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Banglar Pathshala Foundation's Study Circle # 15 Martha Nussbaum Study Circle

Theme: *Vulnerability and the Search for Justice: Martha Nussbaum on the Task of Philosophy*

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Venue: Mixed format/University of Dhaka

# Inaugural programme of Study Circle #16 Martha Nussbaum Study Circle Theme: <i>Vulnerability and the Search for Justice: Martha Nussbaum on the Task of Philosophy</i>		Chief Guest: Prof Martha C. Nussbaum (University of Chicago) Theme: Justice for Animals: Extending the Capabilities Approach to Nonhuman Beings Chair: Prof. Philip Kitcher Venue: Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building, Dhaka University Date: September 4, 2026, Friday, 10.00pm- 12.00am (Bangladesh Standard Time (BST))	
Classes/ Sessions	Subject	Speakers	Date and Time Saturdays
1.	Animals, Nature, and Justice	Professor Jeremy David Bendik-Keymer (Case Western Reserve University)	September 12, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
2.	Environmental Inequity and the Capabilities Approach	Professor Breana Holland (Lehigh University)	October 3, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
3.	The Fragility of Goodness: Greek Tragedy and Philosophy	Frances Mangina (University of Chicago)	October 17, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
4.	Political Emotions: Why Love Matters for Justice	Professor Sara Protasi (University of Puget Sound)	October 31, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
5.	Music and Political Theory	Professor Philip Kitcher (Columbia University)	November 14, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
6.	Frontiers of Justice: Disability, Aging, and Human Development	Professor Eva Kittay (Stony Brook University)	November 28, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
7.	Women and Human Development: The Capabilities Approach	Professor Amy Linch (Penn State University)	December 12, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
8.	Creating Capabilities: The Human Development Approach	Professor Morten Byskov (Tilburg University, The Netherlands)	December 19, 2026 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
9.	Global Justice and Cosmopolitanism	Prof. Elaine Unterhalter (University College London UCL)	January 23, 2027 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
10.	Cultivating Humanity: Education, Humanities, and Democratic Citizenship	Professor Harry Brighouse (University of Wisconsin–Madison)	January 30, 2027 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
11.	Hiding from Humanity: Law, Literature, and Public Reason	Prof Yuko Kamishima (Ritsumeikan University, Japan)	February 13, 2027 9.00pm- 11.00pm BST
# Closing Programme of Study Circle #16 Martha Nussbaum Study Circle Theme: Capabilities and the Future of Justice: A Reflection on Praxis/ Martha Nussbaum's Legacy – A Dialogue on Justice, Emotion, and Human Flourishing		Date: February 27, 2027 11.00pm- 1.00am BST Chief Guest: Special Guest: Speakers: Multiple contributors (panel including Professors Kitcher, Bendik-Keymer, and others if available) Keynote Speaker: Professor Prasanta K. Pattanaik Chair: Venue: Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building, Dhaka Uni	