

NSU's economics dept holds dialogue on higher studies, career scopes

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North South University (NSU) recently organised a youth dialogue event titled "Higher Studies and Career Prospects in Economics and Development Studies".

The event was organised by NSU's Department of Economics along with their youth engagement partner, the Young Economists' Forum (YEF), according to a press release.

The speaker and resource person was Dr Niaz Asadullah, a visiting professor from the University of Reading, UK, and professorial fellow at NSU's Department of Economics. Dr Asadullah began his talk by reminding the audience that economists love to be disruptive and economics, as a discipline, always invites disruptions.

"Today, I also want to disrupt your thinking about economics," he added.

"As a discipline, we take science seriously, but we still care about stories," he also emphasised, recognising the resurgence of narratives in economics discourse. Additionally, he likened academics from Development Studies and Economics to close cousins, stating, "they keep swapping places throughout their career."

When advising students on pursuing a career in Economics, Professor Asadullah urged them to consider less explored fields like public policy and data science, emphasising the significance of broadening their search beyond Economics programmes.