

AZMIRA BILKIS, PhD

CONTACT INFORMATION

azmira.bilkis@bou.ac.bd

azmirabilkis79@gmail.com

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages,
Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur-1705.

RESEARCH INTEREST

Migration, Gender, Climate Change, Social Development

EDUCATION

2022-**Doctor of Philosophy** in Government and Politics from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Jahangir Nagar University, Savar, Dhaka.

Thesis title: “Female Return Migrants and the Challenge of Reintegration: A Case Study on Returnees of Manikganj District”.

2002-**Master of Social Science in Sociology** from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, First Class (11th Position)

2001-**Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in Sociology** from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Second Class (3rd Position)

1997-**Higher Secondary School Certificate** (Humanities Group, Jessore Board), **First Division** (18th Position/ Stand in order of combined merit list)

1995- **Secondary School Certificate** (Humanities Group, Jessore Board), **First Division**

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

Associate Professor (Sociology) July 2025-present
School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages (SSHL)
Bangladesh Open University (BOU), Bangladesh.

Lecturer (Sociology) July 2014-February 2020

TEACHING –BSS (Honours in Sociology)

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)
Classical Sociological Theory (SOC 301)
Sociology of Poverty (SOC 402)
Population and Society (SOC 308)

MSS (in Sociology)

Population and Society (SOC 509)

- Teaching method: Face-to-face, Online (Google Classroom/Zoom), Blended mode.
- Responsibilities: Tutoring; Assisting in course coordination; Constructing and writing the self-learning materials (SOC 509) for learners –audio, and video lectures; Supervising Term Paper; Preparing the final results.

EXPERIENCE

- Worked as Reviewer at Women's Studies International Forum
- Worked as Reviewer at Southeast Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal
- Worked as Reviewer at Hindawi (Scientific Research Journal)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- Currently working as a researcher in a joint project between Bangladesh Open university and Netaji Subhas Open University entitled **"Mapping 1947 and 1971 Memory: The Belongings, Loss and Revival- An Indo-Bangladesh Perspective"**.
- Research Assistant in a project by ADB entitled **Social Protection for the Disadvantaged Women and Children**, Area; Kamrangirchar. (15/6/2004- 31/8/2004)
- Research Assistant in a project by UNFPA entitled **Unwanted and Mistimed Pregnancy**, Area; Kamrangirchar. (15/1/2005- 14/3/2005)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Funded Research Project:
 - 'Situational Analysis of the Street Beggar in Dhaka City: A Sociological Study'
Fiscal Year: 2023-2024
 - 'Migration and Poverty Alleviation in Bangladesh: A Study on Returnee Female Migrants of Manikganj District'
Fiscal Year: 2023-2024
 - 'Vulnerabilities of Women's Reproductive Health due to Water Salinity: Case from Satkhira region of Bangladesh'
Fiscal Year: 2022-2023
 - 'Female Return Migrants in Bangladesh: A Study on Forced Returnee from Saudi Arabia'

Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

- ‘Reintegration of Migrants labour in Bangladesh: An Analysis’

Fiscal Year: 2019-2020

- ‘Lifestyle of the Flower Cultivators of Bangladesh: A Study on Rose Village Sadullapur, Savar’

Fiscal Year: 2017-2018

PUBLICATIONS

1. Bilkis, A., & Saha, M. (2026, March). Understanding involuntary return of Bangladeshi women migrants from Saudi Arabia: A qualitative study. In *Women's Studies International Forum* (Vol. 115, p. 103267). Pergamon.
2. Khalil, M. B., & Bilkis, A. (2026). Tiger Widows' Place-Based Adaptation: From Vulnerability to Resilience to Climate Change. In *Gender and Geography: Agendas and Challenges in South Asia* (pp. 305-326). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
3. Bilkis, A., Saha, M., & Saha, G. (2025). Fostering Mental Wellbeing in Return Migrant Women. *Journal of Medicine Bangladesh*.
4. Rahman, H., Khatun, S., & Bilkis, A. (2013). Electoral management in Bangladesh and India: A comparative analysis. *Journal of Sociology*, 5(2), 91–111.
5. Bilkis, A., Raihan, M. A., & Khan, A. B. (2017). Changing pattern of rural society in Bangladesh: Sociological perspective. *International Journal of Innovative Research*, 2(3), 66–74.
6. Bilkis, A. (2019–2022). সমকালীন সমাজ ও রবীন্দ্র-মানস-ভাবনা: গৌরা উপন্যাস. *Journal of Open School*, 8–11(1), 151–156.
7. Bilkis, A. (2022). Why do women migrants return? Evidence from Bangladeshi migrants. *Jagannath University Journal of Arts*, 12(2), 306–325
8. Bilkis, A. (2022). Reintegration challenges of migrant labour in rural areas of Bangladesh: A case study. *Ideas: A Journal of Literature, Arts and Culture*, 8, 158–177.
9. Bilkis, A., et al. (2023). Role of floriculture in the socioeconomic elevation of flower cultivators: A study on Rose Village Sadullapur of Savar Upazila. *Ideas: International Journal of Literature, Arts, Science and Culture*, 9, 25–43.
10. Siddik, T., Ansari, M. N. A., & Bilkis, A. (2019). ক্ষুদ্র ও মাঝারি কৃষকের আর্থ-সামাজিক উন্নয়নে ন্যাকৃষির সম্ভাবনা ও প্রতিবন্ধকতা: টাঙ্গাইলের আটিয়া ইউনিয়নের উপর একটি সমীক্ষা. জাহাঙ্গীর নগর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ভূগোল ও পরিবেশ সমীক্ষণ, 37, 11–21.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- MS Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Data Analysis: SPSS
- Graphical Package: Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

- Chairman, BSS (Honours) Examination Committee, (Sociology), BOU 2022-present
- Chairman, MSS Examination Committee, (Sociology), SSSL, BOU 2022-present
- Member, Sociology Curriculum Committee, SSSL, BOU 2014-present

TRAINING AND WORKSHOP

- Teaching Learning Process and Assessment for Quality Education, organized by Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), BOU (31 May-1 Jun 2022).
- Workshop on Competency-based Curriculum Development, organized by e-Learning Centre, BOU (27-28 Jan 2020).
- International Workshop on Blended-Learning Courseware for Asian Region, organized by BOU (22-25 Jan 2018).
- Training on Research Methodology, organized by East West University Center for Research and Training (21Nov-3Dec2017).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Bangladesh Open University Teachers' Association (BOUTA), Bangladesh Open University. (2014– Present)

Personal Information

Full Name (English)	: Azmira Bilkis, PhD
(Bangla)	: আজমীরা বিলকিস, পিএইচডি
Father's Name	: Sk. Afsar Uddin Ahmed
Mother's Name	: Anwara Begum
Date of Birth	: 28 th November 1979
Blood Group	: A+ve
Nationality	: Bangladeshi (By Birth)
Religion	: Islam (Sunni)

Marital Status
Permanent Address

: Married
: Vill- Katia Sarkarpara
Post- Satkhira, Satkhira
Cell Phone# 01712-636019
azmira.bilkis@bou.ac.bd;
azmirabilkis79@gmail.com

Office Address

: Azmira Bilkis, PhD
Associate Professor (Sociology), SSHL
Bangladesh Open University
Boardbazar, Gazipur-1705
Cell Phone# 01712-636019
azmira.bilkis@bou.ac.bd