

## **Call for Abstract: National Conference on Applied Sociology 2016**

**About conference:** Bangladesh Institute of Social Research (BISR) Trust is going to organize a national conference titled: "Applied Sociology: Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice" in April 2016 with an aim to bring to light practical knowledge from practitioners applying diverse sociological concepts/approaches in the following fields: (a) Poverty Reduction and Development; (b) Social Tension and Conflict; (c) Gender and Child Rights; (d) Public Health, (e) Migration and Trafficking, (f) Climate Change and DRR, (g) Media and Communication and (h) Governance.

Following the conference a ground-breaking book based on the paper presented in the conference will be published later by a reputed academic publisher. Please send your abstract (no more than 250 words) by 14 February 2016 to: [bisr@agnionline.com](mailto:bisr@agnionline.com).

**Background:** We understand applied sociology is a form of practical knowledge derived from field level experiences through government and NGO run programs. Applied sociology might be seen as the translated version of sociological theory/concepts into practices. This term describes the use of sociological knowledge in addressing social problems or issues as defined by those who apply the knowledge.

In Bangladesh, application of sociological knowledge in practice is widespread. Different branches of social sciences use sociological knowledge in different format. Experience in applying this knowledge is a great part to enrich our sociological practice. But unfortunately we don't have a platform where we can share our experiences with one another.

Bangladesh Institute of Social Research Trust (BISRT), an independent, non-profit, non-party multi-disciplinary think tank organization; who has been trying since its establishment in 2003 to address this limitation in terms of practicing applied sociology. BISRT is now planning to organize first international seminar on Applied Sociology, where individuals who are engaged in the field of applied sociology; will share their experience.

**Objectives:** To provide a platform where group of local scholars, government representatives, NGO representatives, researchers, consultants, social activists, academicians, policymakers and other interest groups can share their experiences with each other on the applied sociology. The conference will revolve around contentious issues in the field of applied sociological studies and research to advancing the knowledge.

**Submit an abstract** not more than 250 words to [bisr@agnionline.com](mailto:bisr@agnionline.com) by February 14, 2016.

1. Sociological concept used (beliefs, norms, values, community, groups, class, etc.)
2. Method of Application of the Concept (how the concept was applied?)
3. Results obtained (what was the results or outcome after application of concept)

**Who can participate:** Senior Managers and Practitioners working in the government, international organizations, international and national NGOs, students and academics from any academic background.

### **Registration Fee:**

1. **Paper Presenter =2000.00**
2. **Non-presenter =500.00**
3. **Student =300.00**

**When to register:** Registration will be done only after acceptance of paper of the presenters. Time and date will be announced in due course of progress.

**Materials to be provided:** All participants will get free publication of the conference, a folder, lunch and other refreshments.