

Banglar Pathshala Foundation (BPF)
Study Circle #12
Amartya Sen Study Circle in Bangla
Theme: *Amartya Sen and the Search for a Flourishing and Just Society*
Convener: Professor Dr. Siddiqur Rahman Osmani (Ulster University, UK)
Coordinator: Ahmed Javed Chowdhury (City University, Bangladesh)
Duration: August 2022 – March 2023

The Amartya Sen Study Circle, organized under Banglar Pathshala Foundation (BPF), comprised a total of 14 academic engagements, including 13 thematic sessions and a formal Inauguration Programme. The inaugural session was graciously inaugurated by Nobel Laureate Economist Professor Amartya Sen himself as the Chief Guest, marking a moment of profound intellectual significance.

The series brought together leading scholars, academics, and engaged participants from Bengali-speaking communities across the world into a shared space of rigorous and reflective dialogue. It created a vibrant forum for exploring diverse dimensions of Amartya Sen's thought and its contemporary relevance.

This initiative represents one of the first concerted efforts to bring together Bengali-speaking scholars on a global scale under a unified intellectual platform. The discussions were enriched by multiple perspectives, lived experiences, and disciplinary approaches, making the Study Circle a truly global academic engagement rooted in Bangla intellectual tradition while engaging universal concerns.

List of Academic Sessions

0. **Inaugural Programme of the Amartya Sen Study Circle in Bangla** | Inaugurated by Nobel Laureate Professor Amartya Sen | University of Dhaka | 9 March 2020 | 2:30 PM–6:30 PM
YouTube link of Professor Amartya Sen's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/tp0hhO9h1nQ>
1. **The Capability Approach and Human Development in Amartya Sen's Thoughts**
Dr. Selim Jahan, Director, Human Development Report Office (HDRO) UNDP
6 August 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Selim Jahan's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/VK3U5pLMLpY>
2. **Demands and Commitments for Gender Equality in Amartya Sen's Writings**
Dr. Sajeda Amin (Population Council, New York)
27 August 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Sajeda Amin's Lecture: https://youtu.be/Qn3_V-4K9co
3. **Plurality of Human Identity and Global Peace in Amartya Sen's Thoughts**
Professor Manabi Majumdar (Pratichi Trust, Kolkata)
10 September 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Manabi Majumdar's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/8qX2Pk1piU0>

- 4. Amartya Sen's Interpretation of Adam Smith**
Ahmed Javed Chowdhury, Founder, Banglar Pathshala Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh
24 September 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Ahmed Javed's Lecture(Part-I): <https://youtu.be/5y81enCY1Ao>
YouTube link of Ahmed Javed's Lecture(Part-II): <https://youtu.be/mdLSxZ86hjY>
- 5. The Centrality of Education in Amartya Sen's Thoughts**
Professor Achin Chakraborty, Director, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK)
8 October 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Professor Achin Chakraborty's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/3VA2GzaKcal>
- 6. Entitlements, Hunger, and Famine in Amartya Sen's Writings**
Dr. Binayak Sen, DG, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka
15 October 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Binayak Sen's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/EEkOgmuZGQg>
- 7. Public Reasoning and the Practice of Democracy in Amartya Sen's Thoughts**
Mr. Anirban Chattopadhyay (Editor, *Anandabazar Patrika*, India)
22 October 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Mr. Anirban Chattopadhyay's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/ddsyvR9d4as>
- 8. Democracy and Development in Amartya Sen's Writings**
Dr. Mushtaq Khan, Professor of Economics, SOAS, University of London, UK
29 October 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Mushtaq Khan's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/Ts636dqNcJQ>
- 9. Amartya Sen's Interpretations of the Indian Sub-continent**
Prof Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History and Affairs, Harvard University
5 November 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Sugata Bose's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/u4mS1Q6saB0>
- 10. Ethics, Economics, and Human Rights in Amartya Sen's Thoughts**
Dr. S. R. Osmani, Professor of Development Economics, Ulster University, UK
12 November 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Siddiq Osmani's Lecture (Part-I): <https://youtu.be/cqcWjl27QFg>
YouTube link of Dr. Siddiq Osmani's Lecture (Part-II): <https://youtu.be/wg7-EAaqnzM>
- 11. Amartya Sen's Social Choice Theory, Public Policy, and Individual Liberty**
Professor Kaushik Basu, C. Marks Professor of International Studies, and Professor of Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA
19 November 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM
YouTube link of Dr. Kaushik Basu's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/bgKXwZsQh8g>

12. Amartya Sen's Thoughts on Technology, Employment and Development

Dr. Rizwanul Islam, Special Adviser, Employment Sector, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland

26 November 2022 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

YouTube link of Dr. Rizwanul Islam's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/jzdE1YYdYqc>

13. Amartya Sen's The Idea of Justice

Professor S. R. Osmani (Ulster University, UK)

18 March 2023 | 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

YouTube link of Dr. Siddiq Osmani's Lecture: <https://youtu.be/en3xkFAWZ70>