

Book Writing Workshop

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Bangladesh and Pakistan -The Tale of Socioeconomic Development in Two Countries

Dec. 2

**from 14:30 to 16:30
at F112 (F building), APU**

In 1947, Pakistan was created with two wings East Pakistan and West Pakistan on the partition of India. Physically, they were a long way apart and had little in common between them. But the fundamental binding force that kept them together for about 25 years under the same sovereign was religion. Eventually, the eastern part of Pakistan achieved independence and emerged as Bangladesh in 1971. On their separate ways since 1971, Bangladesh and Pakistan followed neoliberalism's economic and social policies. At the beginning, Bangladesh was way behind Pakistan on most of the economic and social indicators.

However, in the 50 years since, Bangladesh has been able to achieve a very striking developmental difference with Pakistan on both economic and social fronts. Bangladesh's economy is now growing at a much faster rate; its GDP has become bigger and its annual trade is higher than Pakistan's. On all social indicators, it has left Pakistan a long way behind. This contrasting development story of these two countries is unique, and the book wants to explore and reveal the reasons behind their differences in economic and social progress. The findings of the book will have cross border ramifications.

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