



# Rigan Chakma

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About me: Father's Name: Mohini Ranjan Chakma Mother's Name: Nirala Chakma Blood Group: AB+ Religion: Buddhism Marital Status: Married

## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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01/06/2015 – CURRENT – Dhaka , Bangladesh

**SENIOR LECTURER & COORDINATOR** – UNIVERSITY OF LIBERAL ARTS BANGLADESH (ULAB)

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**Responsibilities include teaching Global Political Economy, Sociology, Bangladesh Studies courses. Coordinate academic and administrative activities of General Education Department (GED). Also, conducting research, writing report and assist over all planning of the University activities.**

02/08/2010 – 23/12/2014 – Dhaka, Bangladesh

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT** – BIGD (FORMER INSTITUTE OF GOVERNANCE STUDIES (IGS), BRAC UNIVERSITY)

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### **Research Assistant (on study leave 2013-2014)**

Conducting field research including focus group discussion (FGD), key informant interview (KII), field visit, observation. Also, develop research paper, writing report, organising program.

Brac Institute of Governance and Development (former Institute of Governance Studies (IGS), Brac University)

Address:SK center, 5 -6<sup>th</sup> floor, GP. JA-4, TB gate, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh

08/07/2014 – 10/09/2014 – Bali, North Sulawesi, Manado and Gorontalo, Indonesia

**FIELD RESEARCHER** – DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE, JAMS COOK UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA

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### **Two months fieldwork experience in Indonesia**

I have worked in Bali, North Sulawesi, Manado and Gorontalo province for two months from 8<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 under the supervision of Dr. Jeffery Sayer and Dr. Intu Boedhihartono, Development Practice, Jams Cook University, Australia. I have worked in a group report and in individual project. Part of my responsibility, I have conducted focus group discussion, key informant interviews and observation in various remote areas in Indonesia and develop a thesis and joint research report based on the fieldwork.

05/07/2007 – 03/08/2010 – Dhaka, Bangladesh

**STUDENT ASSOCIATE** – REFUGEE AND MIGRATORY MOVEMENTS RESEARCH UNIT (RMMRU)

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### **Student Associate,**

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) Young Researchers' Forum (YRF) (an affiliated organization of Dhaka University)

**Responsibilities:** planning, implementing and managing activities of Young Researchers' Forum (YRF).

Project Office:3/3-EBijoyagar, Sattar Bhaban (4thFloor), Dhaka-1000 Bangladesh

01/04/2008 – 30/06/2008 – Dhaka , Bangladesh

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT** – UNNAYANONNESHAN -THE INNOVATORS DHAKA, BANGLADESH

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## **Research Assistant *UnnayanOnneshan -The Innovators*Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**Responsibilities include:** Completed a study on land transactions and agricultural productivity. Responsibilities include the planning and implementation of the field work, interpreting and helping two foreign research associates in the management of a five person research team, data input and analysis of findings, and the write up of the final outputs.

17/01/2021 – 18/03/2021 – Dhaka , Bangladesh

**GUEST LECTURER FOR ONLINE COURSE – CENTRE FOR ENTERPRISE AND SOCIETY**

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"BUILDING RESILIENT UNIVERSITIES PROJECT: PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP AND MEDIA LITERACY" under this project I have delivered two online lectures- 1. Class, caste and social inequality and 2. Understanding Culture and Cultural diversity in Bangladesh; to promote tolerance, diversity, and pluralism.

The link:

<https://bohubrihi.com/course-pages/ulab-mooc/>

## ● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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01/01/2013 – 30/12/2014 – RG Casey Building John McEwen Crescent Barton ACT 0221 Australia, Canberra, Australia  
**AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT AWARD, AUSTRALIA** – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

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<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards>

10/02/2013 – 16/12/2014 – 14-88 McGregor Road Smithfield, Cairns, QLD 4878, Cairns , Australia  
**MASTERS IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES** – James Cook University, Cairns, Australia.

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[https://www.jcu.edu.au/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=branding&utm\\_term=%2Bcairns%20%2Buniversity&utm\\_content=425761663123&gclid=CjwKCAjw0On8BRAGeIwAincsHOVPFOEb6DWExCITfdtcsispDZhGUsQI-tYbeFbh\\_wHjh3Y\\_aAs1kRoCOg0QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.jcu.edu.au/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=branding&utm_term=%2Bcairns%20%2Buniversity&utm_content=425761663123&gclid=CjwKCAjw0On8BRAGeIwAincsHOVPFOEb6DWExCITfdtcsispDZhGUsQI-tYbeFbh_wHjh3Y_aAs1kRoCOg0QAvD_BwE)

06/02/2006 – 17/11/2007 – Administrative Building (1st Floor) University of Dhaka, Email: registrar@du.ac.bd, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**MASTERS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** – Faculty of Social Science, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

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<https://www.du.ac.bd/home>

10/03/2002 – 21/08/2006 – Administrative Building (1st Floor) University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** – Faculty of Social Science , University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

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<https://www.du.ac.bd/home>

## ● **DIGITAL SKILLS**

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Microsoft Word | Microsoft Powerpoint | Microsoft Excel | Outlook | Google Drive | Google Docs | Facebook | Zoom

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): CHAKMA

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>BANGLA</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>ENGLISH</b>	B2	B2	C1	C1	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● PROJECTS

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15/08/2019 – CURRENT

The Economy of Indigenous People of Bangladesh

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**'The Economy of Indigenous People of Bangladesh' research project is funded by the University of Colorado Colorado Spring (UCCS), USA and partially funded by the lead researcher Dr. Farida Khan, professor and Head of Economics department of UCCS. Rigan Chakma is working as co researcher, conducting field work, focus group discussion (FGD), key informant interview (KII), observation and overall planning for the research.**

## ● NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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03/06/2018 – CURRENT

A general body member

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Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), Bangladesh.

**From June 2018, I was nominated as a general body member of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), Bangladesh.**

<http://www.rmmru.org/newsite/>

## ● VOLUNTEERING

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01/04/2020 – CURRENT

A research team member

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9/2, Khan Niketon,(4th Floor), Flat no: 5C, Ring Road, Shyamoli, Dhaka -1207 - Bangladesh

**A research team member of the Maleya Foundation an indigenous peoples' organization working on environment, human rights and development in Bangladesh.**

[www.maleya.org](http://www.maleya.org)

## ● PUBLICATIONS

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### **An Impact study on Rural Social Services (RSS) program in socio-economic development of rural people in Chittagong Hill Tracts (forthcoming)**

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2018

Chakma, K. B., Chakma, R. & Chakma, A. (2018). *An Impact study on Rural Social Services (RSS) program in socio-economic development of rural people in Chittagong Hill Tracts*. National Academy of Social Services (NASS), Department of Social Services. (forthcoming)

### **Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Lid (BOESL): policy document for the betterment of migrants. (forthcoming)**

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2018

Choudhury, Z. U. A. and Chakma, R. (2018). *Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Lid (BOESL): policy document for the betterment of migrants*. Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU). (forthcoming)

### **A history of urban governance of Dhaka city.**

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<http://www.igs-bracu.ac.bd/research/state-of-cities> – 2012

Chakma, R., Hamid, R. and Oldham, T. (2012) A history of urban governance of Dhaka city. *State of cities*, Dhaka: Institute of Governance studies, Brac University.

### **NGO as drivers of policy change: between policy autonomy and external influence.**

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<http://www.igs-bracu.ac.bd/research/state-of-governance-in-bangladesh-project/58> – 2012

Arifeen, N., Chakma, R. and Haque, K. N. H. (2012). NGO as drivers of policy change: between policy autonomy and external influence. *State of governance in Bangladesh 2010-2011, policy, influence, ownership*. Institute of Governance studies, Brac university.

Link: <http://www.igs-bracu.ac.bd/research/state-of-governance-in-bangladesh-project/58>

### **Civil Society Organisations in Climate Change Adaptation: Paani Committee's Movement for Tidal River Management in South-west Bangladesh, Series no-17.**

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<http://www.igs-bracu.ac.bd/research/state-of-governance-in-bangladesh-project/59> – 2013

Haque, K. N. H., Chowdhury, F. A. & Chakma, R. (2013). *Civil Society Organisations in Climate Change Adaptation: Paani Committee's Movement for Tidal River Management in South-west Bangladesh, Series no-17*. Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

link: <http://www.igs-bracu.ac.bd/research/state-of-governance-in-bangladesh-project/59>

## ● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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13/06/2019 – 16/06/2019 – University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Bangladesh

**Transition of rituals and belief system of rivers, small streams and water bodies of Chakma community**

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**Presented paper on “Transition of rituals and belief system of rivers, small streams and water bodies of Chakma community” at the 8th SSEASR conference titled “ Rivers and religion: connecting cultures of South and Southeast Asia” a regional conference of IAHR organized by the Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS), University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) on June 13-16, 2019.**

30/11/2018 – 01/12/2018 – University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**Ecology, Sustainability and the question of existence of indigenous people: A Case Study of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)**

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**Presented a paper on “Ecology, Sustainability and the question of existence of indigenous people: A Case Study of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)” on November 30 to December 1, 2018 at The international conference of Language, Literature, Culture and Politics celebrating Karl Marx’s Bicentenary at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh.**

21/10/2014 – 21/10/2014 – Cairns institute, James Cook University, Cairns campus, Australia.

**Case study of Gorontalo, Indonesia” as a group report and “Importance of Social Capital; a case study of three villages of Gorontalo, Indonesia**

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Presented a paper on “*Case study of Gorontalo, Indonesia” as a group report and “Importance of Social Capital; a case study of three villages of Gorontalo, Indonesia” on 21 October 2014 at Cairns institute, James Cook University, Cairns campus, Australia.*

21/03/2012 – 23/03/2012 – Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Digital Bangladesh and prospects**

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Paper presented on “*Digital Bangladesh and prospects*” in Sri Lanka in 2012.

08/07/2007 – 14/07/2007 – Godavari, Nepal

**The conflict in the Chittagong Hill Tracts**

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Paper presented on an international workshop on “*the conflict in the Chittagong Hill Tracts*” in “*South Asian Youth for Peace*” held in Godavari, Nepal between 8<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007. I was awarded full costs for the trip.

## ● **CONFERENCE/ COURSES ATTENDED**

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12/11/2014 – 19/11/2014

**IUCN world park congress in Sydney, Australia**

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Participated in IUCN world park congress in Sydney and assisted mural preparation and presentation prepared on biodiversity and human relation with nature by Development Practice, James Cook University in Australia from 12-19 November 2014.

02/02/2013 – 27/02/2013

**Introductory Academic Program 2013**

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Completed four week “Introductory Academic Program 2013” offered by Teaching and Learning Development, James Cook University, Cairns, Australia.

17/06/2012 – 21/06/2012

**Training of Trainers (ToT) of forced migration**

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Successfully completed the 5-day tailored course on “Training of Trainers (ToT)” from 17-21 June 2012 conducted by MDF South Asia Training and Advisory Dhaka, Bangladesh in collaboration with Bangladesh Public Administration Training centre, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

08/06/2008 – 09/06/2008

### **Training workshop on international humanitarian law**

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Training workshop on international humanitarian law organized jointly by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security (BIPSS) during 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### **Training on Safe Migration to prevent Human Trafficking**

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Successfully completed a three day "Training on Safe Migration to prevent Human Trafficking" supported by the American people through USAID and sponsored by the *Action For Combating Trafficking-In-Persons (ACT) Program* by WinRock International.

29/11/2008 – 01/12/2008

### **Social Science Research and Migration**

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Attend the third residential workshop on Social Science Research and Migration held at Dhaka on 29 November -1 December, 2008 organised by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, Dhaka University.

20/12/2009 – 15/06/2010

### **Training Course on Project Planning, Development and Management (PPDM)**

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Successfully completed a "Training Course on Project Planning, Development and Management (PPDM)" from December 20, 2009 to June 15, 2010, Planning commission, Bangladesh

## ● **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Dr. Jeff Sayer – Professor of Tropical Forest Conservation – [jeffrey.sayer@ubc.ca](mailto:jeffrey.sayer@ubc.ca) – (+1) 7789861661

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- **PASSPORT**

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05/07/2018 – 04/07/2023

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Previous Passport number: AA1399545

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13/07/2021



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