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AEDSB Session at ASSA 2026

On January 04, 2026, AEDSB organized a session titled, "Policies, Markets, and Misbeliefs: Development Insights from Bangladesh" in the 2026 ASSA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, USA. The session consisted four papers on Health and Economic Development and was chaired by Dr. Abu Shonchoy.



AEDSB Session at SEA 2025

On November 23, 2025, AEDSB organized a session titled, "Policy and Social Dynamics: Labor Market and Welfare Impacts in Bangladesh" in the Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL, USA.



The session was chaired by Dr. Abu Shonchoy and had four presentations.

Dr. Shahabuddin M. Hossain (SMH) Best Young Economist Award

The 2026 Dr. Shahabuddin M. Hossain (SMH) Best Young Economist Award was awarded to Dr. Rubaiyat Alam for his solo paper titled, "Quality, Reputation, and Reimbursement Design in the Hospice Industry". In this paper, Dr. Alam explored how industry dynamics affect the distribution of production costs in healthcare provider markets.

The paper is currently a 'revise and resubmit' at the *RAND Journal of Economics*.



Dr. Alam is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Kansas State University.

His primary research field is empirical industrial organization and his research focuses on strategic choices by healthcare providers and industry dynamics.

This year's award selection panel included Dr. Fahad Khalil, Dr. Urmee Khan, and Dr. Atonu Rabbani.

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Annual Dhaka Winter Conference 2025

On December 21, 2025, AEDSB, in collaboration with BRAC Institute of Governance & Development (BIGD) organized the Bangladesh Economic Research Network's (BERN) Annual Dhaka Winter Conference in Economics. The day-long conference brought together leading economists, policymakers, early-career researchers, and students for rigorous discussions on Bangladesh-focused economic research. Dr. Atonu Rabbani played leading role in organizing this event.



AEDSB Session at WEAI 2026

On April 2, AEDSB organized a session titled, “Industrialization and Sustainability” in the 18th Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Conference in Bangkok, Thailand. The session was chaired by Dr. Kazi Iqbal and had three presentations.



AEDSB AGM 2026

On February 22, 2026, AEDSB held its Annual General Meeting (AGM). AEDSB General Secretary, Dr. Reshad Ahsan presented the annual report on AEDSB activities to the members, and AEDSB Treasurer Dr. Sakib Mahmud presented treasurer’s report.

News Corner

- Dr. Nageeb Ali, Professor of Economics at Pennsylvania State University, has been named a **fellow of the Econometric Society** in 2025.



- Drs. Akib Khan and Abu Shonchoy, with a team of co-authors won the 2026 **Khalifa International Award for Early Learning** in the Research and Studies category.



