## **Short Biography of Researchers**

## **Principal Researcher**

## Md. Nazmul Hoque, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, East West University

Nazmul Hoque is an Assistant Professor of Economics at East West University, Bangladesh. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the George Washington University. His research focuses on education, poverty, gender equality and other areas of development economics.

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Tanvir Hussain is an Environmental Specialist (Economist) working with the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Kathmandu, Nepal. He is an applied environmental economist by training with a focus on applying economic principles to address environmental challenges, particularly in the areas of biodiversity, ecosystem services, climate change and impact assessment of projects. Dr. Hussain's research has been published in journals such as the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE) and the Ecological Economics. He has also worked on economic impact assessment of development projects with organizations such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, Winrock International and Oxfam in Bangladesh. He is currently on leave from East West University (Bangladesh) where he is an Associate Professor of Economics since 2018. Prior to joining East West University, he also worked as a Senior Researcher and Lecturer in Environmental Economics and Resource Management (with Prof. Stefan Baumgaertner) at the University of Lueneburg and then at the University of Freiburg (both in Germany). He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wyoming, USA, with specialization in environmental and natural resource economics.

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