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Setting Boundaries and Doing Ethnography with Refugees



Many ethnographic works have addressed the issue of drawing lines between subjectivity and objectivity, covert and overt research, and ensuring credibility etc. Methodological issues, challenges around where and how to draw boundaries, and how to balance between subjectivity and objectivity have always been part of ethnography. The challenges deserve extra attention when it comes to doing ethnography with vulnerable people such as refugees. This presentation focuses on my experiences of conducting ethnographic research with Burmese Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. I conducted the research between 2014 and 2016 in the refugee camps at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Dr. Ishrat Zakia Sultana is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and Sociology at North South University, Bangladesh. Ishrat completed her PhD in Sociology from York University, Canada, in 2019. Her doctoral research focused on the identity construction of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Apart from refugees, identity and citizenship, other areas of her interest include children, policy, and South Asia. Prior to her PhD, she did an M.A. in Child and Youth Studies from Brock University, Canada, and a Masters in Public Administration and Women's Studies from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. She has worked with various national and international organizations in Bangladesh such as National Tourism Organization, the FAO, the UNDP, the UNICEF, and ActionAid Bangladesh, offering technical advice and consultancy services to the empowerment and protection of disadvantaged people that includes the coastal fishing communities, vulnerable women, street children and children without parental care.

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