

RAINER EBERT

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- Trained in the humanities and sciences, and driven by a lifelong passion for promoting individual freedom, democracy, and human prosperity
- Strong record of active engagement with human rights and development issues
- Project management experience on four continents, demonstrating ability to effectively communicate and cooperate across diverse boundaries
- At home in the world, flexible to quickly adapt to changing work environments
- Committed to building a world where everyone can thrive and live without fear or discrimination, turning compassion into action, guided by data and reason

EDUCATION

May 2016 **PhD, Philosophy**
Rice University, USA

Dec. 2014 **MA, Philosophy**
Rice University, USA

Jun. 2009 **BSc & MSc, Physics**
Heidelberg University,
Germany

 Minors in Islamic Studies,
 Mathematics & Computer Science

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023-now **Adjunct Prof. of Philosophy**
Lone Star College & Houston
Community College, USA

Spring 2023 **Lecturer of Philosophy**
University of Houston, USA

2020-21 **Visiting Research Fellow**
Centre de Recherche en
Éthique (CRÉ), Canada

2017-19 **Lecturer of Philosophy**
& MA Program Coordinator
University of Dar es Salaam
(UDSM), Tanzania

2016-17 **Postdoctoral Research**
Fellow
University of Johannesburg,
South Africa

Fall 2016 **Adjunct Prof. of Philosophy**
Lone Star College, USA

SELECTED DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Since 2009, I have been working with various NGOs in Bangladesh – including

2013-18 **Sneha Foundation**
*care for children orphaned by the
2013 Rana Plaza collapse*

2013-now **GSF/Smile in Life**
rural development and health

2009-15 **Ekmattra Society**
empowerment of street children

2009-now **Bandhu Social Welfare Society,**
Boys of Bangladesh, and
Bangladesh Against
Homophobia/Rongin Desh
LGBTIQ+ advocacy

– to provide housing, education & health care to disadvantaged children and rural communities, and to promote the rights of minorities.

- Raised more than \$33,000 in funds and communicated with local and intl. donors
- Consulted on educational projects
- Planned & executed awareness & outreach campaigns on social media and offline
- Created and maintained budgets
- Drafted contracts, and prepared work plans, progress reports, financial updates, presentations, and proposals
- Organized meetings and events
- Tracked deadlines and deliverables
- Engaged and consulted with staff, partners, and members of affected groups
- Identified and solved logistical and other problems on the ground

PUBLICATIONS (full list upon request)

- **2 edited books** (1 German, 1 English)
- **11 articles in peer-reviewed physics and philosophy journals**
- **>50 op-eds** on pressing moral, social, and political issues in newspapers in 20 countries on five continents, including:
 - *Frankfurter Rundschau* (Germany)
 - *Des Moines Register* (USA)
 - *Asia Times* (Hong Kong)
 - *Scroll.in* (India)
 - *The Nation* (Pakistan)
 - *Dhaka Tribune* (Bangladesh)
 - *The Citizen* (Tanzania)
 - *Nigerian Tribune* (Nigeria)
 - *Sunday Times, The Star, and Mail & Guardian* (South Africa)

Topics include:

- Gender-based violence
- LGBTIQ+ rights
- Children's rights
- Racism and anti-refugee sentiment
- Extreme poverty
- Free speech and censorship
- Religious freedom and tolerance
- Immigration policy
- Capital punishment
- War in Ukraine

PUBLIC SPEAKING (full list upon request)

Delivered **>40 public lectures** on human dignity, constitutional law, public policy, international development, and various topics in philosophy; venues include:

- Ministry of Planning, Bangladesh
- South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (SAILS)
- UN Economic Commission for Africa
- Universities in Bangladesh, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Kenya, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Portugal, South Africa, Tanzania, and the United States
- High schools and community colleges
- NGOs and community centers

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| Jul./Aug. 2022 | Workshop Leader, <i>Applying to Graduate School in the United States</i> , Dhaka and Jahangirnagar Universities, Bangladesh |
| Dec. 2021 | Initiator and Co-organizer, <i>Ethics of Change International Student Conference</i> , CRÉ |
| Dec. 2019 | Workshop Leader, <i>Tom Regan's Philosophy of Animal Rights</i> , Jagannath University, Bangladesh |
| 2016-now | Academic Consultant, <i>Bangladesh Journal of Bioethics</i>

Awarded the 2019 Bangladesh Bioethics Society Award, "in appreciation of efforts to promote bioethics in Bangladesh" |
| 2012 | Temporary Program Associate, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh |
| 2008-10 | Organizer, <i>Humanities Journal Club</i> , Heidelberg University |
| Jul. 2008 | Workshop Organizer, <i>Political Philosophy</i> with T. R. Machan (incl. a public lecture on human rights issues in Germany), Heidelberg University |
| 2005-07 | Founding Chairman, <i>Interdisz. Arbeitsgemeinschaft Tierethik</i> , Heidelberg University

Oversaw >20 public lectures and two panel discussions with speakers from six countries, incl. Germany's first interdisciplinary lecture series on animal rights (received €6,200 in grants), which involved fundraising, budgeting, making travel and accommodation arrangements, planning meetings & documentation |

LANGUAGES

Bilingual proficiency in **English & German**, and elementary proficiency in **French**