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Objective

To seek academic excellence in the fields of security, defence, strategic and international affairs. Also aim to be a productive partner in the teamwork.

Education Qualification

Ph.D. in Defence and Strategic Studies (2023)

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

**(Conducted part of PhD research at the University of Leicester, UK
and the University of Oxford, UK)**

M.Phil. in International Relations (2014)

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

MSc. in Defence and Strategic Studies (2010)

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Areas of Interests

I have keen interest to understand, discuss, teach and write on strategic, security and international affairs, nuclear proliferation and non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament, nuclear deterrence, South Asian security and international law. Currently, I am developing my interests to understand the role and application of Emerging and Disruptive Technologies (EDTs) in military domain and national security, declining arms control in the third nuclear age and politics around the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor, Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), Islamabad, Pakistan from January, 2024 to date.
- Lecturer, Department of International Relations, National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad, Pakistan from October, 2022 to January, 2024.
- Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Pakistan from November 2017 to October 2022.
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad from May, 2013 to November, 2017.
- Visiting Faculty at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan; International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI), Pakistan; and National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan (2016-17).
- Research Fellow, South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI), April 2012 to March 2013 and from February 2011 to June 2011.

Courses Taught / Teaching

- **Graduate/MPhil level:**
 - Dynamics of Conflict Resolution
 - South Asia and World Politics
- **Undergraduate level/ BS level:**
 - Introduction to Strategic Studies
 - Introduction to International Relations
 - Introduction to International Law
 - Evolution of Strategic Thought
 - Arms Control and Disarmament
 - Strategic and Defence Policy of Pakistan
 - National Power and Threat Perception
 - World Politics since 1945
 - Criminology and Transnational Organised Crimes
 - South Asia and World Politics
 - Diplomacy
 - Emergence of Regions
 - Crisis Management

Dissertations

- **PhD. Dissertation:** "Tactical Nuclear Weapons and Deterrence Stability between India and Pakistan." Available at DSS Library of QAU and HEC online repository.
- **M-Phil Dissertation:** "Dynamics of Nuclear South Asia: Implications for Non-proliferation Regime," Available at SPIR Library, QAU.
- **MSc. Thesis:** "FMCT: Implications for Pakistan," approved by Department of Defence and Strategic Studies (DSS), Islamabad in 2011. Available at Departmental Library of DSS, QAU.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

- Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari and Muhammad Nasrullah Mirza, "India's Evolving Pre-emptive Counterforce Nuclear Strategy: Pakistani Perspective." *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences* Vol 22, No. 1 (2022): pp. 83-94,

- <https://pjss.bzu.edu.pk/index.php/pjss/article/view/1054/999>.
- Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari and Syed Shahid Hussain Bukhari, "Politics of Nuclear Arms Race in South Asia" *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences*, 39, no. 2 (2019): 403–416, <https://pjss.bzu.edu.pk/index.php/pjss/article/view/667/602>.
- Nasrullah Mirza and Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari, "NSG Membership for Non-NPT NWS: Criteria & Prospects," *Journal of Strategic and Security Analyses (JSSA)*, Vol. III, Number 2, Winter, (2017), <https://thesvi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/JSSA-Vol-III-DEC-20170-74-97.pdf>.
- Muhammad Tehsin, Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari, "Kashmir Uprising: Indian Approach and Regional Stability" *NDU Journal*, Vol XXI, ISSN 2073-0926, October 2017, pp. 33-48. <https://ndujournal.ndu.edu.pk/site/issue/view/16/10>
- Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari, "The Islamic Military Alliance against Terrorism: Efficacy and Challenges," *Pakistan Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies*, Vol. 2, No.1, (Jan-Jun, 2017), https://www.academia.edu/34996385/Islamic_Military_Alliance_against_Terrorism_Efficacy_and_Challenges.
- Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari, Dr. Shahid Hussain Bukhari and Syed Mussawir Hussain Bukhari, "Dynamics of Geo-Strategic Environment of Asia-Pacific: United States' Asia Pivot/Rebalancing Strategy and Chinese Response," *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (2016), pp. 809-819, <https://pjss.bzu.edu.pk/index.php/pjss/article/view/466/424>.
- Dr. Syed Shahid Hussain Bukhari, Dr. Yasmin Rofi & Syed Adnan Bukhari, "Resolving Balochistan Crisis: A Human Needs Approach", *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (2015), pp. 377-389, <https://pjss.bzu.edu.pk/index.php/pjss/article/view/316/285>.

Papers Published in Conference Proceedings

- Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari, "Tactical Nuclear Weapons and Deterrence Stability in South Asia," *The 2019 UK PONI Papers*, Edited by Sam Dudin and Chelsey Wiley, (RUSI, London, UK, December 2019), pp. 11 - 14, https://static.rusi.org/201912_rusi_uk_poni_papers_2019_web.pdf

Book Chapter

- Syed Adnan Athar Bukhari, "Nuclear Security Guarantees: A Way to Strengthen the Non-Proliferation Regime" *Problems and Prospects of The Non-Proliferation Regime* (Strategic Vision Institute, Islamabad, 2021), pp. 277-290.

Monograph

- SASSI Research Paper no. 51., "Fissile Material Treaty (FMT): Implications for Pakistan," published by South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI) in March, 2011. Available at: <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Publications/Detail/?lng=en&id=151251>

Op-Eds

- "Risk Reduction: India's accidental missile fire incident could lead to hostilities between Pakistan and India," *South Asia Magazine*, July 2022, <https://southasia.com.pk/2022/06/29/risk-reduction/>.
- "US-Iran Tensions: Coercive Diplomacy May Not Work" *Stratforasia*, 17th May 2019, <https://stratforasia.com/us-iran-tensions-coercive-diplomacy-may-not-work/>
- "Pulwama Attack: Can South Asia Afford a Nuclear War?" *Stratforasia*, March 6, 2019, <https://stratforasia.com/pulwama-attack-can-south-asia-afford-a-nuclear-war/>.
- "Indo-Russian S-400 Deal, Implications for Deterrence Stability in South Asia and

Pakistan's Response," *South Asia Magazine*, February 2019, <http://southasia.com.pk/sa-0219/region-instability-in-south-asia.html>.

- "Twenty Years of Nuclearisation of South Asia," *Global Village Space*, June 11, 2018, <https://www.globalvillagespace.com/twenty-years-of-nuclearization-of-south-asia-lessons-challenges-and-way-forward/>
- "Open Denial: Why India did not sign the CTBT and the NPT?," *South Asia Magazine*, November, 2018. <http://southasia.com.pk/sa-1218/region-open-denial.html>.
- "Indian Quest for Membership in the NSG: Prospects and Challenges" on December 15, 2014. Available at: <http://ssii.com.pk/wp/2014/12/15/competition-winner-syed-adnan-athar-bukhari/#more-512>. This essay won an essay competition, organized by the Strategic Studies Institute, Islamabad (SSII).
- Dr. Nazir Hussain and Adnan Bukhari on "US Nuclear Revitalisation and Myth of Global Zero" published on December 8, 2014 by the Center for Pakistan and Gulf Studies. Available at: <http://cpakgulf.org/u-s-nuclear-revitalization-and-myth-of-global/>.
- "Role of Tactical Nukes and 'Full Spectrum Deterrence,'" in *Eurasia Review* on September 11, 2013. Available at: <http://www.eurasiareview.com/11092013-pakistan-role-of-tactical-nukes-and-full-spectrum-deterrence-oped/>.
- "Prospects of Talks with Militants," in *Eurasia Review* online journal on March 4, 2013. Available at: <http://www.eurasiareview.com/04032013-pakistan-prospects-of-talks-with-militants-analysis/>.
- "Deterrence Enhanced: The Test of Hatf VII (Babur) Missile" on September 18, 2012, SASSI blog Available at: <http://www.sassi.org/deterrence-enhanced-the-test-of-hatf-vii-babar-missile/>.
- "Counter Terrorism Strategy," *Pakistan Observer*, June 9, 2012. Available at: <http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=159285>.
- "Moving Forward with Unresolved Issues on (Pak-US Relations)" on May 17, 2012 published on SASSI blog. Available at: <http://www.sassi.org/moving-forward-with-unresolved-issues/>.
- "The Need to Resolve Siachen Issue," *Pakistan Observer*, May 01, 2012. Available at: <http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=153090>.
- "Response to Indian Agni Test," *Pakistan Observer*, April 27, 2012. <http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=152466>.
- "Cooperative Threat Reduction: Case Study of Kazakhstan" in *Eurasia Review*, and *Kazakhstan News Bulletin* on June 13, 2011. Available at: <https://www.eurasiareview.com/13062011-cooperative-threat-reduction-case-study-of-kazakhstan-analysis/>.

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

- Attended "Islamabad Non-Proliferation Conference 2024," (international) organised by Strategic Vision Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan at Marriot Hotel, Islamabad dated October 8-9, 2024.
- Attended a conversation on "Nuclear Crisis Management and Trust Building," with British American Security Information Council (BASIC), London, UK. Panelists: Prof. Nicholas Wheeler, Mhairi McClaffety and Chiara Cervasio, on October 7, 2024 at School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Attended the inauguration ceremony of National Emergencies Operation Centre, NEOC, at National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) on October 5, 2023.
- Attended National Seminar on, "Emerging Technologies: Impact on National Security,"

September 13, 2023, ISSRA, National Defence University, Pakistan.

- Attended capacity building workshop on “Pathways to Progress: Strengthening Pakistan’s International Law Capacity for National Development,” organized by Center of Excellence for International Law, ISSRA, National Defence University, Islamabad, July 6, 2023.
- Attended conference on “Emerging and Disruptive Technology and Strategic Stability in South Asia,” Air University, Islamabad, Pakistan, at Air University, Islamabad, on November 23, 2022.
- Attended virtual talk on “Russia’s War on Ukraine and European Security Architecture,” by Dr Heinrich Kraft, organized by Department of International Relations, National Defence University, Islamabad, October 17, 2022.
- Attended conference on “75 Years of Pak-US Relations,” organized by Area Study Center for Africa, South and North Africa, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, at Serena Hotel, Islamabad, September, 2022.
- Presented paper on “Tactical Nuclear Weapons and Deterrence Stability between India and Pakistan,” in research colloquium at St. Anthony’s College, University of Oxford, UK in Michamelas term, 2019.
- Presented my talk on “The Role of Tactical Nuclear Weapons in Deterrence Stability of South Asia,” at UK-RUSI PONI Annual Workshop on June 13, 2019, at RUSI, Whitehall, London, UK.
- Participated and presented my PhD research at Nuclear History Boot Camp on “TNWs in South Asia: Implications for Deterrence Stability in the region,” organised by Wilson Center and University of Roma Tre, Italy at Allumire, Italy, former NATO military base from May 24 to June 4, 2019.
- Presented paper on “Tactical Nuclear Weapons and deterrence stability in South Asia” at University of Leicester PGR Conference at University of Leicester, UK on May 9, 2019.
- Paper presented on “Politics of Nuclear Arms Race in South Asia,” at SOAS, University of London, UK in Pugwash Young conference on Peace and Disarmament 23rd February 2019.
- Participated in 6th Annual Conference of the British International Studies Association’s Global Nuclear Order Working Group on “Global Nuclear Order: Past, Present and Future” at Center for Science and Security Studies, Kings College London, UK on 4th December 2018.
- Attended “Speed PhD” organised by College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, University of Leicester, UK at University of Leicester, UK on 14-15 November 2018.
- Attended UK PONI ‘Nuclear Technology Workshop’ 29 October 2018 at Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Whitehall, London, UK
- Participated in 4 day course on “Fundamental Rights in the time of Crisis,” organized by Center for Civic Education, Pakistan and National Endowment for Democracy from May1-4, 2015 in Islamabad.
- Participated in a 10-day workshop on “Nuclear Disarmament, Safety and Stability”, organised by Regional Center for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Colombo, Srilanka in Kalutara, Srilanka from September 15-25, 2014. Presented presentation on “The US Nuclear Programme and Doctrine.”
- Presented paper on “Tactical Nuclear Weapons and Security Architecture in South Asia” in the three-day international conference on “Deterrence Stability and Dynamics in South Asia”, organised by South Asian Strategic Stability Institute University at Islamabad on May 13-15, 2014.
- Presented Paper on “FMCT and Pakistan’s Security Concerns” at five-day workshop on “Arms Control & Disarmament: The Nuclear Dimension,” organised by Strategic

Technology Resources (STR), June 11-15, 2012.

Trainings and Capacity Building

- Two-day “Faculty Development Program” with special focus on Pedagogy & Modern Teaching Philosophy for Quality Education and Best University Teacher Award (BUTA) and Quality Assurance in Higher Education, organized by ORIC and QEC, National Defence University, in NDU on 17-19- Oct 2022.

Awards and Scholarship

- Awarded PhD scholarship for Split-PhD program in Strategic Studies from QAU-HEC under public sector development program for faculty development (2017-21) to carry out PhD at QAU, Leicester University, UK and Oxford University, UK.
- Awarded MPhil merit scholarship (partial funding) by QAU.
- Awarded scholarship from Punjab Benevolent Fund (partial funding) for BA and MSC studies.

Reviewer

Reviewer of the following Journals:

1. **NUST Journal of International Peace & Stability;**
2. **Traditional Journal of Law and Social Sciences (TJLSS)**
3. **NDU Journal of Contemporary Studies**

Number of Works Reviewed / Refereed: 3

Examiner

Examiner of theses at the Department of International Relations, National Defence University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Committee Membership

Committee Member (2024): Board of Studies of the syllabus of Defence and Strategic Studies at Emerson College University, Multan, Pakistan.