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## Note from the Editor

The papers presented in this issue have grown out of a three-day conference on Max Weber titled, "Culture, Patrimonialism and Religion: Revisiting Max Weber," organized by the Goethe Institute at Dhaka from December 7 to 9, 2003. In presenting these papers here it is hoped that the readers will get an exposure to the works done by the Bangladeshi sociologists. Similar conferences have been held in the past but very little of the works have ever reached the international audience due to the lack of publication facilities. So has been the fate of the other scholarly works done by the sociologists from Bangladesh. Sociology has had a long history in Bangladesh but much of the works done have been published only locally with little or no possibility of reaching an international audience. The avowed purpose of the BEJS and the website of the Bangladesh Sociological Society (<http://www.bangladeshsociology.org>) is to offer the Bangladeshi sociologists an opportunity to take their works to the international reader as much as to follow on the tradition of other serious academic journals to publish scholarly works of authors from all over the world in these pages on a regular basis. It is with these objectives that we launch the first issue of the first volume of the **Bangladesh e-Journal of Sociology** and seek your support in our endeavours as we also express our gratitude to those who have helped us along our path.

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