the research paper for the Future of Work in Bangladesh (IDRC) project, conducted key informant interviews, and developed the project's monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) framework.
- Conducted background studies and prepared analytical presentations on key economic and governance themes, including the capital market, MSME competitiveness, macroeconomic management, and the reform landscape in Bangladesh.
- Contributed research inputs on national reform experiences for policy dialogues (SAFA Conference, BPATC, JATI, ICMAB, Seoul ODA Conference).
- Produced analytical reflections on the national budget, assessing alignment with recommended reforms from the White Paper, Task Force, and sectoral reform commissions.
- Provided secondary research support for the project proposal focusing on the gig and platform economy workers of Bangladesh.
- Drafted policy papers, policy briefs, and blogs.

Research Intern Jan 25-April 25
Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Conducted literature review, stylised facts, drafting key messages
- Conducted macroeconomic data compilation and analysis for the Monetary Policy Statement.
- Conducted analysis on LDC graduation, including vulnerability profiling, trade analysis, and incorporation of data into an LDC-focused article; prepared supporting infographics and presentations.

Publications:

- Citizens' Manifesto 2026: Expectations for National Elections and Political Transformation (Draft)
- Policy brief titled "Is Bangladesh Ready for the Future of Work – Preparing the Labour Market for Automation, AI, and Structural Transition"
- Blog titled "Is Bangladesh ready for the future of work?"

Conferences:

Life After Life: Future of Work in Bangladesh.
Authors: Debapriya Bhattacharya, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Najeeba Mohammed Altaf, Mamtajul Jannat, Maliha Rahman
Paper accepted for presentation at the 66th Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) Conference, India.

Effects of Unemployment on Marriage in the United States (1990–2019).
Author: Maliha Rahman
Paper presented at the Business and Social Sciences Research Conference, World Business Institute & Research and Publication Organization of Bangladesh, 2024.

Test Scores:

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Dec 25
Score: 311 (Quant: 160, Verbal: 151, AWA: 4.0)

IELTS - IDP Education Ltd Oct 24
Score: 8.0 (L: 8.0, R: 8.5, W: 7.0, S: 7.5)

Honors & Awards:

York University Graduate Fellowship and Scholarship	Sep 26
Distinction, BRAC University	May 25
Dean's List, BRAC University	May 22
Dean's List, BRAC University	Sep 23
VC's List, BRAC University	Jan 23
Bangladesh Economics Olympiad, National Round	Jun 24
HSBC Business Case Competition, National Round II	Mar 24
EconProdigy 6.0, NSU Young Economists' Forum Semi-Finalist	Mar 24