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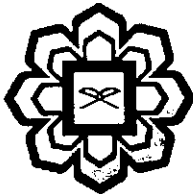
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## **Chapter 1**

# **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND: ISSUES IN DIVERSITIES**

**A.H.M. Zehadul Karim**

Since its inception as a discipline, sociology had dealt with plenty of the theoretical discussions in textual forms, and generated enormous debates on this realm which has had enriched the discipline in various ways. Side by side in regard to its applied sociological contextuality, it also employed equal importance on it by concentrating on empiricism to glorify the discipline to its application at the field. We now feel that sociology at present needs to turn slightly from its over-interest in all these omnipotent areas to diversified contemporary issues which are also equally important to make the discipline appropriate and interesting in this context. This book therefore, is an attempt to incorporate a number of existing societal issues which seem to be sociologically significant and empirically relevant. The topics chosen in this book thus contains some prolific discussion in the contemporary sociological discourse. Prudentially, the mode is a new venture to make the discipline useful to the researchers focusing on a few contemporary thematic issues based on diversities; and this book serves to disentangle different strands of thinking in an integrated manifestation. It is however not my contention in this introductory narratives to go for any paradoxical interpretations of diversification as such, rather, it undertakes a review of ideas, viewpoints and policy inferences as explained in each of the articles contributed from differential dimensions of each and every writer and to produce them in this text in one bounded form. The issues in the text are ordered selectively in very logical manner to keep more or less a consistent