

## Researcher's Short Bio

### Principal Researcher:

#### **Dr. Muhammad Rehan Masoom, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, East West University**

Dr. Muhammad Rehan Masoom, an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at East West University, specializes in the sociology of religion and the sociology of market. He earned his PhD in 2024, focusing on the socio-cultural dynamics of lived Islam. His academic journey includes Master's in Social Sciences (MSS) with securing First Class First position from the University of Dhaka. A prolific scholar, Dr. Masoom has authored over 40 academic publications with over a dozen of Scopus-indexed publications in esteemed journals such as Comparative Sociology, European Journal of Applied Sociology, Heliyon, Frontiers in Psychology, and Religions. He also serves as a Review Editor for Frontiers in Psychology, contributing to academic peer-review processes.

### Internal Co-Researcher:

#### **1. Sadia Binta Zaman, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, East West University**

Sadia Binta Zaman is a Lecturer in Sociology at East West University with prior teaching roles at Green University of Bangladesh from 2022 to 2024 and the University of South Asia in 2022. She holds both graduation (2018) and Post-graduation (2021) in Sociology from the University of Dhaka. Her research focuses on environmental sociology, internal migration, climate change and gender, disaster-induced displacement, stratification, and inequality. She has two academic publications in the field of disaster-induced displacement and internal migration in Bangladesh. In 2025, she became one of the Regional Editors for Bangladesh at Global Dialogue, the quarterly magazine of the International Sociological Association (ISA). Before that, she served as Research Assistant on ethically focused projects at Jahangirnagar University's Department of Philosophy (2023-24), including studies on medical ethics and C-section practices and some other international organizations such as Plan International, UNDP, UNIC etc.

#### **2. Ishtiaq Mohammod Fakhruddin, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, East West University**

Ishtiaq Mohammod Fakhruddin is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at East West University. Recently, he has completed his MPhil in Sociology from South Asian University, New Delhi. His Sociological training initially started with a graduation degree from Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Before that, he had completed his Master's from the same university and did a research thesis on the Farmers' Movement in Delhi and adjoining areas during 2020-21. His research focused on global markets and the role of globalization in the negotiation power of the RMG workers in Bangladesh. This academic pursuit has been closely intertwined with intellectual curiosity to decipher the underlying principles of the socio-political system has played a significant role in my academic journey.