



Blue Transitions in the Crowded Coast of Bangladesh

This talk will examine how rapid transformations driven by the blue economy shape the lives and livelihoods of small-scale fishers on the crowded coast of Bangladesh. Drawing on interdisciplinary marine social science research, the talk will highlight how coastal megaprojects, privatization, and conservation initiatives—as exemplified by developments along the Bangladeshi coast—deepen marginalization. The research reveals power imbalances, inequitable governance networks, the exclusion of local stakeholders, and the widening of equity and justice gaps. The talk will outline pathways for fairer blue economy transitions through recognition, participation, and distributive equity. The talk will conclude with policy-relevant recommendations to support inclusive and sustainable coastal futures in Bangladesh.



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Jewel Das is a faculty member at the Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of Chittagong in Bangladesh. He is trained in marine science and works across disciplines to examine how people interact with marine and coastal environments. His research focuses on facilitating dialogue between ocean ecosystems and the coastal populations that depend on them. He pays particular attention to social-ecological processes related to the blue economy, blue growth, and resource governance. Das investigates the use, management, and stewardship of marine and coastal resources, particularly among small-scale users. His work emphasizes equitable transitions, community resilience, and active public participation to promote the sustainable management of Bangladesh's marine and coastal areas.



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