

- Uddin, M. N., Hamdan, H., Saad, N. B., Haque, A., Kassim, S., Embi, N. A. C., & Agarwal, K. (2022). The governance structure of microfinance institutions: A comparison of models of sustainability and their implication on outreach. *Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting*, pp. 104–23. <https://doi.org/10.9734/ajebe/2022/v22i1930662>
- Vafaei, A., Henry, D., & Ahmed, K. (2020). Board diversity: Female director participation and corporate innovation. *International Journal of Accounting and Information Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJAIM-06-2020-0080>
- Wale, L. E. (2015). Board diversity, external governance, ownership structure and performance in Ethiopian microfinance institutions. *Corporate Ownership and Control*, 12(3CONT1), 190–200.

Md. Nazim Uddin is a post-doctoral research fellow at International Islamic University Malaysia and a research fellow at Ankara University, Turkey. Dr. Uddin is also an associate editor for Nature's Humanities and Social Sciences Communications. He is the author of several books, many book chapters, and peer-reviewed articles. His research interests, which include microfinance, social finance, green finance and banking, corporate governance, sustainable finance, and the delicate realms of Islamic microfinance and Islamic banking and finance, are informed by this unique mix of theoretical and practical understanding.

A. K. M. Ahasanul Haque is a professor in the Department of Business Administration at International Islamic University Malaysia. He obtained his Ph.D. in marketing from the Graduate School of Management (AACSB), Universiti Putra Malaysia 2001. He published numerous books, book chapters, study modules, and research articles in internationally refereed indexed journals and many conference proceedings. He received several research awards for outstanding research. In addition, he is involved in many research grants locally and internationally and numerous consultancy projects such as World Bank Group, Telekom, Z-consulting, and others. He also serves as an editor-in-chief and an editorial board member of internationally indexed journals. His research interests cover the areas of retail marketing, Islamic marketing, digital marketing, international marketing, and consumer behavior.

Md. Nuruzzaman has been working as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Marketing at the University of Rajshahi. He has twenty-five years (25) of teaching and research experience at the university level at home and abroad. He produced more than 22 research papers published in reputed scholarly journals.

Lutfun Nahar is a dedicated Ph.D. candidate at Istanbul University in the Department of Islamic Economics and Finance and earned her master's degree at Sakarya University, Turkiye, where she was honored with the Turkish president's gold medal. Fueled by a blend of theoretical expertise and practical insights, her research focuses on Islamic Microfinance and Islamic Banking and Finance. Lutfun's pursuit of knowledge reflects her passion for unraveling the complexities of economic systems, contributing to the dynamic landscape of Islamic finance.