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Areas of Interest

Human trafficking, public views of crime and policing; Immigrant and refugee integration; Ethnic violence; Terrorism; Restorative justice; Peacemaking criminology

Dr. Aziz Rahman is an interdisciplinary scholar with extensive experience in research, teaching, and community development. At TAMIU CCHT, he conducts a project on identifying victims of human trafficking in South Texas and developing training curricula for healthcare and education professionals. Previously, he was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration at Toronto Metropolitan University, where he examined refugee entrepreneurship using qualitative interviews and Canadian census data.

Dr. Rahman earned his Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Manitoba, Canada, with prior master's degrees in Sociology (Bangladesh), Regional Development Planning (Germany/Philippines), and Criminology (Canada). His doctoral research focused on labor market integration of resettled refugees in Canada. He has received several competitive research grants, including the SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship and the SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Dr. Rahman has taught criminology, sociology, and migration studies at the University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, Canada, and at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Bangladesh. His scholarly work includes peer-reviewed articles, books, and conference presentations on topics such as refugee integration, ethnic violence, terrorism, and gig work. He recently co-edited *Criminology*

and Criminal Justice: An Introduction to support criminology education in Bangladesh. He has served as Executive Editor of the *Bangladesh Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*.

Dr. Rahman has founded and led several organizations, including the Bangladesh Society of Criminology (BSC), the Center for Criminological Research Bangladesh (CCRB), the Bangladesh Institute of Crime and Justice Studies, and the Institute for Justice, Decolonization and Peace (IJDP), Canada. He held leadership roles with the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), including Student Director and Partnership Officer. He served as a trainer, facilitator, and planner at the Institute of Cultural Affairs Bangladesh, where he led participatory planning and capacity-building initiatives using Technology of Participation (ToP) methods for communities, NGOs, and international organizations. He initiated, organized, and chaired the first student-led Conference at the University of Manitoba, bringing together global scholars and practitioners to explore innovative approaches to peace leadership and conflict transformation.

Aziz Rahman has also served as a consultant for international organizations, including the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) and the International Center for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC), contributing to global assessments and UN reports on organized crime and community safety in South Asia, respectively. He has also consulted for the Bangladesh government's Urban Development Directorate-led sub-district development planning project, where he designed research tools, trained field teams, led participatory rural appraisals, and delivered social planning reports.

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