

ONLINE COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE FOR YOUTH CHANGE-MAKERS IN BANGLADESH

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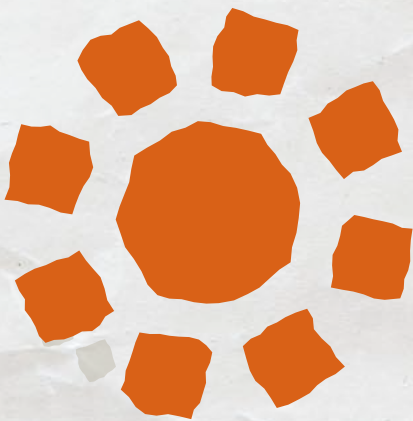
INTRODUCTION

This year's AJAR training was one of a kind. For the first time, it was facilitated online, and during a pandemic that has changed the world. Since 2018, AJAR has been working in Bangladesh to introduce the concept of transitional justice to its youth. AJAR continues to learn and strive for better ways to create more meaningful and lasting engagements with youth.

Around 60 young change-makers in Bangladesh joined this online course to learn and discuss issues surrounding human rights and justice in the Asia context. This course introduced the concept of transitional justice to students, young professionals and other change-makers in Bangladesh who are striving for a more just and peaceful society. During the course, the selected young leaders presented their research and findings in the weekly classes, applying knowledge and skills gained from experts in the region.

AJAR is committed to engaging and empowering youth. This book highlights the bright individuals who shared about their experiences in the course and hopes for the future. We look forward to continuing to work with you all and seeing the outstanding initiatives and changes you will make in your country, and the rest of the world.

From AJAR, we would like to thank everyone who was part of this course. This is not the end, but a new beginning. Welcome to the AJAR family.



AJAR



Patrick Burgess

President,
Asia Justice and Rights

"It is always a great pleasure to be in contact with the young Bangladeshi lawyers, students and human rights defenders and this time was no different. I really enjoyed exchanging views with you all, learning more about the history and different aspects of transitional justice in Bangladesh and reflecting on some of the lessons for today's challenges. The COVID 19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges in many ways and transitional justice has many lessons that we can use in this current context. For example, the lens that we use to look back over decades and courageously investigate and uncover the truth has taught us some simple truths about mass violations. It is clear from many contexts that factors such as impunity, a lack of accountability, corruption, theft of natural resources and misuse of emergency powers are major contributors to mass violations and continuing cycles of violence. Let us be very watchful of the developments around the pandemic and the use of emergency powers so that it does not lead to more authoritarian governments that are less accountable. We know that leads to disaster in terms of rights, freedom and economic development. All of us have an important part to play in this new emergency, helping and protecting the most vulnerable and holding back the tendency to authoritarianism. Thank you all for your refreshing and new insights, your enthusiasm and engagement with the course. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Best wishes and keep safe. Patrick."



Galuh Wandita

Director,
Asia Justice and Rights

"Dear all, it was a pleasure to be engaged in these weekly discussions with you. Although it was a pity that we could not meet face-to-face because of the pandemic, I thought this alternative set-up gave depth and time to our exchanges. I was inspired by your ideas presented during the assignment sessions, some of you were clearly thinking outside the box! And responding to the ideas with both heart and mind. It makes me feel confident about the next generation of Bangladeshi human rights defenders! Good luck and let's keep in touch.

Best, Galuh"



Atikah Nuraini

Trainer,
Asia Justice and Rights

"I think our training sessions on TJ with the Bangladeshi youth went well considering a very short preparation and limited experience in managing/organizing a complete online training session with a large number of participants. I just want to highlight that despite all the constraints we faced, including proper technology, connection, and infrastructure, AJAR were able to maintain the participatory learning principles for these online sessions. As part of the facilitation team, I believe this short course reflected adult learning that is more problem-centered rather than content-oriented; and we have to treat the participants both as students and resource-persons that know better their own contexts/situation. That is the reason why we need to balance between lecture with the experts from different background with internal discussions, reflections, and sharing among participants.

The impact of the training was quite significant, especially for the participants had no knowledge about transitional justice before the training. The contents that were provided through the series of lectures gave you a strong foundation. At the same time, we observed that you all seemed most interested in learning subject matters that have immediate relevance and impact to your context or personal life.

After this training, I am sure the you can see now that AJAR training is different with other courses that you knew/attended. This training session also brought us confidence that online training can be effective and also interactive and engaging at the same time."



Pia Conradsen

Program Associate,
Asia Justice and Rights

"First, I would like to thank and congratulate you all for completing this course. It is not always easy to log on and show up to every session, particularly when it is online. But nevertheless you brought your smile, enthusiasm and knowledge to the platform for all of us to enjoy each week. I am touched by all of your feedback and messages. When I first came to Bangladesh two years ago, what was initially short research trip turned into a life changing experience. This was thanks to many of you who showed remarkable generosity and friendship that has now transpired into a community of young change-makers connected to AJAR.

In the last two years, there have also been many developments on justice issues inside Myanmar and Bangladesh. How long will the investigation at the ICC take? In the absence of international justice, what remedy can we provide victims? How much longer can Bangladesh, a country already engulfed in social and economic challenges, support the refugee community? These are all important questions and ones that, so far, remain unanswered. However, with this new knowledge on transitional justice, we believe that you are all in a much better position to provide a perspective on some of these questions.

My best wishes to all of you, and I hope that we will meet again soon in Bangladesh.

Pia"



Nicole Janisiewicz

Legal Advisor,
Asia Justice and Rights

"It was a pleasure and privilege working with the students in this course. They brought genuine interest and enthusiasm to the subject matter and asked insightful, probing questions. Moreover, the students were extraordinarily patient and committed, often enduring connectivity issues and other Zoom-related challenges with kindness and humour. The best courses are those where the teaching and learning run in all directions and that was undoubtedly the case here. The students reported gaining a lot of new information about transitional justice, and the facilitators walked away with an improved sense of trends and issues in Bangladesh. (I'm still wrapping my head around the severe restrictions on the admission of digital evidence in court in Bangladesh!). My sincere thanks to the students and the coordinators. I'm grateful to have been a part of this course - AJAR's first online transitional justice course! - and hope AJAR's future courses meet the high bar set by this one! My best wishes to all of the participants. May we carry forward the lessons from this course and continue to work to end impunity and support survivors!"



Shakila Yesmin

Program Assistance,
Asia Justice and Rights

"I would like to thank all the TJ participants. It was not easy to arrange this kind of online class especially in a short time in this epidemic situation, but the members of AJAR team were happy to do it. It was only possible due to the cooperation of you all. The work of AJAR is completely new and different, such as transitional justice. This may be a new kind of justice mechanism to you where you learn about many new things with examples from different countries.

In April 2019, I had the opportunity to do this Transitional Justice course directly in Bali, Indonesia. That was a new experience in my life where there were many participants from other countries. The quality of people like Patrick Burges, Galuh Wandita, Nicole Janisiewicz, Atikah Nuraini, Tati Krisnawaty etc. took classes directly as they did. The experience of presenting issues from different countries after each class was a different feeling. Because of you, I have the opportunity to learn that old things for the first time. The experience of the whole course on Transitional Justice was a different experience that cannot be explained. All the participants in this online class had the opportunity to present new things with us and we also learned something new from you.

At last, dear all the participant always believe in yourself. You have the ability to do any kind of work whatever it is easy or tough. This two months experience will help you to do something better using new justice mechanism. So be confident and work hard to get your dream. Be a good human who helps everyone. Be a good partner, a good friend, a good soul who is honest, trustworthy and responsible. You are the person who can change the world. You have a big responsibility to make the world better. I know you can do this very well. Always touch with us. All the best my dear all participant.

I want to end with a message: "Man can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but only for one second without hope." – Hal Lindsey"



Nasrin Akter Riya

Program Assistance,
Asia Justice and Rights

"Thank you very much to the participants and our team for being the part of this wonderful Journey. It's true that when you're with good people, can't realize how fast the time flies! Everyone's cooperation, enthusiasm, keen to learn makes the course successful. I believe that, Transitional Justice makes everyone understand that Justice isn't limited within the Judgement of the court but beyond that. Hopefully, everyone now starts to think one step ahead than the general perception. It was challenging to relate with different contexts for the participants as TJ is a new concept in Bangladesh but I must say they did relate wonderfully. Every week's activities are the proof of that. Along with learning sessions, I love most of this course is that "Friendly behavior".

Moreover, I want to say to the participants that "Everyone is a learner. You learnt from us whereas we are as well. I look forward to you to utilize your knowledge and experiences properly. Thanks for your wonderful words of your profiles, it make us emotional. Though it's virtual but we hold each other hands to walk forward towards the transitional world."

*Love and Hugs,
Nasrin Akter Riya*

Abdullah Al Tamim



"Before starting of the course I have no idea about the transitional justice .I knew about so many genocide, ethnic cleaning,human rights violation . Now we know what is the process of justice for violated people."

Firstly I like to thanks AJAR. Who has made me a platform to know about transitional justice and human rights . As a law student it was my first journey with transitional justice though I am a student of 3rd semester in BGC Trust University Bangladesh. Before beginning of this course I was very excited and very Impatient to join the session. It was my first online course. I meet a lot of new person from different places.they are very brilliant and talented person. I feel lucky to have Sir Patrick as our course teacher. In this course I have some opportunities to do team work with some mate. They are very helpful and dedicated person. Pia mam and Nasrin Apu was very helpful .They inform us very notice in mail. If we face any kind of problem,they solved it immediately.

Before starting of the course I have no idea about the transitional justice I knew about so many genocide, ethnic cleaning,human rights violation . Now we know what is the process of justice for violated people. How we rise hand for their justice,their settlement etc. It was my step of gathering knowledge in transitional justice. I want to know more about it.

Thanks AJAR, Thanks everyone, specially Pia and Nasrin Apu.

Abu Tarek



*"I learned from AJAR
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rights."*

This is Abu Tarek, A participant of AJAR online course. Basically it was desired of mine to learn with AJAR and to work for Human rights. I learned from AJAR that about transitional justice and Human rights.

In the mean situations Rohingya crisis, violate the human rights, racialism are mostly critical what we faced. So, myself after finishing this course i realised and concern to remove this problem.

This course helped me to engage the people of legal section. So i really proud as a Member or to be participant in AJAR course.

Thank you.

Afroza Sultana Surovi



"I learnt and knowing about human rights, transitional justice, framework, important element on truth seeking, reparations, prosecution and transitional reform also."

I am afroza sultana surovi.

will be privileged if you please call me as my nick name surovi.

I was very glad to be able to get the amazing opportunity for this course Asia justice and Rights(AJAR)

I've completed my hon's and master's degree from the dept. Of child development and social relationship from college of home economics obtaining 1st class.

Today you know, why I'm here. I'm here to compete for AJAR, the ever creative and life related changing programme, my academic achievements, my leadership in co-curriculum activities during my academic life and my networking and community building abilities, forced me to compete in this course though im non-law background. Because i have full confidence on myself and i strongly believe i can learn new things in this field.

Very beginning, i was scared how can i catch every lesson on every session because I had not enough idea in task law. But when i started the course and try to attend every classes and listened my all hon'ble teachers lectures patrick burges, nicole, atika nuraini and Pia Conradsen and so on. They all are clarified every Lectures that was easy for me and facebook group and WhatsApp group also which is very helpful for me to learn transitional justice and human rights.
1. This course learn most actually which i Didn't know in previous time.

I learnt and knowing about human rights, transitional justice, framework, important element on truth seeking, reparations, prosecution and transitional reform also. This guy who are not involved in law background so its very hard to catch this all lectures and learning. So i am grateful to precious AJAR team..that was the my lesson i learnt most in the course.

2. I would like to apply my knowledge in my own life definitely

Transitional justice has emerged as an accepted approach to addressing lagacies of past human rights violations worldwide.

Transitional Justice mechanisms ranging from criminal prosecutions, truth Commissions and Institutional reform to material and symbolic reparations for victims and community.

3. No word can justify their contribution to whole team in course. I like most the whole process in course which makes me confident, discipline and punctual also. They always clarified our lessons, group mate, presentations also solved our all problems and the other things was that they didn't waited our replied in email....

So i really thankful AJAR and hon'ble teachers and specially big thanks to nasrin riaz apu. I am very lucky guy who are got the chance in doing course and happily get the part of AJAR family Alhamdulillah.

Azaz Ullah



" I will try to repair the rights of individual or communities that have been damaged by one or more serious human rights violation, provide official state recognition of victim's rights by addressing the suffering cause by violations"

assalamualikum/Greeting

Hope you are safe.

i would like share my experience with AJAR team and also i would like to thanks AJAR team specially pia and nasrin apo for giving me a opportunity to learning about "Human rights and Transitional justice". Honestly i have to say that you all are amazing person and pia and nasrin apo worked really hard since last two month to successfully complete this workshop, tried to answer every single question and try to help in all situations . I know this is not easy to gather a huge number of participant in this situation.

It was great journey for all of us, specially for me. i have learn about international law, international crimes. at first we chose a social mapping analysis in the context of conflict and mass violation after that learn about what is truth seeking mechanism, prosecution activities then we create a investigation plan, determine physical evidence of victims. after that we learn about prosecution, right to justice, learn about current situation of the ruhingya crisis in Bangladesh, what is the legal process of international criminal court (ICC),the international criminal court and core crimes defined in the Rome statute, then learn about whole process of reparation, we have done a workshop on reparation by chosen a conflict, what was the government response on that's conflict, which law violated by state or others, who were eligible and what were the violation considered, what was the victim's reaction, where did they source the fund and finally how can reparations program be improved etc. Then we had a great session with "RENE ANTONIO DELEÑA CLEMENTE" about institutional reform.

i have learnt so many thing about human rights and transitional justice, now i can raise my voice against any kind violation against humanity, the person or group of person suffered harm, emotional suffering, economic loss or substantial impairment of their fundamental rights though act or omissions that constitute gross violation of international human rights law. I will try to repair the rights of individual or communities that have been damaged by one or more serious human rights violation, provide official state recognition of victim's rights by addressing the suffering cause by violations, build trust in the state and it's ability to guarantee human rights, contribute to substantial peace by reparation process also i will raise my voice against any kind of violation of international human right in international law or any treaties, convention. if i see these kind of violation in my society i will apply for reparation to the state and if there any violation of international law under treaties, convention then i will sue to international court of justice for such kind of violation so i can fulfilling the rights of victims to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation, building trust in the state and it's ability to guarantee human rights contrib-

ute to a substantial peace through reparation. If you ask me what did you like most about this whole process then i must say that i like the way you guys maintained everything so accurately. IN the whole process we didn't see any tiredness in your activity and face. i like those smiley face of pia, nasrin apo as well as Nichols and other speakers. You guys are truly amazing human being. it was a great learning process for all of us and i am so lucky to be a participant of this course. I had a great time with all of you in the meantime of this pandemic, i wish we will meet again and again after this epidemic, may Allah safe all of us till that time. may Allah bless you and your family. Stay safe

Asir Inteshar Mishkat



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Firstly I have no idea about transitional justice, after attending this course, I learned many more things about transitional justice, not only lecture based but also practical Activity, The course was presented in an enthusiastic way. The content can be related not only to speech therapy but also to events and situations in daily life.

I learn the whole concept of Transitional justice mechanism, In this mechanism how these efforts are connected with human rights, Transitional justice mechanism ranging from criminal prosecutions, truth commission, and institutional reform to material and symbolic reparations for victims and community-based or Traditional justice processes have become a staple of post-conflict nation building, with their promise of helping societies eschew past division through justice, truth, and reconciliation.

Transitional justice is a struggle or maybe more appropriately a challenge, one that involves balancing the past (retrospective) with the present and future (prospective). In this delicate balancing act sacrifices are inevitable, however upholding human rights is not an option it has to be the core of transitional justice.

Thank you so much AJAR for a great online course. Great presentation style with lots of opportunities to ask questions and talk about real life examples which all made for a really enjoyable and informative and also practical course. Again thanks to AJAR for giving me such an opportunity to be part of this course.

Farhat Lamisha



"The classes helped us to sharpen our skills but most importantly to build up our views and visions regarding human rights issues."

Hello! I am Farhat Lamisha. My experience with AJAR has been incredible. Starting from the introductory class of AJAR to till now, every single class has provided us with an amazing and ground breaking knowledge on transitional justice. I am very grateful to attend the class of Patrick Burgess, Galuh Wandita, Nicole Janisiewicz, Rene Antonio Delena Clemente for sharing their first-hand experience that enabled us to understand the mechanisms and pillars of transitional justice more elaborately. Atikah Nuraini, I cannot forget how you engage us all in every Thursday with an amazing energy that always motivated us. Pia Conradsen and Nasrin Akter, thank you for creating a warm and welcoming environment throughout the sessions. I came to learn a lot of new things from other participants and without them this session would have been incomplete. Patrick Burgess's introductory class on transitional justice encouraged me to learn more about this area of concern. Galuh Wandita's lecture on the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo in Argentina, Nicole's lecture on her direct engagement regarding the prosecution of war criminals in Bosnia and Herzegovina helped to gain new understanding regarding human rights issue. Rene Antonio Delena Clemente said an amazing quote in this lecture on

reparation that 'Reparation without truth means buying the truth'. Each of the lessons from each of the speakers has been very informative and clearly understandable. I have come to know many cases of human rights violation that I didn't know before. The classes helped us to sharpen our skills but most importantly to build up our views and visions regarding human rights issues. As a student of International Relations, we have discussions on peace and conflict studies, human rights issues as well as other international affairs where I can share my knowledge on transitional justice to my fellow classmates and to my respected faculty members. In our weekly classes, we can hold a discussion on transitional justice and its implications in different cases. This will enable them to think about a conflict and war crime from a different perspective. They can implement this knowledge on their works. I can implement my understanding on transitional justice on peer to peer discussion. This can enable a peer to peer learning session. I would like to thank the AJAR team wholeheartedly for giving us the opportunity to participate in this session and I hope to meet you all soon again.

Farzana Afroz Tasfi



"The session on prosecution was amazing. I am going to apply my knowledge of Transitional justice by writing article and research paper"

I am Farzana Afroz Tasfi. I am doing LLB at University of Chittagong. It was really a great experience, Thank you AJAR team for giving us this opportunity to learn. I am very much grateful to you. At first i did not have any knowledge about what Transitional Justice is and how it works. By making presentations in every week for the sessions, i really learnt a lot. But if i say specially, i have learnt most about the prosecution. The session on prosecution was amazing. I am going to apply my knowledge of Transitional justice by writing article and research paper. Now i am a student, so i would not get enough chance to work in the field of transitional justice. But i want to say that i have become really interested in working for transitional justice in future.

If i say about the whole course, i want to say that i liked every sessions. Because the sessions always gave me more chance to learn from AJAR team, Nicole maam and Patrick Burgess. Everyone was very friendly and all the sessions were really amazing and the course instructors made it really easy for us to understand everything clearly.

Gazi Md. Muidul Haque



"The process of the mechanism is to be assimilated in participatory way to analyze every situation in the context. The course gave me a lens to see in that way"

The mechanism of transitional justice framework is a very dynamic and a complete process for ensuring a contributory reformation both in the institutions and lives of the people affected by mass atrocities. The process of the mechanism is to be assimilated in participatory way to analyze every situation in the context. The course gave me a lens to see in that way. As a young researcher I will certainly try to improvise the concept in a thoughtful representation in reformations of our decade long running processes and institutions for removing impunity attached to them. In a leading role of the related fields I shall disseminate the knowledge gathered to the peoples who are enthusiastic about transitional justice framework. Personally, I shall try to solve the problems around me in TJ method so that nothing comes around. The things I had liked throughout the course are many. Amongst them the success of participatory methods followed in the course having barriers of language even in virtual environment made me amazed. The mentors and we the participants together made it happen. Thanks to AJAR for such an initiative.

Kaniz Fathema



"This course give me overall overview about transitional justice & common strategies of transitional justice"

I am so glad to enrolled in this course on "Human Rights & Transitional Justices for youth change in Bangladesh". It was a wonderful experience.

What impressed me about this course was good lectures, clear discussion ,presentation of the lecturers -were to the point & was such well organised, and also provided contents such as websites, linked articles, PDF, researchs, videos, interesting case studies , lots of good materials, clear delivery of lectures was incredible and were of high quality. Another thing I like a lot was that the assignments ,quiz and activities for the learners after end of every session class. Those assignments were really challenging and increased our participation skill ,presentation skill ,research skill, and quizzes helped us to check and recall about previous session classes . Feedback ,recommendation system ,discussion part works quite well.

This course give me overall overview about transitional justice & common strategies of transitional justice -(truth seeking, reparation, prosecution, institution reform) human rights and emerging issues particularly in Asian context. And now I become familiar with ability to apply transitional justice, peace building principals, strategies to emergency issues such as gender based violation, violent extremism, genocide ,crime against humanity , war crime, mass violation a natural resource conflict , conflicts at interpretation, community and macro

level through. Now I become aware about international human right laws, accused and victim rights, effective access to justice, women rights, rights of victims getting remedy, fair trial etc. Now I also can recognize some International organisations which help to establishment of transitional Justice and work for victim Rights, give them remedy, mental cure and also try their best to give them justice.

Overall I learnt a lot about transportation Justice.Thank you for giving this opportunity to learn from the best.

Khohinur Akhter



"From them we come to know that far from being a "one-size-fits-all" pre-packaged solution for dealing with the past, transitional justice takes on many different forms"

"What did I learn most from this course?" It's indeed a very tough question to answer as I learned a lot of things from this course. From this course I know about Transitional Justice (TJ), its pillars and conditions where to apply TJ process, how it is different from traditional justice system. I came to know that TJ, as a practice, can provide a template for addressing the legacy of atrocities, both historic and contemporary. A number of national and international experts who have first-hand experiences of working on TJ in different parts of the world have shared their knowledge and experiences with us. From them we come to know that far from being a "one-size-fits-all" pre-packaged solution for dealing with the past, transitional justice takes on many different forms in different cultural, geographic and temporal contexts. Transitional justice implies a much wider process of dealing with the past that goes beyond ordinary criminal justice. Indeed, the transformative impact of courtroom trials rapidly fades in the absence of other transitional justice mechanisms such as truth commissions, reparations or institutional reform. This course has enhanced and broadened my outlook and has provided me with an in-depth knowledge about International Crimes and what are the basic as well as subtle differences among them. I'm not from law background, but an academician and practicing teacher in English, even then I myself

created a Truth Commission, analysed and investigated given situations where International crimes were or have been occurring, and then led the prosecution team, which was followed by suggesting different reparations programs and institutional reforms. All these happened in the process of the course. Here like students, we work in groups. And throughout it was learning with pleasure in the time when the whole world is facing an unprecedented devastating situation.

As an academician and lecturer in English at the National University of Bangladesh, I would love to share my experiences with my students in order to make them aware of TJ, human rights violations, international crimes and laws, and all other aspects related to TJ; so that in future they can play an active role in making this world a more loving and enduring place free of torture and mass human rights violations for future generations. For this end, I may time to time reach out AJAR for learning materials if they allow me to do so.

Last but not the least through this course, I have got a new identity in an enlarged family, namely AJAR team. I would love to stop here with hope of working more actively and passionately with AJAR.

Laila Tasmia



"Through this course I wanted to enhance my knowledge to the understanding of justice and human rights for people facing national and international conflicts"

As a development professional, learning of critical social agendas is always the part of my growth. Currently I am working on gender, migration and development issue that enabled me to explore my work from national level to international level. Joining to the course of Transitional Justice has been in my learning bucket list from last year when I joined to UN migration agency. Through this course I wanted to enhance my knowledge to the understanding of justice and human rights for people facing national and international conflicts so that with that knowledge I can easily expand an international career in near future. But joining to this course made such a marvelous journey that made me to step forward beyond my expectation. Concepts and process of right to truth, prosecution, reparation and institutional reform - the four pillars of Transitional Justice, not only enriched my understanding, but also strengthen my knowledge of gender aspects that I could relate with each pillar. I see that in near future, I will establish this linkage through my knowledge production and utilize it in future opportunities.

LuthFunnahar Shancyi



"Right now I'm confident about the basic points of transitional justice and definitely, I'm able to describe it to anyone."

Firstly I would like to express my gratitude for giving me the chance to participate in this online course about transitional justice. Literally, I never expect that an online course can be so much interesting as this one. I learned so many things about transitional justice. Right now I'm confident about the basic points of transitional justice and definitely, I'm able to describe it to anyone. One thing I would like to mention about all facilitators, they are so friendly and their lectures were interesting and of course not boring at all. Time, outlines of the course, management everything was so organized. Thanks to Ms.nasrin for being so kind and helpful during the course. Now I'm really optimistic about AJAR and interested to join their future courses. Best wishes to AJAR Team

Mashruba Hani



" This course will help to know how can TJ better serve the interests of victims, TJ and its impact on a country's security and stability "

This almost one month duration online course on Human Rights and Transitional Justice by AJAR has been a great experience for me. I got to learn a lot from the participants, speakers, presenters and enriched my knowledge with their valuable thoughts. This whole course has been so instructive and enjoyable that I will cherish the experience and remember it for a long time. Here we learnt about the common transitional justice strategies- Truth seeking, Prosecution, Reparation and at last Institutional reform, step by step and very elaborately. We would see that, in such a short time we actually gained the major and basic strong foundation about TJ and how it works. We have gained a fairly better idea about TJ than we had before attending this course.

This course will help to know how can TJ better serve the interests of victims, TJ and its impact on a country's security and stability. And as a researcher it will help me to think about my works, how the minority and the refugees deprived of all human rights can be served with proper justice and how the mechanism would work.

The most memorable experience was the interactive sessions. Where not only the presenters and speakers shared their thoughts, but also the participants and the listeners did. Without any hesitation anyone could ask questions and seek help. Another thing I liked about this course is it's weekly activities, mostly team works, which created lots of bondings and to get to know new people. These activities helped to brainstorming,

working on new topics and reaching out for the information about those topics, which really helped us knowing many cases that we haven't known before.

Another thing should be mentioned that, each person related to this course worked really hard and neatly to make this course as perfect as possible. Many of we participants had many personal problems due to some unavoidable reasons, but those dedicated contributors worked hard and always there for us if we needed any help from them. Overall it was a very nice experience and grateful toward AJAR for organizing such a nice course.

Md Arif Rayhan



"Theoretical knowledge is more likely to be incomplete without the practical touch, and this course has served balanced mixture of theoretical knowledge and practical lessons"

What do I like most about the whole process?

Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR) has introduced Online Course on Human Rights and Transitional Justice for Youth Change-Makers in Bangladesh; which was truly a commendable step during this curtail time of pandemic when the whole world has come to a standstill and I feel proud being a part of this online course, which has enabled me to explore something new and gain knowledge using technology based platform. There are number of things which have made the whole course more interesting to me and undoubtedly these parts were quite unique about this course; as a reason I do like them a lot. Firstly, whole course has been conducted using online platform and technology, which was something new for participants. Such process has made me well acquainted with the usage of technology & digital communication in educational perspective and opened my mind towards the multidimensional advantageous sides of distance learning. Secondly, course has been conducted by trainers and facilitators who are expert in this field with practical knowledge. Theoretical knowledge is more likely to be incomplete without the practical touch, and this course has served balanced mixture of theoretical knowledge and practical lessons which has increased the contentment of the course. Thirdly, regular activity sessions have also enabled the participants to share and practice the lessons learned previously thus develop concrete understanding on transitional justice, its elements, conflict transformation and sustainable peace building. Fourthly, number of participants has joined this course from different parts of Bangladesh, even from abroad, which was

indeed another likeable part as wide flow of knowledge, scope of participation, connectivity and networking was duly provided. To summarize, this online course has provided me the alluring chance to continue learning process during this rigid time, enhance understanding and assessment skills, boost up confidence level and keep myself in tract by being active. To conclude, I am conveying my hearties gratitude to AJAR, all the trainers, facilitators, speakers and every single participants who have completed the course. Looking forward for some more opportunities in near future from AJAR

Md Imrul Khan



"I have learned in detail what is transitional justice, what are the main pillars of its, how all this worked, when, and why it is needed."

Hi, this is Md Imrul Khan. From the beginning of my conversation, I would like to thank Asia justice and rights and the whole team especially Pia Conradson and Nasrin Riaz for that such a nice opportunity. And I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to work directly with them.

If I had to say something about this course it might be over but I will try to share something briefly. Which I can't say no to.

Actually, this course has helped me so much to know and gather information about Human rights and transitional justice. I had no idea before about that what I learned from this course. I learned a lot from this course. For example, from this course, I have learned in detail what is transitional justice, what are the main pillars of its, how all this worked, when, and why it is needed. All the process those pillars from the beginning to the end. And while doing the weekly work of this course, I came to know about various human rights incidents that I had never known before. Honestly I was much more fascinated after hearing all these facts.

What I have learned in this course, how it will affect in my personal and work life. Actually, What I have learned in this course will help me in many ways in my personal life and professional life. Now I know what the duty of a common man and what the duty of the government of that country when various kinds of illegal acts are

committed to the people. Learning this course will help me a lot to apply it properly in my personal life work or professional. Which I did not know before. If I will work in an organization then this course will help me better to complete any illegal work.

If you want to know what you like most in this overall course then I should say, I like the teaching method of this course the most. Teaching with one expert for each topic and then taking feedback on those topics at the end of each class and sending his notes to everyone at the end of each class at the right time which was really great. Everyone involved with this course was much more accommodating. This has played a much bigger role in increasing interest in learning.

Md Manzurul Islam



"I would like to apply my knowledge in my professional life and as well as my personal life."

My name is Md. Manzurul Islam. I have completed my LLB, LLM degree from Southeast University and i have completed my another Master's programme in Victimology and Restorative Justice from Dhaka University. I completed Post Graduate Diploma(PGD) in Genocide from Dhaka University. Currently, I am practicing young Lawyer In Supreme Court Of Bangladesh.

I was very happy to be able to got the excellent opportunity for this course organized by transitional Justice and Human Rights (AJAR). Very beginning i was puzzled how can i catch the every lessons on every session because i had no idea about transitional Justice. But when i started the course and try to attend all classes and gives full concentration my all honorable teachers lectures. Living legend and experts Patrick Burgerges, Nicole, Attikha, Pia Conradsen all are amazing and expert mentor for us. They all are clarified all lectures and which was ambiguous for me. Our Facebook and WhatsApp group which is very Helpful for me. I learn and here i found many enthusiastic amazing friends.

1. This course learn most and vastly in this time

I learnt and knowing about transitional Justic, human right, elements of transitional Justice like truth seeking, reparatio, prosecution and institutional reforms etc. I am very much grateful to whole AJAR team.

2. I would like to apply my knowledge in my professional life and as well as my personal life. Transitional Justice mechanism ranging from criminal prosecutio, truth seekin, institutional reform to material and ssymbolic reparations for victims and victims community

3. I have no word to express to thanks and love for the contributions to whole AJAR team in that course. the whole process in course which makes me confident, to enriched my legal knowledge and punctual in life. I Learnt many new topics here.

I am so grateful to AJAR and honorable mentors and special big thanks and best wishes to Nasrin Ria nd Pia Conradsen.

Md Momin U Ahmed



"I learn lots of things about the basic human & transitional justice which deals with history of mass serious human rights violation or mass crime"

First of all, I would like to thanks to AJAR. It's a very good journey for me. The whole topic of Transitional Justice was a new concept for me so I am enjoying every lecture very much. I learn lots of things about the basic human & transitional justice which deals with history of mass serious human rights violation or mass crime, It seek to recognized for victims and promotion of I possibilities for peace, reconciliation and democracy. I also learn the main frame work of transitional justice like truth seeking which seek to established an accurate record of what happen during the clearing uncertain event & list the veil of silence and denial from contentions periods of history, prosecutions process, reparation which deals with rights & seek to repair harm the suffered, Institutional reform, prosecution body & however the body work etc. Secondly, It'll helps increase our outside knowledge also set up rule of law, accountability, ensure human rights it would be very helpfull for me to understand and as well it will helps solve the problem emerging issues in practical field. Thirdly, To be honest, your sincerity and management deserves praise. Such sharing the documents also remembering us by mail every day before class as well giving Stipend for the Internet. In finally, It helps us to increase networking like bringing everyone from different parts of the Bangladesh to the same platform. Again, Thanks & take lots of love.

Mithun Ghosh



"Here, I found this subject even more interesting than what I had imagined."

At that moment, I started to tell myself that time is flying but each and every second can be as much colorful and significant as we want it to be, if we are bold and industrious enough to address whatever challenges we may encounter.

At the early morning of 3rd May 1971 Pakistani soldier attacked our village (Muzafarabad, Patiya, Chittagong) & killed about 300 innocent people. One of my uncle was also tortured & killed. As a child, I always used to wonder where my father would disappear every morning. One morning, after a lot of hue and cry, I managed to go with him. It was a silent jungle where my uncle was killed during Liberation War 1971. From that time onward, this subject like genocide, war crimes has never stopped fascinating me.

As a Legal Practitioner, I try to attend courses, read extensively and to learn more of sociological, philosophical and economic knowledge so as to enrich myself. In this way this (Human Rights & Transitional Justice For Youth Change Makers In Bangladesh) course has helped me to enrich my knowledge & develop my Learning skills. Here, I learned Common Transitional Justice Strategies as well as Truth Seeking,

Reparations, Prosecution, Institutional Reform & Case Solving Method etc. I think it is an ideal platform for me to get to know about the Truth Seeking Process of other country. Besides, Prosecution system of different Court, their Jurisdiction & steps helps me to know the subject matter broadly. Here, I try my best what that I did learn, I will be able to keep with me and use throughout my entire life.

Here, I found this subject even more interesting than what I had imagined. Literally all the instructors are very enthusiastic about their teaching & they really want their students to do well. So, I always tried hard to become one of the regular students in the class and to do that I

had to work hard and give extra effort in completing my assigned task. However, this experience was life changing, because here I got to see how theories are practiced on ground which I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

Hope that this Online Course will not only promote my position but also smooth my way to materialize my dream.

Md Raihan Uddin Rabi



"After learning this course I can apply the rules, regulations of this course in my life in different ways. Now I will try to describe it."

(1) What did you learn most from the course?

I have learned lots of new things from these courses. Thanks to AJAR for giving me such kind of opportunity. Our honorable sir and madam they are so friendly behaved with us. I like it so much. And they are always trying to understand us the selected topic with many kinds of case references or examples. They are really doing so hard work for us. Here I have gather lots of knowledge about the history of Human rights and Transitional justice. How it works and how to apply the rules, regulations, reformation of law, reparation, truth seeking and its mechanisms, truth and reconciliation commission, Creating a truth seeking mechanism, Social mapping in the context of conflict and mass violations etc. Here I also learned Gross Violations of international Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law and the remedy also. And memorialisation, Functions of Memorials, constructed memorials and many important rules, regulations and functions.

(2) How are you going to apply what you learnt during the course in your own life and work?

Ans: After learning this course I can apply the rules, regulations of this course in my life in different ways. Now I will try to describe it. I think needs much more work, is the fact that victims/ survivors of human rights violation's need to be in the center of the dialog about our choices and approaches. In order for victims to participate in these processes, we also need to find better ways to support their urgent needs

as victims of untold atrocities. I think this has been a weakness in the field, one that we must correct in order to move forward. Halting ongoing human rights abuses;

- Investigating past crimes;
- Identifying those responsible for human rights violations;

- Imposing sanctions on those responsible (where it can)

- Providing reparations to victims

- Preventing future abuses;

- Security Sector Reform

- Preserving and enhancing peace; and

- Fostering individual and national reconciliation.

Here, I have gathered lots of experiences which always help me to enrich my mind and I may apply my learning in my real life.

(3) What did you like most about this whole process?

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behaved with us. I like it so much. They always give us

motivation to do our works properly as well as to succeed

in our life. They are always trying to make our lesson

attractive for us. They are doing hard work for us. They

are also giving internet stipend during this pandemic corona situation. Really, they are amazing. I am really very much happy to enroll these course and very happy for their well behavior. It's a great opportunity during the pandemic situation to enrich my mind with lots of knowledge. Thank you AJAR team. Thanks to our honorable sir and madam. I will miss you all. Pray for me

Mohammad Sabit Kayes Rahat



"For instance, the course gave me a broad idea about how the process is initiated from truth seeking -"

AJAR! I have heard about this name from the seniors of my department and watching the beautiful photos of the AJAR home, i have always wanted to be there in Bali if anytime got any opportunity. This time had the opportunity but in online but nevertheless tried to join AJAR and Alhamdulillah learnt a lot from this whole process. To answer the questions, I would like to answer the first one. Learning something new has always been my passion. So when Pia took a session on Transitional Justice here in Chattogram, I wanted to know further about the TJ itself and it's 4 pillars in depth. This course has helped me learning in depth about how the all of the process works in the case of mass violation. For instance, the course gave me a broad idea about how the process is initiated from truth seeking and end up not only providing justice but also ensuring about non-recurrence thus institutional reform. The thing I learned most is the prosecution. Connecting to the real scenario it is not easy to prosecute the perpetrators as usually they have some official powers and support of the higher authorities. But by establishing International Courts like the ones in Timor-Leste, Rwanda, Yugoslavia and in many more places,

prosecuting the offenders is the thing I learnt most. Nicole and Nasrin apu has helped me very much regarding learning the prosecution method as thinking ourselves to be criminal lawyer and guided us how to investigate properly to reach the goal. I learnt also about identifying the elements of crime and connecting that to the fact of the case. I am sure to apply this further as I love doing Moot-Court Competitions and have a passion to be a criminal lawyer in my future career if everything goes by plan, In sha Allah.

Thanks a ton AJAR for providing us the opportunity to learn something new and to make our quarantine time fruitful. I'm sure going to miss the Mondays and the Thursdays waiting for the meetings to start:) Thanks Patrick, Pia, Nasrin apu, Atikah, Rene, Nicole and all for your valuable times also would like to thanks my team-mate Afroza Farzana Tasfi from 'Reconciliation' for her support during the activities, she has been an amazing team mate. Again going to miss these beautiful moments. Hope to meet everyone in person very soon In sha Allah. Till then stay safe, keep me in your prayers. Allah Hafez!



"I learned a very new thing transitional justice from this course. Transitional justice is all about a processes to deal with the history of mass human rights violation that society does."

Mohammed Zahirul Hoq

Hello, This is Mohammed Zahirul Hoq. I was a participant of online course on Human Rights & Transitional Justice for youth change-makers in Bangladesh of Asia Justice And Rights(AJAR). I was very excited when I had been selected as a participant of this online course. Thanks to The Network for International Law Students- Bangladesh for introducing me this course of AJAR. And now I have successfully completed this course. I learned a very new thing transitional justice from this course. Transitional justice is all about a processes to deal with the history of mass human rights violation that society does. Transitional justice can ensure justice for victims sustainably in a systematic process. There are 4 pillars of transitional justice i.e. seeking the truth, prosecution, reparation of victims & institutional reform. If these pillars are implemented successfully than transitional justice can be ensured.

Transitional justice is a complete Justice that related to society or the community. It is not an easy task, it can't be operated over day & night. I may apply my learnings during the course in my own life and work by applying transitional justice under-recognized authority where mass violation of human rights occurred. We can apply transitional justice to change society in a sustainable way, complete way & wholly. Individually we can help to seek the truth by making documentary and interviewing victims of massive human rights violations.

I like mostly non-recurrence to human rights violations in transitional justice. In the traditional legal system, there is no guarantee not to be happened again. I liked most the different activities of this course that felt like I was going to work in the field. All the instructors were really awesome, special thanks to them. And other Admin, coordinator & participants of this course are really helpful & cooperative. Thanks to AJAR for conducting wonderful course for us .

Sifur Rahman Khan



"I don't know, what will be my career path. but I will try my best to execute transitional justice for the victims of massive & systematic violence of human rights."

It is a great journey with AJAR.

I have learn more about the topic transitional justice. how its working, and the full process of transitional justice, with a great learning process I have learnt.

I don't know, what will be my career path. but I will try my best to execute transitional justice for the victims of massive & systematic violence of human rights.

The total journey is just fresh, convincingly & impressionable learning. Specially the way of teaching is unexampled to me.

Munirah Jahan



"I have thought of researching a lot more and getting fully aware of what I really want to do with it. Just need a little more time to sum up my thoughts."

I think if something truly has to represent me, that would be a Lotus. I couldn't manage a real one in this lockdown, so thought of using a sticker instead.

What did you learn most from the course?

It's really hard for me to say this in one single word. To be honest although I was really enthusiast to take part in this course (because of being passionate about human rights law) I did not had much expectation. It was mostly because of the medium. I have participated in many online courses before, but it's feels really great to be proven wrong that, effective classes are definitely possible even online. Specially Atikah's neuroplasticity methods, how can I forget them. So what I learned the most from this course would definitely be firstly transitional justice itself, and secondly, a great communication skill!

How are you going to apply what you learnt during the course in your own life and work?

I would like to work with the Rohingya in Ukhiya Camp if I get a chance to do so. But that will require the post corona time. I have thought of researching a lot more and getting fully aware of what I really want to do with it. Just need a little more time to sum up my thoughts. If I talk about it in a larger scenario then I would definitely try to use my learnings from this course to save every human rights abuse victim from my stand, who would really need my help.

What did you like the most about this entire process?

It has to be AJAR team's time management skill!

Nayeema Jannat Mitu



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What did you learn most from the course?

Sometimes words get shortage to express our thoughts. This course is more than an online course. Thus what I learned will be divided into 2 parts.

I. What I learn about transitional justice : Transitional Justice refers to the ways in which countries emerges from the period of conflict and repression or war or political transition address large grave and systematic human rights violation which are so grievous and numerous that a normal justice system will not be able to deal and response in adequate way to redress such violations.

What transitional justice is not? Obviously, it is not the way to fix everything which is wrong or injustice with society. Rather it is long-term social and political struggles for justice and equal opportunities that might be assisted by measure of transitional justice but transitional justice cannot solve it.

The few constant aims of transitional Justice are

- a) establish accountability of institutions and restore confidence in them,*
- b) makes access to justice a reality for the most vulnerable in society/ victims in the aftermath of human rights violations,*
- c) ensures that women and marginalized groups play an effective role in the pursuit of a just society,*

d) respect for the rule of law Facilitating peace processes and fostering durable resolution of conflicts.

Four pillar of transitional Justice are :

- i. Truth seeking or fact finding processes into human rights violations by non-judicial bodies.*
- ii. Criminal Prosecution for the perpetrator/s.*
- iii. Reparations for human rights violation. For instance : individual, collective, material, and symbolic.*
- iv. Reform of laws and institutions. For example : judiciary, military, and military intelligence.*

II. Other things that I have learned: Through out the sessions of the course, I get to understand the real picture of our society on enforcement of transitional justice. We used to talk a lot and write a lot about injustice happening in our society but before participating this course, I did not find out the way that why Justice fails and injustice stays! But now I understand. When I did my weekly activities, I search for human rights violation around me in

this society and I get to understand the real scenario. I

also learned about an well organised and interactive online course, which has no comparison to make.

How are you going to apply what you learnt during the course in your own life and work?

With this course I understand the significant value of transitional justice. Thus I would like to apply the Impact of the course in my own life in 3 way.

A. Analysing the Past,

B. Orchestrating the future and

C. Installation in the present.

A. Analysing the Past : I personally believe that history always repeats, whether it is good or bad. Thus we need to analysis the history which may stops bad things from happening again. Therefore, I will analysis the past human rights violations to apply transitional justice and will also analyse why and what context transitional Justice failed. For example : Analyse the transitional justice system and its application process in Bangladesh for the context of 1971 liberation war.

B. Orchestrating the Future: As a law student I would like to apply transitional justice process in my profession.

A lawyer, judge, or Academician (who talks and write about law aw well as injustice system in our society) can significantly and necessarily should contribute in transitional justice system.

C. Installation in the present : Every week when I was preparing for my weekly presentation, I found many field for work to ensure transitional justice process from my present condition. For instance : Write Article for journal or newspaper / newsletter on severe human rights violation and importance of the application of transitional justice.

What did you like most about this whole process?

Though it's an online course at the first glance but for me its more than that. Its a contribution to build the process of transitional justice throughout the world. We as a participants, can get encourage and make profession here which is an investment in building transitional justice system more effectively.

This process also ensures active participation of every single participants so that every participants feel connected and understand their capabilities.

Furthermore, we find out our own interest of work while we did the weekly activities which helps us to understand that where and what for we should work on.

This process also makes us understand that every single human beings live matters thus we need to take the transitional justice process as a development process which will ensures accountability and will ensures redress for victims.



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Niamat Ullah

It is my immense pleasure to write my reflection at the end of this training with AJAR movement to ensure a transitional justice system process in the world.

I have learned the unique model to promote human rights and to protect the victims who didn't get their rights during the massive violations in different times of their life, which is to secure transitional justice.

Since last 6 years, I have been involved with the human rights issues in Bangladesh as a human rights activist and trainer. I am privileged to work with the rural peoples from different communities and diverse backgrounds in Bangladesh. Always I think about making a movement for the victims who are not getting their rights and also to promote human rights for them. With the learning from this course I am going to implement all of these to implement at the rural level to ensure transitional justice and become a part of AJAR's movement. Specially I will work on societal reform which is under the last pillar of transitional justice (reformation), for reforming society from discriminations.

I know this journey would be very challenging for me but the process and impactful learning from this training with my fellow friends, instructors & mentors I am hopeful to work for transitional justice in future with real change in our society. I am very grateful to the AJAR team and their interactive method of learning, which helped me to learn new modules to work for human rights and also helped me to productively use the quarantine days during COVID-19 pandemic.



" This course also has been a platform of interconnectedness in between Asian community."

Noorem Mahpara

Just before a night of the spreading of Novel Coronavirus, when this world went to sleep for a new sun, not any of us could think the consequence we are coping with. By doing this six weeks online course, I really absorbed a lot of positive energy from team AJAR. I got introduction with Transitional Justice in the year 2016 but the idea was not very clear and concrete for me. But I can assure about the fact that how the course you have designed (i.e. providing learning handouts, relevant videos, PPT) was really interactive, informative and interesting to get an intense idea on TJ and its elements. As I am a volunteer of CSGJ, Liberation War Museum Bangladesh— I know how AJAR and LWM are collaborating to do transitional justice to the Rohingya people living in camps within Bangladesh. The issue has went through truth seeking process and now it is in prosecution stage. In the meantime some reparation process has also been initiated for them. I understand how important but difficult to adopt the reparation process and institutional reformation stage is to deal with! However in my sense this organization, AJAR basically started a marathon race of learning a justice process where MR. Patrick, Ms. Wandita, Ms. Nicole, Mr. Howard are the torch bearers and we the youths actually need to carry forward the race of implementing TJ within our surroundings, society and the world gradually. This course also has been a platform of interconnectedness in between Asian community. I really appreciate Ms. Pia, Ms. Atikah and Ms. Nasrin for their outstanding dedication and passion to make us accessing and understanding part and parcel of TJ. I am grateful to everyone for creating such an outstanding platform of learning and building anyone's thought process. Lastly, I truly feel that every individual of team AJAR are lucky enough to be a part of this organization because neither every organization can serve remedy to the victims of human rights violation nor everyone can avail an opportunity to serve peace and help who are in need of it.

Prethee Majbahin



"This course was so well organized and learning with a bunch of brilliant people will always remain as a fond memory."

Thank you AJAR for such a wonderful opportunity to learn new things even in this tough time. This course was so well organized and learning with a bunch of brilliant people will always remain as a fond memory. I loved the hand notes provided by AJAR team which are so informative yet easy going. Every lecture enriched me with new information and thus at the end of this course I found myself enthusiastic to learn more about Transitional Justice. I think the most beautiful part of learning is that it opens new doors for thought. The way I used to think about TJ has been changed and now I know how important it is to introduce and implement such justice process that allows to look back to history and plan for better policies to ensure the history repeats never again. Since I am working on Rohingya issue as a researcher, I believe the knowledge I've gained from this course would help me in the long run, both in my personal and professional life. Once again, thank you AJAR team for being so supportive throughout the whole journey. I wish all the very best for the amazing team members.

Samima Nasrin Santa



"I really loved the whole process because every week we have activity class after the session and that helps use to generate our idea and share our views and thoughts -"

This is Samima Nasrin Santa. I am a student of Law studying in Bangladesh University of Business and Technology. First of all, I want to give thanks to AJAR for arranging such kind of intensive online course for us. This is my pleasure to attend this six weeks-course and gathered a huge knowledge about what is transitional justice, its components and necessity in our world. This course completely helped me to develop a deeper understanding of human rights, transitional justice and emerging issues, particularly in Asia contexts, the elements of transitional justice, their perspective, and their challenges and how it uses and what are the differences between these elements. I also learned about history of different scenario of human rights violation and which organization or tribunal built for prosecuting those crimes, and also learned about the implementation of transitional justice in different contexts and laws relating to it.

As a student of law, I have a dream to work with any international organization. Because when I joined liberation war museum in 2017 as a researcher, I found that this a challenging job and fighting for a community and their rights is not an easy thing. And lastly when I visited Rohingya Camp in 2019, I realized every human being has right to live peacefully and no one can take it so the knowledge I gathered from this course will help me there. And I have a plan to write blogs regarding this issue.

I really loved the whole process because every week we have activity class after the session and that helps use to generate our idea and share our views and thoughts and all the resources person were highly qualified so we become able to understand those things through their personal experience sharing also. They gave us chance to practice and receive feedback on techniques and concepts, we already know. On the other hand, short-activity either it is individual and group, audio visual material such as different video made by AJAR also helped us to gather direct experience from the victim also.

Sadia Nawrin



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What I learnt most from the course

At first, I want to thank each and everyone related to the Course and the whole team of AJAR for organizing such an amazing course and providing me an opportunity of being a part of it. But it would remain incomplete if I do not mention one of my course-mate, Gazi Md. Muidul Haque, senior brother of Law department, University of Barishal, because of whom I have been able to come across this course and initiated an attempt to apply for this course. In this course, from academic perception, I have learnt what transitional justice is, the core elements of transitional justice, the manner and extent of its application in different countries and the coherence with its application process in Bangladesh. The real scenario of those area which have been affected by the grave violation of human rights and the position of the victims have been clear to me through this course and I have become aware of the fact that how important it is to apply transitional justice to prevent the further occurrence of mass human rights violation. But from non-academic perception, I have learnt the most valuable thing and that is with everyone's dedication and cooperation we can utilize every period of our life, even at the present time of crisis and suffocation, we just need to add a little bit of inspiration. This course

has inspired me a lot to work further in the field of human rights and transitional justice and I am looking forward to be a permanent member of the AJAR Team in the upcoming future. I also hope that AJAR will organize more such online courses in the near future to enable some students like us, who rarely can manage to attend such courses because of financial inability, to have such an opportunity to participate in some valuable courses and gather knowledge and experience from such highly knowledgeable scholars and experienced professionals.

How I am going to apply what I have learnt during the course in my own life and work ?

I have been able to learn some really valuable knowledge from this course. I want to apply that knowledge by sharing it with others. I want to share my thoughts and opinions about transitional justice with my friends and fellow classmates of my department and also want to know about their experiences with regard to transitional justice. Whenever I get a chance I will try to inform my friends from other fields and discipline about transitional

justice and its importance to have a normal and secured life free from any sort of human rights violation. After the end of this pandemic, I am going to request my teachers to arrange a seminar or workshop on transitional justice at our Law department to spread this knowledge among others who really do not know about this and to exchange thoughts with other scholars. I want to acquire deeper knowledge on transitional justice and its various aspects. I am planning to undertake a research project related to transitional justice in the context of my country, keeping the main focus on the impediments we had to face and are still facing regarding the implementation of transitional justice, and I cherish a dream to publish my research paper in the journal of University of Barishal to share my thoughts with others who are interested in this arena. I want to humbly request to Pia Conradsen and Nasrin Riaz 'apu', to take an initiative, if possible, to arrange a workshop or seminar at University of Barishal on transitional justice with the co-operation and assistance of department of Law. I think students of Barishal University will be overwhelmed with this opportunity to participate in such an educational programme arranged by such renowned organization.

What I liked most about this whole process

The whole process of this course was really enjoyable. But I mostly like the dedication and cooperation of everyone, except which the journey would have been impossible. Especially, I want to be earnestly thankful to Nasrin Riaz "apu" for her immense hardwork and patience towards us, and also for being a great inspiration for us by tolerating our every inconvenience. It would be kind of injustice if I do not show my gratitude towards Pia Conradsen "apu" for her continuous support and assistance throughout the course. One more thing I need to add that I am definitely going to miss Atikah Nuraini madam for her amazing cooperation with us at every Thursday. Secondly, every mentor had put their best towards us to inform us about the relevant topics and to provide us a clear conception. And most importantly, the weekly activities of each topic was really helpful for me as it kept me busy to represent my understanding towards the subject matter and to compare my knowledge with its practical application. Moreover, the Internet providing offer helped me highly to pursue this course in the easiest way. Last but not the least, for the group work, I have found two wonderful partners like Afroza Sultana Surovi and Tanbirul Islam, who supported me to complete the weekly activities, even with their exam pressure. Above all, I have greatly enjoyed the journey with AJAR and my course-mates and have been able to cope with this painful situation being parted with my friends and relatives through the positive vibes and motivation I have gathered from this course.

Sanzida Shahrin Swarna



" 'ZERO' is my soul number. Zero in my case symbolizes little knowledge, the starting point of many new things, enormous space for new pieces of knowledge, and interconnection of everything I do. "

Dear team AJAR,

Thank you for allowing me to join your online course. I wanted to participate in this course to learn about transitional justice. I did learn some amazing things along with that. I am amazed by the dedication you guys have towards this program. It was not like, it was an online course, a free course that's why done half-heartedly but with full professionalism and dedication. We had to be punctual to attend the classes, to present the activities we had to do. We had to study everything you provided us with to complete this course so there was not much chance not to gain more knowledge of transitional justice. And here I am, a satisfied participant who had lessons on transitional justice in the most fun, communicative, interactive and unique way. I enjoyed the hard work, I had to do to complete the activities a lot because I had the chance to learn about new things I might not go for learning or searching in regular circumstances. The acceptance you had for new ideas was another thing to remember. It made me understand that a reciprocal learning process, as you have highlighted many times, can encourage the exploration of new ideas. That's why many of us could come up with many new or unique ideas. I am working on a research project on memorialization and thanks to the lessons I have gained from this course, I can add a chapter consisting of the concept of transitional justice. I have learned new methods of teaching from you as well. I hope I can use them in my academic, professional, and social life in the future. I appreciate and respect the cordial efforts of Nasrin Riaz, Atikah Nuraini, Pia Conradsen, Patrick Burgess, Nicole Janisiewicz, Galuh Wandita, Howard Varney for the betterment of this program. I hope we can continue to be connected to each other in the future as well.

Shazidul Muyeed



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First of all, I would like to thanks to AJAR. It's a very good journey for me. The whole topic of Transitional Justice was a new concept for me so I am enjoying every lecture very much. Secondly, it'll helps increase our outside knowledge also set up rule of law, accountability, ensure human rights. As well it'll helps solve the problem emerging issues in practical field. Thirdly, To be honest, your sincerity and management deserves praise. Such sharing the documents also remembering us by mail every day before class as well giving Stipend for the Internet. In fiine, It helps us to increase networking like bringing everyone from different parts of the Bangladesh to the same platform. Again, Thanks a lot & Take love.

Sonia Jesmin Monika



"From this Training I have achieved a clear idea about Transitional Justice and It's strategies. Truth seeking, Reparation, prosecution and institutional reform are the accomplishment to achieve transitional justice."

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are"- Theodore Roosevelt

I am really grateful to AJAR (The Asia Justice and Human Rights) for giving me an opportunity to learn about Transitional Justice by this training (Human Rights and Transitional Justice for Youth Change-Makers in Bangladesh).

From this Training I have achieved a clear idea about Transitional Justice and It's strategies. Truth seeking, Reparation, prosecution and institutional reform are the accomplishment to achieve transitional justice. This whole strategies to achieve transitional justice was new for me.

The Victims want justice, financial assistance, recognition and guarantees of non repetition. Its our duty to ensure them a society where they Won't face same violation again. By this process its also possible to help the victims to reparation by any Government or Non Government organisation to help them by financial assistance.

AJAR always brings wonderful workshop and training for Enthusiastic persons.

This training arranged a floor where we had learned many important topics from some honourable and ingenious persons. This whole training was so organised, specially the Process: parking lot was amazing. I really amazed with the activities of Pia and Ria, they put their best effort to make a comfortable floor in this training which I liked most.

Tabassum Islam Tamanna



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What did you learn most from the course?

I worked as a rapporteur at the 6th International Conference on Genocide and Justice, 2019 where I was introduced with some new words like transitional justice, universal jurisdiction, reparation, truth seeking etc. From the conference my curiosity towards transitional justice started right away. I strongly can say that this online course did fulfill all the areas that I barely had any knowledge and also created a new dimension to the topics on which I already had a minimal knowledge on.

How are you going to apply what you learnt during the course in your own life and work?

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What did you like most about this whole process?

The things that I loved the most about this course were the interactive and engaging sessions. It has become a routine to attend classes on Mondays, participant's presentations on Thursdays. Also the whole communication process was praiseworthy too. Special thanks to the instructors, mentors and organizers for their heartiest efforts. I must say "Good work, AJAR TEAM!"

Tanusree Bhattacharjee



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From very first, I want to say thanks to AJAR as they give a precious scope to introduce with such an interesting topic and global community. I think, overall, this course was very eye-opening and made me understand issues involving in human rights and how transitional justice is effective for the society. I would say the one of the most important pieces of information I have learnt that several human rights issues globally are yet to solve by applying transitional justice. Most importantly this course allows me to the constructing procedure of a truth commission and reconciliation, prosecution, reparations stages, and institutional reform methodologies. I had come to know about Rohingya and Temor Leste issues which should be consider for transitional justice. Still I am a student and this course has inspired me to work on human rights in near future. I wish I will do higher study on human rights. Overall, this course shows the way we learn and think, makes me look at our culture in a different way. I got chance to meet with global personalities those are very experienced in this field which create a different exposure.

Umme Wara



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Since I am passionate about researching on genocide and its preventive mechanism, this course would definitely help me in further research work. I am planning to pursue my PhD on possible transitional mechanisms for the Rohingya population staying in Bangladesh. This idea brought me to AJAR online course to enlighten myself more on this area. The possibilities and challenges of each of the tools of the Transitional justice made my thoughts more meaningful in relating to them with the Rohingya people. These are my professional planning relating to this course. On a personal note, I got to know more about the justice mechanisms of the other countries' which made me realize that we, the Bangladeshis are not the only one who faced genocide in different period. I am keener now to know about the genocide and justice processes of different countries. To sum up, this course enriched me a lot and inspired me to think, research and work more on this area in future.

Zeba Fariha



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Assalamu Alaikum. Here's my feedback.

This course revealed the dimensions of Transitional justice in Asian context. Many of the cases we discussed in this course were unknown to me before.

Though the idea of transitional justice is applicable for any incident of past, but their process can be applied in other cases as well. I will apply the learnings of this course (clear idea of the topic, researching any case, analysis of law, suggesting improvements and a great teamwork) in my own life and my work as well. My interest lies on working for development sector of Bangladesh, where the learning of this course will be a great tool for me to contribute to the sector.

Besides, I will have an empathy for any kind of victims and I will try to support them and assist them for getting his/her own rights.

What i liked most about this whole process is its flow. It wasn't like other strict classes, rather we learned the whole thing casually and I learned it from my heart. Though the members were in far away from each other, but throughout the whole journey, it seemed like, it has become a new family and I really feel great to become a part of this family.