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**Dr. Sajal Roy**

Research Fellow & Lecturer  
 The University of New South Wales  
 Australia.



**TESOL BD and State University of Bangladesh Conduct Sixth Distinguished Lecture Series**

The Department of English Studies (DES), State University of Bangladesh (SUB), organized its sixth session of the "Distinguished Lecture Series" on 13 December 2022 at its Main Campus in Dhanmondi in collaboration with the TESOL Society of Bangladesh. Launched in October 2021 to mark the 20th year of the founding of the university, the series aims to ensure the dissemination of knowledge in the diversifying fields of English Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies. The latest session was a talk on "Gender, Climate Change Adaptation and Cultural Sustainability in South Asia" by Dr. Sajal Roy, a Research Fellow and lecturer at the University of New South Wales, Australia.

Aimed to motivate students to develop an interest in relevant and pressing issues of the day, the talk revolved around the gendered context of climate change, the plight of climate change survivors, global policies that exist to mitigate and reduce climate change, and the intersection between cultural sustainability and climate adaptation. The speaker also stressed the need to build climate resilience and the significance of taking action at the grassroots level.

The program's first session started with a welcome speech by Touhida Easmin Humaira, the Acting Head of the Department, Department of English Studies. In her opening remarks, she highlighted the objectives of organizing the Distinguished Lecture



Series and after that, Professor Dr. Nawzia Yasmin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of SUB commended the Department of English Studies for taking on an interdisciplinary topic with global relevance. After that, Professor Dr. Anwarul Kabir, Vice-Chancellor of SUB commended DES for continuing the lecture series before highlighting issues relating to gender inequality and the effects of climate change and global warming.

Participants included faculty members as well as undergraduate and postgraduate students from various departments. The participants were lively and enthusiastic throughout the session and asked hard-hitting questions about the role they play in combatting climate change. The session ended with closing remarks from Professor Ali Ahsan, Dean, School of Business and Social Studies (SUB), encouraging the participants to stand against ecological destruction by taking action and making changes in their everyday lives.



## Distinguished Lecture Series-6

### Gender, Climate Change Adaptation and Cultural Sustainability in South Asia



**Resource Person:**

**Dr Sajal Roy**

Research Fellow/ Lecturer  
The University of New South Wales, Australia

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Department of English Studies, SUB  
In Collaboration with  
TESOL Society of Bangladesh

Date: 13 December 2022  
Time: 03:00 PM- 04:00 PM  
Venue: Seminar Room (Main Campus),  
State University of Bangladesh  
77, Satmasjid Road Dhanmondi,  
Dhaka- 1205, Bangladesh



**Jahurul Islam, Ph.D**

Lecturer  
Department of Linguistics  
The University of British Columbia



**TESOL BD and DES Organize Workshop on Praat Software and Speech Analysis**

The Department of English Studies and TESOL Society of Bangladesh jointly organised the seventh Distinguished Lecture Series as an online workshop titled "Unlock the Power of Speech Analysis: A Hands-On Introduction to Praat Software." Jahurul Islam PhD, a Lecturer of Linguistics at the University of British Columbia, led the workshop.

The workshop was aimed at individuals interested in understanding the variations in speech sounds across different communities and how to objectively measure these differences. Participants received a hands-on introduction to speech analysis during the workshop using Praat software. They learned how to measure the properties of speech sounds from audio recordings. The workshop provided a valuable opportunity for individuals to learn about the Praat software and its uses in the research of phonetics

Overall, the workshop provided a unique opportunity for individuals interested in linguistics to learn about the power of speech analysis using Praat software and the hands-on approach helped the participants to learn more effectively.



Hamidul Haque, Senior Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of English, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) and Vice President of TESOL Society of Bangladesh was the discussant of the workshop. Participants included English language students, faculty members, researchers, and interpreters from Bangladesh.



### Distinguished Lecture Series-7

Unlock the power of speech analysis: A Hands-on introduction to Praat software



**Resource Person:**

**Jahurul Islam, Ph.D**

Lecturer, Department of Linguistics  
The University of British Columbia

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TESOL Society of Bangladesh

Date: 02 April 2023  
Time: 10:30 am. (BST),  
9:30 pm. (Canadian time)

Platform: Zoom and Facebook live  
Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/english.sub.edu.bd>



## Distinguished Lecture Series 8 Globalectics and Ngugi wa Thiong'o

### Professor Dr. Simi Malhotra

Professor Dr. Simi Malhotra  
Head, Department of English  
Director, Centre for Innovation and  
Entrepreneurship  
Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University)  
New Delhi, India



### TESOL Society of Bangladesh and SUB Organize Distinguished Lecture Series 8

The Department of English Studies, State University of Bangladesh (SUB) in collaboration with TESOL Society of Bangladesh organised the Distinguished Lecture Series-8 titled "Globalectics and Ngugi wa Thiong'o" on Wednesday virtually.

The Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) is an initiative taken by the Department of English Studies in collaboration with TESOL Society of Bangladesh to ensure the dissemination of knowledge in the diversifying field of English language and literature.

This series also aims at fostering philosophical ideas and critical thinking necessary for the academic and professional development of both the faculty members and the students, as it exposes them to the latest theories, research findings, pedagogical innovation, and the best teaching and learning practices in their relevant fields of study.

Professor Simi Malhotra, Head, Department of English and director, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India joined the event as the speaker. She spoke about Ngugi wa Thiong'o's contributions to world literature and the different dimensions of Globalectics which she emphasises, embraces wholeness and interconnectedness and is a way of thinking and relating to the world, particularly in the era of globalism and globalisation.



## Distinguished Lecture Series 8 Globelectics and Ngugi wa Thiong'o

She mentioned one major challenge for Globelectics which is linguistic feudalism, i.e. the hierarchy of languages with the notion of aristocracy. She also raised a concern which is the rise of cyborature as we have already entered the age of ebooks and audiobooks in the age of the internet and artificial intelligence. Mashrur Shahid Hossain, Professor, Department of English, Jahangirnagar University shared his thoughts at the discussion through his knowledge of African literary figures.

The event started with a welcome speech by Touhida Easmin Humaira, acting head, DES, SUB.

Professor Sayeedur Rahman, president, TESOL Society of Bangladesh and professor, Institute of Modern Languages (IML), University of Dhaka, Hamidul Haque, head and senior assistant professor, Department of English, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) along with faculty members from various universities in Bangladesh attended the programme. Nusrat Ara, Lecturer DES, SUB, anchored the event.



### Distinguished Lecture Series 8: Globelectics and Ngugi wa Thiong'o



**Speaker**  
**Professor Dr. Simi Malhotra**  
Head, Department of English  
Director, Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University)  
New Delhi, India

**Discussant**  
**Mashrur Shahid Hossain**  
Professor, Department of English  
Jahangirnagar University  
Dhaka



 **12 July**  
2023

 **8 PM BST**

 **zoom**

**LIVE ON**  /english.sub.edu.bd

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**Obaidul Hamid, PhD**

Associate Professor  
TESOL Education  
University of Queensland  
Australia



**Distinguished Lecture Series 9 Organized by TESOL BD and State University**

TESOL Society of Bangladesh in collaboration with the Department of English Studies, State University of Bangladesh, virtually organized the Distinguished Lecture Series-9 titled “A Global South Narrative of the Transformation of Applied Linguistics”.

The Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) is an initiative taken by the Department of English Studies to ensure the dissemination of knowledge in the diversifying field of English language and literature, according to a press release. This series aims at fostering philosophical ideas and critical thinking necessary for the academic and professional development of both the faculty members and the students, as it exposes them to the latest theories, research findings, pedagogical innovation, and the best teaching and learning practices in their relevant fields of study.

The panel of speakers consisted of Obaidul Hamid, associate professor, TESOL Education, University of Queensland, Australia; Shaila Sultana, professor, Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka; and Mohammad Moninoor Roshid, professor, Institute of Education and Research, University of Dhaka: while AMM Hamidur Rahman, a professor of English at Daffodil International University was the discussant.

The speakers highlighted the mini-renaissance which has happened in applied linguistics research between 1985 and 2023 in the context of Bangladesh. They narrated their journeys of higher studies abroad and shared the obstacles they faced during their odyssey which



shaped their outlook towards the discrimination and the divide existing between the global south and the global north in the field of knowledge.

However, they expressed their optimism regarding the decolonising attitude which they mentioned as “the transformation of imagination from compliant to defiant” and which has taken root among the young researchers and also in the curriculum design and development at the national level although at a small scale.

The event started with a welcome speech and the introduction of the panel of speakers and the discussant by Touhida Easmin Humaira, head, DES, SUB. The event was anchored by Sarwat Azad Bristi, Lecturer, DES, SUB; and its other faculty members attended the programme.

Hamidul Haque, Vice President of TESOL BD and Senior Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, American International University-Bangladesh, as well as faculty members from various universities in Bangladesh, attended the event and actively participated in the question-answer session making the event very engaging and fascinating.



**Distinguished Lecture Series 9**  
**A Global South Narrative of the Transformation of Applied Linguistics**

**Panel of Speakers**



Obaidul Hamid, PhD  
Associate Professor  
School of Education  
University of Queensland  
Australia



Shaila Sultana, PhD  
Professor  
Institute of Modern Languages  
University of Dhaka  
Bangladesh



Mohammad Moninoor Roshid, PhD  
Professor  
Institute of Education and Research  
University of Dhaka  
Bangladesh

**30** August  
2023  
 5:00 pm (BST)

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**Dr. Shyam Sharma**

Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director  
in Writing and Rhetoric,  
State University of New York, Stony Brook,  
NY, USA.



**TESOL BD and SUB Organize 10th Distinguished Lecture Series**

TESOL Society of Bangladesh and the Department of English Studies, State University of Bangladesh (SUB), jointly organized the tenth installment of the Distinguished Lecture Series. The Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) is an initiative taken by the Department of English Studies to ensure the dissemination of knowledge in the diversifying field of English language and literature.

Shyam Sharma, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director, Program in Writing and Rhetoric, State University of New York, graced the event as the speaker on 23 September 2023.

He urged the necessity of using multiple languages in South Asia to upend the hegemony of existing dominant languages.

Shyam Sharma feels that Bangladesh's social context and purpose will decide the language the people of the country use, not any external political power. For him, dominant languages function as barriers instead of bridges when it comes to the effective dissemination of knowledge.

In the webinar, he was vocal about the linguistic and epistemic justice done through a multilingual society. Additionally, Maswood Akhter, Professor, Department of English, Rajshahi University, shared his thoughts and enriched the discussion by responding to participants' questions.



The event started with a welcome speech by Paren Chandra Barman, DES, SUB, and was followed by his introduction of the speaker and the discussant.

Professor Sayeedur Rahman, President, TESOL Society of Bangladesh and Professor, Institute of Modern Languages (IML), University of Dhaka, Hamidul Haque, Head and Senior Assistant Professor, Department of English, American International University-Bangladesh along with faculty members from various universities in Bangladesh attended the programme.

The event was anchored by Sarwat Azad Bristi, Lecturer DES, SUB.



Distinguished Lecture Series 10  
**Linguistic and Epistemic Justice in Postcolonial South Asia**



**Facilitator**  
**Dr. Shyam Sharma**  
Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director  
Program in Writing and Rhetoric  
State University of New York  
Stony Brook, NY, USA



**Discussant**  
**Dr. Maswood Akhter**  
Professor, Department of English  
Rajshahi University

**23** September  
2023  
 10:30 am (BST)  
 zoom

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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.

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