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***Professional Positions***

**Current**

**Quaid-i-Azam University**

Lecturer, Department of Defence & Strategic Studies – February 2012 – present

**Previous**

**Quaid-i-Azam University**

Visiting Faculty, Department of Defence & Strategic Studies – 2010 – 2011

**Bahria University**

Visiting Faculty, 2010

**National Defence University**

Deputy Director Global Studies, Institute for Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA),

November 2007 – November 2008

Senior Research Scholar, ISSRA – November 2006 – November 2007

**International Islamic University, Islamabad**

Research Associate, Project on Politics & Business in Muslim World, 2006

**National University of Modern Languages**

Lecturer, Department of International Relations, 2005

***Education &Professional Development***

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad Defence & Strategic Studies M.Phil., 2005

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad Defence & Strategic Studies M.Sc., 2003

University of Peshawar, Pakistan Political Science, English Literature B.A., 2000

University of Roma Tre & Wilson Center, Nuclear Proliferation International History Project Boot Camp, June 2012

Columbia University, Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, July 2009

Regional Center for Strategic Studies, Colombo, Summer Workshop on Defence, Technology and Cooperative Security in South Asia, September 2006

***Fellowships, Research Awards & Professional Memberships***

**Member, Asia-Pacific Leadership Network for Disarmament** (May 2017 onward). For details see <http://www.a-pln.org/members/members/PAKISTAN>.

**Robin Copeland Memorial Fellow for Nonproliferation** (February 2014 – May 2015)

* As part of the fellowship, worked at James Martin Center for Nonproliferation, Monterey, California (Feb – April 2014) and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC (May – July 2014)

**RCSS Research Award**, Regional Center for Strategic Studies, Colombo, 2006

**Core Member, Program on Strategic Stability Evaluation** – a project run by Georgia Tech and Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey (Jan 2012 - 2016)

***Publications***

**Monograph**

* Sadia Tasleem, *Indo-US Nuclear Cooperation: Altering Strategic Positioning & Shifting Balance of Power in South Asia* (Colombo: Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, 2007). Available at <http://www.rcss.org/publication/policy_paper/Policy44.pdf>.

**Research papers and articles**

* “No Indian BMD for No Pakistani MIRVs,” *Stimson Center Off Ramps Initiative* at https://www.stimson.org/content/no-indian-bmd-no-pakistani-mirvs.
* “Pakistan’s Nuclear Use Doctrine” at <http://carnegieendowment.org/2016/06/30/pakistan-s-nuclear-use-doctrine-pub-63913>.
* “Regional Drivers of Pakistan’s Nuclear Outlook,” in *Perspectives on the Evolving Nuclear Order* edited by Toby Dalton, TogzhanKassenova, Lauryn Williams, available at <http://carnegieendowment.org/files/NuclearPerspectives_final.pdf>.
* “[Conceptualizing the Relationship Between Nuclear Learning and Doctrinal Thinking: Understanding the Pakistani Perspective and Assessing Deterrence Stability](http://www.nps.edu/Academics/Centers/CCC/Research/NuclearLearning/7%20Nuclear%20Learning_Tasleem.pdf),” in *Nuclear Learning in South Asia: The Next Decade*, available at <http://www.nps.edu/Academics/Centers/CCC/Research/NuclearLearning/7%20Nuclear%20Learning_Tasleem.pdf>.
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* Sadia Tasleem, “US Policies: Challenge to the Global Nonproliferation Regime,” *Defence Journal* 8:11 (June 2005).

**Research in Progress**

* Sadia Tasleem, “Prague Agenda: Prospects in South Asia,” to be published in the *New Perspectives*.
* Sadia Tasleem, “Understanding Pakistan’s Perspective of Strategic Stability,” a book chapter for an edited volume.
* Sadia Tasleem and Toby Dalton, “Pakistan’s Nuclear Choices: Convergence or Emulation.”

**Reviews**

* Sadia Tasleem, “Not war, not peace,” review of George Perkovich and Toby Dalton, *Not War Not Peace: Motivating Pakistan to prevent cross-border terrorism*, in *Friday Times* (14 October 2016) at <http://www.thefridaytimes.com/tft/not-war-not-peace/>. Same review was also published as “Pulls and pressures in India and Pakistan,” *IPCS* (27 September 2016) at <http://www.ipcs.org/article/indo-pak/book-review-pulls-and-pressures-in-india-and-pakistan-5138.html>.
* Review of “India’s Slow and Unstoppable Move to MIRV” by Rajesh Basrur and JaganathSankaran in [*The Lure and Pitfalls of MIRVs: From the First to the Second Nuclear Age*](http://www.stimson.org/content/lure-and-pitfalls-mirvs-first-second-nuclear-age). My review was published as “MIRVing and Deterrence Challenges for India,” available at http://www.stimson.org/content/mirving-and-deterrence-challenges-india.
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* Sadia Tasleem, “SAARC Summit: Prospects for Central Asia,” *Pakistan Observer*(January 10, 2004).

***Courses Taught***

* Nuclear Proliferation (DS-324)
* Dimensions of Modern Strategy (DS-406)
* War & Strategy in Islam (with a dedicated section on religious positions regarding proliferation of WMD) (DS-326)
* Psychological Warfare (DS-333)
* International Politics Since 1945
* Arms Control & Disarmament
* Dynamics of Pakistan’s Foreign and Defence policies

***Thesis Supervision***

**M.Sc thesis at DSS, QAU**

1. Literature of Resistance & Socio-Political Change in Pakistan
2. Nuclear Lexicon and Deterrence Stability in South Asia
3. Anti-Nuclear Weapons Peace Movement in Pakistan
4. Nuclear Factor in Pak-US relations: Dependence-Independence Paradox
5. Conspiracy Theories: Implications for Pakistan-US Relations
6. Cyber-Insurgencies: Challenges for National Security
7. Deterrence in Cyberspace: A Case of Pakistan and Iran
8. Role of Electronic Media and portrayal of Pakistan’s relations with India

**M.Sc thesis at NDU, Islamabad**

1. Iran’s Nuclear Program: Implications for Pakistan
2. Nuclear Deterrence in Indo-Pak Relations
3. The Non-Proliferation Regimes & Post-Cold War Europe: Implications for Pakistan
4. Nuclearization of Pakistan: Strategic Benefits for the Muslim World
5. Crisis & Conflict in Africa: The Refugee Problems

**M.Sc thesis at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi**

1. Civil-Military Relations: An Analysis of Nuclear Pakistan
2. Pakistan’s Foreign Policy under Zia Regime
3. “Pakistan’s Perception of Indian Role and Policies in South Asia

***Paper Presentations, Lectures & Talks***

* **Workshop for Pakistan Navy Senior Officers** at **Pakistan Naval Headquarters**, “Strategic Culture and Strategic Leadership,” October 25, 2017
* **Senior leadership workshop** at **Pakistan Air Force Headquarters**, “Competing Norms, Evolving Technologies and Changing Power Metrics: Rethinking Nuclear Deterrence in the Contemporary World,” September26, 2017.
* **Global Zero Teach-In – Islamabad,** “Living in the Nuclear Age: What does that mean for us as both Pakistanis and global citizens,”August 06, 2017.
* **Naval War College, Lahore**, “Dynamics of Threat Perceptions: Identification and Misperception,” April 05, 2017.
* **Carnegie International Nuclear Policy Conference 2017,**“Mainstreamed or Sidelined: Non-NPT States and the Nuclear Order,” March 20 – 21, 2017available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkpCxHWLzA4>
* **Senior leadership workshop** at **Pakistan Air Force Headquarters**, “Dynamics of Deterrence Stability in South Asia,” March 07, 2017.
* **Prague Agenda Conference 2016,**“Putting the Prague Agenda in South Asian Context: Looking back, looking forward & beyond,” December 1 – 2, 2016 available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1im9v_uVMU>.
* **Cornell University**, “A World with Low Nuclear Weapons: Regional Complications,” November 11 – 12, 2016.
* **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace,**“Toil and Trouble: Debating Pakistan’s National Security,” November 9, 2016.
* **CSSPR-NPIHP International Conference on Nuclear History,** “Challenges of Nuclear History Research in Pakistan,” October 30 – 31, 2016.
* **Senior leadership workshop** at **Pakistan Air Force Headquarters**, “National Security Challenges and Role of Strategic Leadership,” August 22, 2016.
* **Senior leadership workshop** at **Pakistan Air Force Headquarters**, “Framing the problem right: A key to effective decision-making (Nuclear Deterrence, Strategic Stability and Contemporary Security Challenges: Questions for Leadership),” June 3, 2016.
* **NUST–NPS workshop on Nuclear Taboo and Norms in the Second Nuclear Age**, “Historical and Cultural Perspectives on the Norm of Non-Use: Pakistan’s Case,” February 29, 2016.
* **Carnegie Tsinghua Center for Global Policy Beijing,** “Normalizing Nuclear Pakistan,” January 28, 2016.
* **POSSE Author’s workshop Washington DC**, “Strategic Stability: Understanding Pakistani perspective,” October 12 – 14, 2015.
* **Cornell University**, “Arms Control in a New Era,” November 13 – 15, 2015.
* **University of Gujrat Pakistan,**“Nonproliferation and Disarmament Education in Pakistan,” August 19, 2015.
* Presented a paper on “Pakistan’s perspective of the Nuclear Order,” at the workshop on “Perspectives on the Evolving Nuclear Order,” organized by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Oslo, Norway (June 10 – 11, 2015).
* **Lecture series,** “Nuclear Weapons in Pakistan’s Security: Is there room for alternative thinking,”**Karachi University** (January 28, 2015), **Peshawar University** (March 13, 2015), **Punjab University**(May 19, 2015) and **Iqra University** (June 2015)
* **Center for Nonproliferation Studies Washington DC,** “Balance of Asymmetries and Deterrence Stability in South Asia,”July 3, 2014
* **Program on Strategic Stability Evaluation Workshop Washington DC**, “Deep Power Asymmetries & the ‘Great Equalizer’: Evaluating Utility of Nuclear Weapons for Pakistan vis-à-vis the United States,” October 28, 2013.
* **Annual Convention of International Studies Association 2013,** “Diffusion of Nuclear Knowledge: Technology, Policy and Posture (A Case-Study of Pakistan) at the San Francisco, April 02 – 06, 2013.
* **Nuclear Learning Workshop organized by NPS in Bangkok,** “Nuclear Learning and Doctrinal Thinking: A Case-study of Pakistan,” May 21-24, 2012.
* **Conference on Future trends in South Asia organized by RAND Corporation in Dubai,**“Strategic Trends in South Asia,” April11 – 13, 2012.
* **Carnegie Endowment for Int’l Peace, Henry L. Stimson Center and Department of DSS at Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad,**“Pakistani Perspective of Challenges to Deterrence Stability” in the Conference titled “Challenges to Deterrence Stability in South Asia,” January 11 – 12, 2012.
* **Sandia National Laboratories,**“Pakistani Perceptions of Indian Nuclear Capabilities,” October 20, 2010.
* **Stimson Center, Carnegie Endowment for Int’l Peace, ISSI, SASSI & Department of DSS,**“Global Trends and Global Zero” in the Conference “Pakistan and the Emerging Nuclear Order,” June 10-11, 2010.
* **Foreign Services Academy Islamabad**, Foreign Diplomats Course,“Nuclear & Disarmament Issues” and “Proliferation of WMD and Missile Technologies”, March 25, 2009.
* **Foreign Services Academy Islamabad,** Foreign Diplomats Course,“Deterrence in the Nuclear Age,” March 11, 2009.
* **Faculty of Contemporary Studies NDU Islamabad,**Department of Peace and Conflict Resolution, “Nuclear Weapons, Peace and Conflict Resolution”.
* **Allied Officer’s War Course National Defence University,** “Strategic Stability in South Asia,”November 14, 2007.
* **Talks to the Faculty of ISSRA NDU Islamabad**, “123 Agreement Revisited,”“Indo-US Nuclear Deal: What Next,”“Impact of Indo-US Strategic Partnership on Strategic Stability in South Asia,” “Trust & Mistrust in International Relations”.
* **Faculty of Social Sciences, International Islamic University Islamabad**,“Developments in Central Asia”, May 27, 2006.

***Media***

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* “Sound bytes: Pakistan is engaged in nuclear competition,” interview published by *Dawn News* (March 15, 2015) at <http://www.dawn.com/news/1169658>.
* Contributed Analysis on “Nuclear Security Summit 2010” on PTV World Talk Show “Defence & Diplomacy”.
* Contributed Analysis on “Pak-US Relations” in a panel discussion on PTV World Talk Show “World in Focus”.
* Contributed Analysis on “Iran-US Standoff” in PTV World Talk Show “World in Focus.”
* Contributed Analysis on “SAARC Summit 2007” in PTV World Talk Show “World View from Islamabad.”
* Contributed Analysis on “Performance of Present Regime and the Evaluation by West” in PTV World Talk Show “World View from Islamabad.”
* Contributed Analysis on “India’s Proliferation Activities” in PTV World Talk Show “World View from Islamabad.” The segment was reported at a number of websites including BBC Monitoring.
* Contributed Analysis on “Emerging China & Rising Pakistan” in PTV World Talk Show “World View from Islamabad.”
* Various interviews relating “Pakistan’s Security Situation” to Middle Eastern TV Channels including Abu Dhabi TV, KSA2, Al-Saudia Al-Akhbaria etc.
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