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## **Webinar on Research Publications**

TESOL Society of Bangladesh (TESOL BD), an Association of Applied Linguistics, recently hosted its 10th webinar featuring Dr. Nguyen Thi Thuy Loan, a Lecturer from the Department of English at the Faculty of Education and Educational Innovation, Kalasin University of Thailand. The webinar, titled "How to Get Your Research Papers Published in Good Journals," commenced with a concise overview of TESOL's journey, aims, and objectives, provided by the moderator Afroza Akhter Tina, a Senior Lecturer from the Department of English at Daffodil International University.

Dr. Loan began her presentation by highlighting four essential considerations for aspiring authors seeking to publish their research in reputable journals. These points encompassed the significance of joining existing research dialogues, crafting a compelling research narrative, producing high-quality research papers, and selecting the most fitting journal for publication. Dr. Loan underscored the necessity of contributing a novel message or idea to the academic discourse, as this is pivotal for successful publication.

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# Webinar on Research Publications

During the session, Dr. Loan introduced various online resources like Google Scholar, Pubmed, ProQuest Dissertations, and Stanford SearchWorks, which provide researchers with access to a wealth of academic papers. She also suggested the use of platforms like sci-hub for free paper downloads. Effective reading strategies were recommended, including selectively focusing on titles, keywords, and abstracts, reading recently published papers, and adopting analytical reading techniques that encourage the integration of personal ideas with the research content. Dr. Loan suggested that setting aside a written draft for a period allows for a fresh perspective during the review process, enabling researchers to assess their work critically and apply the reviewer's perspective before submission.

Choosing the right journal for publication was another crucial aspect covered in the webinar. Dr. Loan guided participants through the process of evaluating journal themes, indexing, editorial boards, paper quality, publication frequency, acceptance rates, and article processing charges.

Dr. Loan emphasized the significance of embracing constructive criticism and learning from reviewer feedback, even in the face of rejection. The session concluded on an informative and engaging note, with participants benefiting from Dr. Loan's guidance and comprehensive responses to their queries.



**Dr. Nguyen Thi Thuy Loan**

Lecturer,  
Department of English,  
Faculty of Education and Educational Innovation,  
Kalasin University of Thailand.

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# Discussion on Reopening Educational Institutes

TESOL Society of Bangladesh, an organization for English teachers in Bangladesh conducted its 2nd Academic Adda and 11th webinar on September 27, 2020, titled “Are we prepared to open educational institutions?” This talk, involving educators from schools, madrasas, and universities dealt with concerns surrounding the reopening of schools, colleges, madrasas, and universities for in-person classes in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The discussants were Subrata Bhowmik, Senior Instructor, Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary, Anita Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor of Teaching, University of British Columbia, Abdullah Al Monsur, Teacher, Shahjalal Jamea Islamia Kamil Madrasah, Pathantula, Sylhet, Dr. Mian Md. Naushaad Kabir, Assistant Professor of English Language, Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka, and Zakir Hossain, Principal, Robertsongong High School and College with Professor Dr. Sayeedur Rahman, the founding President of TESOL BD and Rabeya Binte Habib, Assistant Professor, Daffodil International University, moderating the discussion.

The focal points of the conversation included the current state of our country's educational institutions and how teachers and students had adapted during the pandemic. The speakers commented on how educators and policymakers have been deliberating over the best practices for reopening educational institutions, taking into account the challenges posed by housing students in government universities, ensuring hygiene and social distancing. Similarly, private universities are grappling with challenges such as ensuring safe distancing for students with limited space, both physically and mentally. The reopening of madrasas after a brief period of closure due to the COVID-19 outbreak has revealed adverse physical and mental effects on some students.

# Discussion on Reopening Educational Institutes

Furthermore, potential solutions for safely reopening educational institutions were discussed. These included conducting classes at different times, starting new classes after a short break instead of simultaneously, dividing students into different groups to maintain social distancing and prevent the spread of the virus, ensuring sufficient facilities for hygiene in institutions, providing clear guidelines for following health protocols, enhancing communication with students' families to monitor their well-being, encouraging the proper use of online educational resources, and ensuring online connectivity for vulnerable students.

The webinar proved to be a valuable platform for navigating the ever-evolving landscape of education during the COVID-19 pandemic, with participants ending the discussion with an energetic question-and-answer session.

## Academic Adda on Back to School: Readiness of Academia

 Platform: ZOOM  
Register Here  
<http://bitly.ws/9MGK>

 27-09-20  7:30pm- 9:00pm  
TESOL Society of Bangladesh  
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# Academic Adda on Teacher Voices: Creating Participatory Spaces in Educational Research

TESOL Society of Bangladesh organized its third Academic Adda event called "Teacher Voices: Creating Participatory Spaces in Educational Research." Held on 29 October 2020, this virtual gathering provided educators, researchers, and enthusiasts with a unique platform to engage in insightful discussions and exchange ideas, fostering an atmosphere of collaborative learning and enrichment.

The Academic Adda featured Taslima Ivy, a PhD Researcher, Manchester Institute of Education, School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester, and Assistant Professor (On study leave), Department of English, University of Dhaka as its speaker. Afroza Akhter Tina, Senior Lecturer, Department of English, Daffodil International University, moderated the event and guided participants through a thought-provoking discourse centered around creating participatory spaces in educational research.

The event successfully captured the essence of an "Academic Adda," providing participants with a relaxed yet intellectually stimulating environment. Attendees had the opportunity to share their insights, experiences, and visions for creating participatory spaces in educational research. Engaging discussions, thought-provoking questions, and diverse perspectives were exchanged, contributing to the advancement of educational research.

This iteration of the popular Academic Adda series was one where educators and researchers came together to discuss and explore innovative ideas in the field of educational research. The event's vibrant discussions and insightful contributions showcase the power of collaborative learning and the importance of creating participatory spaces.

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# Academic Adda on Teacher Voices: Creating Participatory Spaces in Educational Research

Participants praised the event for its unique format, allowing for open and candid conversations in a friendly and informal setting. The virtual platform enabled seamless interaction, fostering connections among educators and researchers from different backgrounds, and enabled the audience to ask thought-provoking questions and share their insights as the discussion came to a close.



## Taslima Ivy

PhD Researcher,  
Manchester Institute of Education, School of Environment,  
Education and Development, University of Manchester,  
and Assistant Professor (On study leave), Department of English,  
University of Dhaka

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# Webinar on Navigating Government Jobs for English Graduates

TESOL Society of Bangladesh (TESOL BD) organized a webinar titled “Employability for English Graduates - Navigating Government Services” aimed toward Bangladeshi graduates with a degree in English interested in working in a civil service position. The speakers for the webinar were Muhammad Abdul Hye Milton, Additional District Magistrate, Manikganj, BCS Cadre: Administrative (27th BCS), and Former Lecturer, Jahangirnagar University, Mir Abidur Rahman, Additional Superintendent of Police, BCS Cadre: Police (33rd BCS), and Nirjhar Adhikary, First Secretary, Bangladesh Embassy, Paris, BCS Cadre: Foreign Affairs (31st BCS). The event was moderated by Dr. Sayeedur Rahman, the founding President of TESOL BD and Professor, Department of English, Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka.

During this webinar, the esteemed speakers, with their experience in public sector jobs shed light on the intricacies of government services and shared insights into the key skills for government services. The speakers highlighted the skills that set successful candidates apart in administrative, police, foreign affairs, as well as other cadres. The three speakers discussed navigating the BCS examination process. Participants gained an understanding of the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examination system and how to effectively prepare for success, as well as how to deal with failure and continue their BCS journey undeterred.

In addition, the speakers shared their personal journeys, challenges, and strategies for excelling in government services. Their stories of hard work, resilience, and ultimate success in government positions served to encourage the audience, many of whom could relate to the experiences detailed by the speakers.

# Webinar on Navigating Government Jobs for English Graduates

Participants of this illuminating webinar equipped themselves with the knowledge, insights, and motivation needed to carve a rewarding and impactful career path within government services, gleaned from this informative webinar and the question-and-answer session that followed.

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**CAREER GUIDANCE WEBINAR SERIES FOR ENGLISH GRADUATES**  
Employability for English Graduates: Skills required for Government Services

**Speakers**

**Muhammad Abdul Hye Milton**  
Additional District Magistrate  
Manikganj  
Admin Cadre (27th BCS)  
Former Lecturer  
Jahangirnagar University

**Mir Abidur Rahman**  
Additional Superintendent of Police  
Police Headquarters  
Police Cadre (33rd BCS)

**Nirjhar Adhikary**  
First Secretary  
Bangladesh Embassy, Paris  
Foreign Affairs (31st BCS)

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**LIVE Fb**  
**14** November, 2020  
Time: 7:30 PM



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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

The vision of the Society is to establish an engaging platform for professionals working in the field of TESOL/Applied Linguistics and other allied disciplines to participate in constructive dialogue with one another and with recent developments to strengthen the impact of the field in the community. The Society can help you to remain connected to fellow applied linguists through regular interaction and collaboration with the members.

## BECOME A MEMBER

- Student membership: BDT 200/- (BDT 200/- yearly renewal fee)
- Life Membership: BDT 3000/- (One time) (BDT 2000/- if registered in a group of 5 members)
- General membership: Fees 1000 (BDT 500/- yearly renewal fee)
- Associate Membership: 5000 BDT (500 BDT discount if registered in a group of 10) (BDT 500/- yearly renewal fee for regional membership or collective members of a regional EL association)
- Institutional Membership: Departments of English of any school, college, etc.
- Fill out the Registration Form
- Submit a copy of PP Photograph & NID

## ENGAGE WITH THE SOCIETY!



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