



Individual Well-being & Social Welfare

Convener: Dr. Prasanta Pattanaik
Coordinator: Ahmed Javed Chowdhury
August 2025 – February 2026

Venue: Mixed format: Zoom online platform/University of Dhaka

<p>Inaugural Programme of the Study Circle #14:</p> <p>Theme: The interconnection between Individual Well-being and Social Welfare</p>		<p>Chief Guest/ Keynote Speaker: Professor Amartya Sen Keynote speaker: Professor Sabina Alkire Chair: Professor Rehman Sobhan Convener of the IWSW Study Circle: Dr. Prasanta Pattanaik, Discussant: M. Syeduzzaman Coordinator: Ahmed Javed Chowdhury Ronie</p>	<p>September 6, 2025 (10:00 PM – 12:00 AM)</p> <p>Venue: Via Zoom/ Dhaka University (Bangladesh Standard Time -BST)</p>
Classes	Subject	Faculty Members	Date and Time Saturdays
1.	Utility-based Conceptions of Individual Well-being in Welfare Economics	Dr. Prasanta Pattanaik (University of California, Riverside, USA)	September 13 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
2	The functioning and capability approach (FCA) to the concept of individual well-being	Professor Paul Anand (Open University, UK)	September 20, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
3	Some conceptual issues in the FCA-Part-1: diversity of values and interpersonal comparisons of well-being	Dr. Prasanta Pattanaik (University of California, Riverside, USA)	October 4, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
4	Some conceptual issues in the FCA-Part-2: the notion of an individual's freedom	Professor Yongsheng Xu (Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA)	October 18, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
5	Individual Responsibility and Social Welfare	Professor Martin Van Hees (VU University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)	November 1, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
6	Evaluating development projects and policies from a broader multidimensional and multilayer perspective	Professor Enrica Chiappero- Martinetti (University of Pavia, Italy)	November 15, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
7	Arrow's impossibility theorem	Professor Rajat Deb (Southern Methodist University, Dallas, USA)	November 22, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
8	Measuring poverty in a multidimensional framework	Professor Shatakshee Dhongde (Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA)	December 6, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
9	Individual rights and social welfare	Professor Maurice Salles (Université de Caen Normandie, France)	December 13, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
10	Ethical evaluation of social and political institutions	Professor Kaushik Basu (Cornell University, USA)	December 20, 2025 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
11	Some Considerations Relating to the Measurement and Mitigation of Inequality	Professor Sreenivasan Subramanian (Ex- MIDS & CEPR; Fellow, HDCA)	January 24, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
#	Concluding Ceremony: Study Circle #14 Theme: Justice for Animals: Extending the Capabilities Approach to Nonhuman Beings	Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker: Professor Martha C. Nussbaum Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics, The University of Chicago, USA	February 13, 2026 Friday* 11.00pm- 1.00am BST

* In honor of our esteemed keynote speaker's request, and in profound recognition of her lifelong, trailblazing contributions to the field, the concluding session of Study Circle #14 will be held on a Friday—departing from our customary Saturday schedule. This special arrangement reflects our deep admiration and respect for her extraordinary scholarship and enduring legacy.

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