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CONFERENCE**

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Evaluation

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# Objectives to attend the conference

- A) Presenting a co-authored paper on network and coalition of NGOs
  
- B) Sharing the idea of JIGS survey to board members of ISTR



# What is ISTR?

- ISTR stands for International Society of Third Sector Research.
- It is an academic organization, based at the Johns Hopkins University.
- ISTR has about 1,000 members in more than 100 countries.
- It publishes *Voluntas*, a notable journal on voluntary organization.



# Presentation of paper



**Title:**  
**“Collaborative  
Governance of  
NGOs in  
Bangladesh: A  
Study on NGO  
Coalitions”**

**by** Shakil Ahmed (University  
of Tsukuba, Japan)  
& Sk. Tawfique (North South  
University, Bangladesh)

Photo: Paper presentation by Shakil Ahmed  
in ISTR conference on 25 Oct. 2103, Seoul.

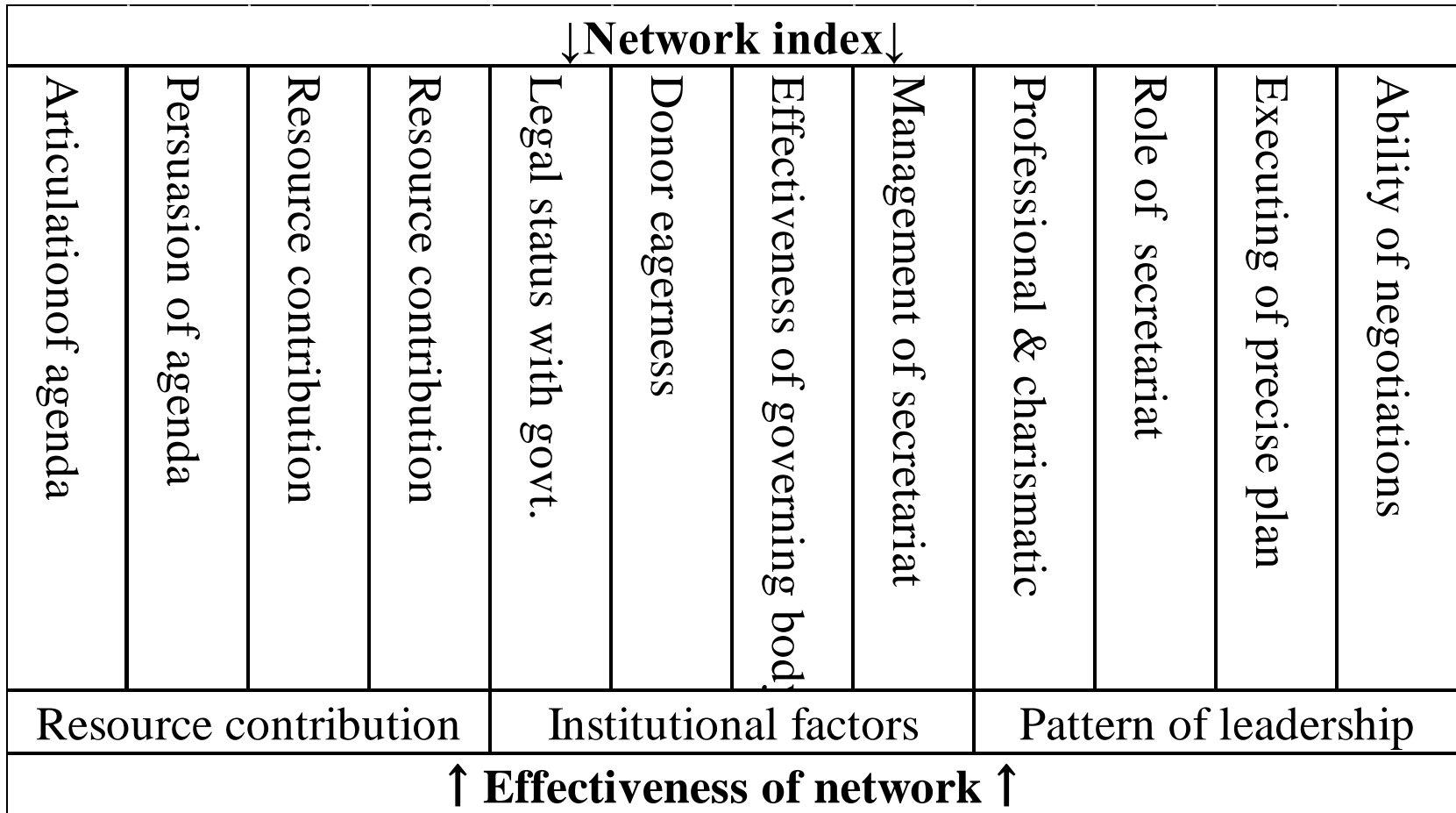


# Research question and output

- **Research question-** why some networks of NGOs are functioning well and some are failing to co-operate each other in Bangladesh.
- **Key argument-** All the networks are not coalitions. Network is primary state of formation and coalition is advanced level of collaboration where institutional and behavioral dimensions are important.
- **Methodology-** A qualitative analysis of two case studies. First, a successful network of NGOs (National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled – NFOWD) and the second case is a failed network of NGOs (Governance Coalition) in Bangladesh.



# Methodology (contn.)



Source: Depicted by authors



# Japanese presence in the conference

- 60 papers were presented during the three days ISTR conference
- Presenters from 15 countries presented their papers in the conference
- 12 paper presentations were on Japanese CSOs
- Some notable presentation on Japanese civil society
  - Private and charitable aid provision towards community resilience: Exploring the role of civil society in disaster management  
by Yu Ishida (Akashi National College of Technology), Aya Okada (Doshisa University) & Naoko Okuyama (Kobe University)
  - Collaborative Relationship between US and Japanese Governments and Philanthropy in Cultural and Health Diplomacy in Post-war Japan: Implications for Current US-Japan Collaboration on Cultural and Health Diplomacy Policy  
by Kazumi Noguchi (Kobe Women's University)





# JIGS communication with ISTR



- **Prof. Masayuki Deguchi** (Former President, ISTR and Former Commissioner of Japan's Charity Commission)
- **Prof. Sami Hasan** (United Arab Emirates University; ISTR Board Member & Co-Chair)

Photo: Prof. Masayuki Deguchi & other participants from Japan, India, Australia & Bangladesh at ISTR conference on 24 Oct. 2013, Seoul.



# International cooperation: ISTR & CAJS

## Possibilities of cooperation

1. Building research capacity on CSO studies
2. Forging international research partnership by CAJS through ISTR
3. Joint international publication among researchers of CAJS & ISTR

## ISTR offering to international cooperation

Two sets of data collection are available for use

1. Key informant survey
2. Organizational survey

(Source: an email from Samiul Hasan, United Arab Emirates University; ISTR Board Member & Co-Chair to Shakil Ahmed on 5 Nov. 2013)



## Conclusion: How CAJS can be benefited?

1. Exploring international research program:  
Keeping reference point at Japanese CSOs  
Study
2. Joint international publication by CAJS
3. Immediate target: publication in *Voluntas* by  
JIGS data



# Relevant links

## **ISTR**

<http://www.istr.org/>

## **Conference website**

<https://istr.site-ym.com/?page=AsiaPacific>

## **Korean Association of Nonprofit Organization Research (KANPOR)**

<http://www.nporesearch.or.kr/english.html>

## **Voluntas**

<https://istr.site-ym.com/?page=VOLUNTAS>

**Thank you**