

Activities of SCLS February 2021-May 2021

Society for critical legal studies, on the continuity of its glorious journey even in the widespread pandemic, stayed focused on its motto, exploring opportunities and expanding possibilities for making a way out for the enthusiastic students and researchers of law. Throughout this crucial situation, it is working for the engagement of law students in productive activities with the help of modern technology. Here is a glimpse of the activities of SCLS from February 2021 to May 2021.

SCLS Law Review: Society for Critical Legal Studies amplified the edge of knowledge of the legal enthusiasts with the revelations of the first Issue of Volume 4 of “SCLS Law Review”, a student-edited journal of SCLS in January 2020. Many young researchers who are current students comprising an Editorial Body under the guidance of M. Jashim Ali Chowdhury, the ambassador of SCLS, published the Issue after conducting several rigorous reviews and plagiarism checking. Furthermore, to uphold the quality of writings, the Editorial Board arranged virtual Editorial Symposiums coping up with the pandemic situation. Thus, this Issue of SCLS Law Review was the furtherance of commitment, rekindling the spirit of SCLS to bring productive developments and create a knowledge-sharing atmosphere.

SCLS Online Editorial Symposium: To maintain the trend of the international research community, SCLS successfully organized Online Editorial Symposiums for the first Issue of Volume 4 of SCLS Law Review. The editorial symposiums for this Issue were held on April 27 and May 3, 2021. The authors presented and defended their papers before Dr. Rakiba Nabi, Professor of Law, Dr. Zaker Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Chittagong, and many audiences and participants. A particular time was allotted to each presenter to present his/her paper, and audiences gave feedback on the papers. Then, The participants were asked to implement the recommendations and comments on their paper.

SCLS Constitution Camp: Constitutional Camp is a unique initiative taken by the Society for Critical Legal Studies. It was a four-month-long intensive study course that focused on the constitutional law of Bangladesh. The study was designed under a rigorous plan of forty classes, assignments, presentations, and tests from October 20, 2020, to February 24, 2021. M. Jashim Ali Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Law in the University of Chittagong, a Ph.D. candidate in Constitutional Law (Parliament Studies) at King's College London, was the director of this whole course. Around 120 participants, including students of law, lawyers, young teachers, and professionals from legal arenas were facilitated in this course.

SCLS Webinar:

1. **Conversation on the Foundational Moments and Philosophy of The constitution of Bangladesh:** SCLS organized a conversation with Prof. Dr. Ridwanul Hoque (IASH-Alwaleed Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh; University Fellow, Northern Institute Charles Darwin University, Australia; Professor, Department of the Law, University of Dhaka). He was the keynote speaker of the Conversation. The program was held on April 22, 2021. Professor Dr. Abdullah Al Faruque (Director, Research & Publication Cell, University of Chittagong; Professor, Faculty of Law University of

Chittagong) was the program's Chair. Around 100 participants, including Advocates, students of law, lawyers, young teachers, and professionals from the legal arena, participated in the Conversation.

2. **International Workers Day Symposium:** A symposium was organized On May Day, featuring distinguished guests and academicians. Dr. Muhammod Shaheen Chowdhury, a prominent expert on Labour Law & Professor of Law at the University of Chittagong, was the Chair of the webinar. Taqbir Huda, a Research Specialist at Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) and Coordinator at Justice for All Now (JANO), Bangladesh, discussed the topic of "Compensation for victims of burn injuries and death." Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, discussed the "Terms and conditions of employment under labour law." Participants from Different Universities at home and abroad were present in the online symposium.
3. **SCLS's collaborative Session on "Right To Education in Bangladesh":** SCLS, Chittagong University Model United Nations Association (CUMUNA), and Teach for Bangladesh collaborated in a panel discussion in Fifty Years of our Constitutional Right to Education on May 25, 2021. Jashim Ali Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Faculty of Law, University of Chittagong, was the keynote speaker, and Ahsan Habib, Associate, Fellowship Recruitment & Selection Team of Teach for Bangladesh; Md. Jahedul Islam, Fellow, 2020 Cohort Teach for Bangladesh, Ex-General Secretary of Society for Critical Legal Studies; Mahjubah Marzan Sumaiya, Fellow, 2021 Cohort Teach for Bangladesh, Chairperson, Society for Critical Legal studies were the panellist of the program. The program was held on Facebook Live, and around 4000+ participants viewed and participated in the program.

SCLS Book Land's Activities:

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SCLS Blog Publication:

1. M Jashim Ali Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Faculty of Law, University of Chittagong and the Ambassador of SCLS, wrote for SCLS Blog, "*Trumpian Assault on the US Democracy: Lessons We Could Learn*", on 24th May, 2021, available at: <https://sclsb.org/trumpian-assault-on-the-us-democracy-lessons-we-could-learn/>
2. Lamia Khan Shethil, a Student of Daffodil International University, wrote on "*The Quest of protection of victims and witnesses*" on SCLS Blog, 7th April, 2021; available at: <https://sclsb.org/in-quest-of-protection-of-victims-and-witnesses-in-bangladesh-context/>

Activities of the Wings of SCLS:

1. **Research Wing:** SCLS Research Wing organized a Session on "How to Run your Research besides Academics." Adiba Tahsin Raha, Head of the Research Wing, talked with the research enthusiasts on the Session.

There were regular Research Wing sessions conducted by the Regulatory Member of Research Wing on different issues and problems, i.e., topic selecting, idea sharing, research design suggestions, etc.

2. **Moot Wing:** Moot Wing arranged sessions on the different segments of moot such as preparing memorials, citations, oral presentations, etc. The regulatory members of Moot Wing conducted sessions. Moot Wing is ahead to organize "SCLS Intra Virtual Moot Court Competition 2021".
3. **Debate Wing:** With the motto of "Debate is Fate," the SCLS debate wing continues its glorious journey with its active members and achievements. The debate wing organized its regular sessions via an online platform. There were seven regular sessions of the Debate wing. Members' participation and their performances are worth to be mentioned. In addition, members of the Debate wing participated in in-house debates and many National and International Competitions.