



**ECONOMICS STUDY CENTER**  
University of Dhaka

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bangladesh Economics Summit

**Tentative Schedule: October 26 – November 01, 2018**

### **About Economics Study Center (ESC)**

Economics Study Center is the official student chapter of the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka. It represents the entire student body of the Department, and is responsible for promoting economic and business thinking, and facilitating relevant programs. The Center was established in 1973. Professor M M Akash, PhD, is currently the moderator of this organization. Professor Dr. Shafique Uz Zaman, PhD, Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, is having the responsibility of the chief patron of Economics Study Center (ESC). The vision of the organization is to be an institution in the study and research of theoretical and applied economics, in order to ensure an active and dynamic participation in economic policymaking of the country.

Along with its regular activities like organizing seminars, symposiums, study circles, quiz and presentation competitions, the entity partners with prominent organizations in organizing high-profile events such as; it was one of the organizing partners of “South Asian Economics Students Meet(SAESM) 2018” held in January 2018 at Motel Saikat, Chittagong.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Bangladesh Economics Summit**

Economics Study Center, University of Dhaka, is proud to present the 1<sup>st</sup> Bangladesh Economics Summit (BES) 2018.

It has been a mission of ESC to create a platform where students of economics around the country will meet to share their ideas about economics and political economy. To that end BES will act as a national forum for students, providing opportunity of application of theoretical knowledge on economics. The summit will also aim to promote dialogue between academicians and policy makers.

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The summit will consist of following segments:

1. Undergraduate Conference
2. Essay Competition
3. Economics Quiz Competition
4. Policy Debate
5. Panel Discussion
6. Public Lecture

### **Paper Presentation**

The theme of the paper presentation competition is **“Road towards a Developed Nation: Addressing Inequality and Growth Prospects for Bangladesh”**.

Emerging as a developing country in the recent times, Bangladesh faces complex socio-economic challenges in its path towards becoming a developed country. Often referred to as the development paradox, the country’s economic growth remains vulnerable to various internal and external factors; a phenomenon no stranger to countries of the global south. As is the case in such circumstances, the controversial trade-off between growth and equality continues to be central to the discourses on development in Bangladesh. Furthermore, whether development policies should be pivoted around structural transformations and shifts or should be more focused on HDI indicators, is an issue of debate.

ESC calls for papers on the stated theme, which would fully comprehend the context discussed above and present analyses accordingly.

Authors are encouraged to look into the issues related to widening socio-economic inequality in the context of Bangladesh and its effect on the economy’s growth. In that regard papers can focus on minimum wage issues, conditions of the working class and peasantry, relation between income inequality and discriminatory accumulation of wealth. Identifying the reasons behind jobless growth and its future impact can also be the focus of the papers.

The authors are welcome to present their assessment of existing policies regarding these issues, suggest policy alternatives, offer Political economic critique of the subject and historical case studies in their research papers.



**Regulations for Research Papers:**

1. Font type: Times New Roman
2. Font size: 16 for section headings, 14 for sub-headings, 12 for text, 10 for footnotes
3. Bold and italic are accepted
4. Line spacing: 1.15
5. Paper size: 4000 words at maximum (10-12 pages, excluding cover page)
6. Page numbers: top-right
7. Color: black and white only
8. Referencing: Harvard style
9. Cover page instructions: The following pieces of information must be present in the cover page of the paper in the given sequence
  - [On the top of the cover]: 1<sup>st</sup> Bangladesh Economics Summit 2018
  - Title of the paper, as decided by the author
  - Name of the author, session, year, semester, department and university (sequentially)
  - Abstract of the paper, not exceeding 200 words

**Competition Guidelines:**

1. The authors can use primary survey data / secondary data / focus group discussion / case study / review of the issue / modelling economic theory / econometric tools.
2. The research paper must be original. **Plagiarism will result in disqualification.**
3. Co-authored papers are allowed. But all the following conditions must be met:



- The number of authors cannot be more than two
  - Both the authors must be from undergraduate programs (who have not completed their bachelor's degree)
  - Only one of the authors will be allowed to give the presentation in the competition. It is imperative that the authors reach a mutual consent and decide the presenter accordingly.
4. The research papers will have to be submitted to Economics Study Center prior to the competition. The deadline for submission is **16<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.
    - The paper must be submitted in pdf format. No other format will be accepted.
    - The submission must be made to [escsummit2018@gmail.com](mailto:escsummit2018@gmail.com)
  5. At the first stage of the competition a panel of experts will examine the academic quality of the paper. Sixty percent (**60%**) of the marks will be weighed on this evaluation.
  6. At the second stage of the competition, the presentations on the papers at the competition will be adjudged by a panel of judges. Forty percent (**40%**) of the marks will be weighed on the paper presentation.
  7. The papers will be ranked based on the aggregated marks obtained in the two stages of the competition.
  8. The best paper will be awarded **20,000 BDT**
  9. The second-best paper will be awarded **10,000 BDT**
  10. The papers presented at BES will be published in ESC's annual students journal "**Bangladesh Students' Digest on Economics and Development**", upon the authors' consent.



### **Essay Competition:**

The theme of the essay competition is “**Gig Economy**”.

Gig economy is an environment where different companies and organizations tend toward hiring independent workers and freelancers with short-term engagements instead of permanent employees. Normally, the traditional economy is all about the full-time workers who barely change their positions and focus on a lifetime career in a particular field. But a gig economy undermines this definition. In this type of economy, workers get paid just for the “gigs” they go, such as food delivery or transport, instead of having a fixed wage.

Nowadays a large number of people have a willingness to do part-time or temporary jobs. This demand has been catered by gig economy and it has resulted in cheaper and more efficient services such as Uber, Airbnb etc. Supporters of gig economy also point to the flexibility the workers enjoy in this system. However, there have been accusations from the workers as well on the grounds of unfair wage and lack of working condition standards. Gig economy has become a defining feature of 21<sup>st</sup> century and demands critical analysis in regard to its prospects, challenges and impact on future.

### **Guidelines for Essay Writing:**

1. The essay must be written in English.
2. Font size: 16 for section headings, 14 for sub-headings, 12 for text, 10 for footnotes
3. Bold and italic are accepted
4. Line spacing: 1.15
5. The essay must not exceed 2500 words.
6. Page numbers: top-right
7. Color: black and white only
8. Referencing: Harvard style
9. Cover page instructions: The following pieces of information must be present in the cover page of the paper in the given sequence
  - a. [On the top of the cover]: 1<sup>st</sup> Bangladesh Economics Summit 2018
  - b. Title of the essay, as decided by the author



- c. Name of the author, session, year, semester, department and university (sequentially)

**Essay Competition Regulations:**

1. The essay competition is only for undergraduate students
  2. The essay must be written individually. Co-authored essays will not be accepted.
  3. The submitted essay must be original. Essays that have been submitted to other competitions/conferences or published in any kind of publication will not be accepted.
  4. If any form of plagiarism is found, the essay will be disqualified.
  5. The essay will have to be submitted to Economics Study Center prior to the competition. The submission deadline for essay is **10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**.
  6. The essay must be emailed to [escsummit2018@gmail.com](mailto:escsummit2018@gmail.com)
  7. The participant must write “**Essay Submission for Bangladesh Economics Summit**” in the subject of the mail.
  8. The essay must be submitted in pdf format. No other formats will be accepted.
  9. The winners of the essay competition will be announced on **1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**.
  10. The best essay will be awarded **5,000 BDT**.
- ❖ Interested participants are advised to follow the facebook event page of 1<sup>st</sup> Bangladesh Economics Summit. There will be regular updates regarding all the competitions on the event page.
- ❖ Details about the other segments of the event will be announced soon.
- ❖ For any query:  
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