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AREAS OF INTEREST

- Politics, Security and Foreign Policy of India
- Democracy and Democratization
- International Politics of South Asia
- Postcolonial State Formation

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. International Relations (2018: Quaid I Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan)
- M Phil International Relations (2014: Quaid I Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan)
- MSc International Relations (2012: Quaid I Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, USA (August 2018-September 2018)
- Research Associate, School of Politics and International Relations, The University of Nottingham, UK (June 2017-December 2017)
- Visiting Fellow at European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano Italy, January 2016-February 2016
- Lecturer, Department of Defence & Diplomatic Studies, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi (2012-2015)
- Research Assistant, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad (2011-2012)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, *Democratic Transition and Political Change in Pakistan* (Lahore: Peace Publications, 2018).
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, *Democracy in Pakistan: From Rhetoric to Reality* (Islamabad: Narratives Publishers, 2015).

Research Publications

- Mian Zahid Hussain & Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “Space programs of India and Pakistan: Military and strategic installations in outer space and precarious South Asian regional strategic stability”, *Space Policy*, 2018.
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed and Misbah Arif, “Space Militarization in South Asia India’s Quest for Space Weapons and Implications for Pakistan,” *Asian Survey*, University of California Press, Vol. 57 No. 5 (2017): 813-832.
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “Nationalism and Political Identity in Pakistan: Rise and Role of Indigenous Identities,” *SAIS Review*, *John Hopkins University Press*, Vol. 35, no 2 (2015): 105-116.
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, Dr. Sheharyar & Muhammad Shoaib, “The Changing Dynamics of the Foreign Policy of China in Contemporary Time,” *The Turkish Yearbook of International Relations*, Vol. 45 (2014)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “Aam Admi Party and Rise of Modern Middle Class in India” *Delhi Business Review*, *Journal of Society for Human Transformation and Research*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (2014)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “The Changing Pattern of Political Dynamism in India,” *Journal of Delhi School of Professional Studies & Research*, *Delhi Business Review*, Volume 13, Issue 2 (2012)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “India’s Look East Policy: Challenges and Options for Pakistan,” *NDU Journal*, Vol XXIX, (2015) (HEC Category: Y)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, Misbah Arif, Dr. Sheheryar Khan, “Security Architecture of South Asia: A New Framework of Analysis,” *The Dialogue*, Vol. X, No.3, (2015) (HEC Category: Y)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, Dr. Saima Kayani & Muhammad Shoaib, “Regionalization of Political Violence: Arab Levant and the Rise of ISIS” *The Dialogue*, Vol X, No. 4 (2014) (HEC Category: Y)
- Dr. Saima Kayani & Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “Turkmenistan’s Political Culture of Neutrality”, *Journal of Contemporary Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (2016)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed & Co, “Makuran: Gateway to Middle East”, *Balochistan Review*, Vol. XXXVII, No. 2 (2017)

Conference Proceedings

- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “*Democratic Development in India: Lessons for Pakistan.*” *VFAST Transaction on Education and Social Sciences*, Volume 4, No. 1 (2014)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, “War of Narratives: Evolution of Pakistan’s Security Paradigm,” MDSRC - 2015 Proceedings, 14-15 November 2015 Wah/Pakistan

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “State-Centre Relations and Power Devolutionism in India” paper presented at 2nd Annual Conference on Social Sciences held at Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad, December 28, 2016.
- “Modi’s Diplomatic Offensive: Policy Options for Pakistan,” paper presented at International Conference on Peace and Security in South and Central Asia, organized by Department of Defence & Diplomatic Studies, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, September 23, 2016.
- “Democracy and Human Rights in Pakistan: A Way Forward,” paper presented at National Conference on Human Rights organized by Ministry of Human Rights, Government of Pakistan, December 11, 2015
- “War of Narratives: Evolution of Pakistan’s Security Paradigm,” paper presented at 1st Research Conference, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Wah, 14 November 2015
- "Centre-Province Relations: Endemic Crises of Federalism and Changing Landscape of Ethnic Politics in Pakistan," at 1st Conference on Social Sciences, Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad, 5 November 2015.
- “The State and Polity in India: Assessing the Roots of Authoritarianism in Dichotomous Application of Devolution of Power in State-Centre Relationship of Indian Political Frame of Rule” at International Conference on Local Representation of Power in South Asia, Government College University Lahore, November 12-13, 2014.
- “Democratic Development in India: Lessons for Pakistan” Paper presented at International Conference on Social and Computational Sciences, held on January 19th and 20th at Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, Pakistan.
- “The Rising Middle Class in India: A Case Study of Anna Hazare Movement” Paper being read in XIV Annual International Seminar on “Economics, Politics, and, Civil Society,” held on January 2-3, 2013 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

INTERNATIONAL TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- Hindu Nationalism and Indian Foreign Policy towards Pakistan, Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, the University of Nottingham, November 30, 2017.
- “Fiscal Federalism: A Case Study of Pakistan,” presentation made at University of Innsbruck Austria

PROJECTS

- “Dynastic Politics and Incumbency Factor in Pakistan”, Principal Investigator, Won Research Grant from University Research Fund.
- “Model CCI: Debating Federalism in Pakistan” Project Coordinator SPIR, Sponsored by Hanss Siedel Foundation.
- Research Assistant to Dr. Joshua T. White in his doctoral research project, “Decision Making in Religious Political Parties of Pakistan” from August 2011 to August 2012.
- Trainer on Democracy and Governance in Intermedia’s Program, “Civic Journalism: Covering Democracy and Governance Issues” sponsored by Asia Foundation July 2013-August 2013.

UPCOMING BOOKS, PROJECTS & PAPERS

- Imagining an Alternative Future for South Asia, Post-doc Project.
- Federalism in Pakistan: Fiscal Challenges and Way Forward, Book Chapter, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid Press.
- “The Changing Landscape of Religion and Politics in Pakistan,” Research Article

VISITING/TEMPORARY POSITIONS HELD

- Visiting Faculty, NUST Business School, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad
- Adjunct Faculty, University of London (External Program BSc Politics & IR), Islamabad
- Visiting Faculty, Department of International Relations, Preston University, Islamabad
- Visiting Faculty, Department of Defence & Diplomatic Studies, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Visiting Faculty, Institute for Peace and Diplomatic Studies
- Adjunct Faculty, Information Services Academy, Government of Pakistan
- Adjunct Faculty, Intelligence Bureau Academy, Government of Pakistan

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD

- Coordinator BS Programs, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad
- Program Incharge, Undergraduate Programs, School of Politics & IR, Quaid I Azam University, Islamabad
- Senior Resident Warden, Boys Hostels, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad
- Member Academic Council, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad
- Member Executive Council, Academic Staff Association, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad

HONORARY POSITIONS

- Academic Member, Politics and International Affairs Unit, Athens Institute of Research, Greece
- Member Review Board, Polish Yearbook of International Relations
- Member Review Board, Journal of South Asian Studies
- Panel Analyst, Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV)
- Panel Analyst, Radio Pakistan
- External Examiner, Islamia University Bahawalpur

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Academic Distinction MSc IR, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad.
- Member Council of Social Sciences Islamabad
- External Examiner Islamia University Bahawalpur
- External Examiner, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- ORIC Representative at DDS, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Coordinator International Relations Society, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad.
- Op-Ed Contributor, The News
- Op-Ed Contributor, Daily Times

PUBLIC SPEECHES/ ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Presented a talk on, “SCO’s Role in Regional Stability: Prospects for Pakistan” at Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies Islamabad, April 15, 2017
- Presented a talk on, “Political Culture of South Asia,” and chaired a session at 24th International Conference on the Historians of South Asia, Asian History Culture and Environment: Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms, December 06, 2016
- Guest Lecture on, “India-Pakistan Relations in a Comparative Perspective,” at National Defence University Islamabad, November 20, 2015.
- Panel Speaker on, "Democracy, Freedom of Expression and Governance in Pakistan: The Role of Academia," organized by UNDP office, United Nations Islamabad, November 27, 2015.
- Panel Discussant on, “The Reluctant Fundamentalist” with Dr. Nukhbah Langah at Friedrich Eris Stiftung Islamabad, December 10, 2014
- Guest Speaker on Economic Revivalism in Pakistan with Syed Khurshid Shah at Centre for Pak Gulf Studies, Islamabad, October 21, 2014.
- Guest Speaker on, “Counterinsurgency and Peacebuilding in Pakistan” with Dr. Jsochen Hippler at Centre for Policy Studies, COMSATS, March 14, 2014.

- Guest Speaker on, “Managing the Border Tensions at Line of Control between India and Pakistan” at National Defence University Islamabad, November 7, 2013.
- Guest Speaker on, “Role of OIC in Highlighting Kashmir Issue” with Abdullah Alim, Assistant Secretary-General OIC, at Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad, November 21, 2013.

COMMENTARIES IN PRINT MEDIA

The News

- Agents of Change, May 09, 2017
- Reforming Madrassas, February 17, 2017
- Postcolonial Dilemma. February 08, 2017

Daily Times

- PML-N: a Sisyphean combat, July 09, 2018.
- Post-colonial democracies: the real quagmire, May 27, 2018.
- Murky Democracy in Pakistan, October 30, 2018.
- Modi’s Diplomatic Offensive, February 12, 2017.
- Series of articles on, “Pakistan: Between Nationalism and Political Identity Making,” published in four parts. June 12, 19, 26 and July 03, 2017.
- “India’s Postcolonial Democracy,” February 12, 2016
- “Democracy, Religion, and Pakistan,” January 15, 2016
- “Pakistan’s Colonial Hangover,” January 09, 2016.
- “The Indian Bourgeoisie and Coming Elections,” October 30th, 2013.
- “Politics of Middle Class in India,” October 4, 2013.
- “Pakistan: the Ideological Paradox,” July 28, 2013.

Current Affairs

- Postcolonial Religious Politics in Pakistan, July 2016
- The Rise of Modern Middle Class in India, May 2015
- The Economic Restructuring and Political Assertionism of Indian Middle Class, April 2015
- State and Electoralization in India: Where Pakistan Went Missing?, March 2015
- India: From Communitarian Reorientation to Functional Democracy, February 2015
- State and Society in British India, January 2015
- Democratic Development in Post-Colonial India, December 2014
- Democracy's Dysfunctionalism in Pakistan: A Structural Overview of the First Decade of the Independence, November 2014
- Pakistan and BJP’s Foreign Policy, October 2014
- State and Politics in India: Lessons for Pakistan, September 2014

Viewpoint Weekly

- Politics of Identity, September 14, 2012.
- Is Islam in Danger by any Means? September 04, 2012.

- Fortifying Democracy to Abate Extremism, August 09, 2012.
- Judges and Generals: Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan, July 26, 2012.

Weekly Pulse

- “Modi Factor, Hindutva, and Indian Foreign Policy” June 16, 2014
- “Electoral Politics in India and Pakistan” June 8, 2014.
- “Ab Ki Baar Modi Sarkar: Implications for Indian Political Frame of Rule” May 26, 2014.
- “Arvind Kejriwal, Aam Admi Party, and Modern Middle Class in India” May 19, 2014.
- “Looking at Post Colonial India” May 12, 2014.
- “British Raj and Political Development in Undivided India” April 28, 2014
- “State and Society: A Critical Appraisal of Indian Political Culture” April 21, 2014
- “Restructuring of Middle Class in Liberalized India” April 14, 2014
- “Indian Middle Class and Coming Elections” April 7, 2014.
- “Politics, State and Democracy in India” March 31, 2014.
- “Dial-Aag and Imran Khan” February 24, 2014.
- “Judicio-Politico Nexus in Pakistan” November 18, 2013.
- “Minoritarianism vs Majoritarianism in Pakistan” September 9, 2013
- “Bloodbath Continues in Egypt” August 26, 2013.
- “Pakistan: A Religio-Political State” July 29, 2013.
- “Why Khan did not Lose it All?” May 17, 2013.
- “India-Pakistan Relations: Haunting Legacy, Bleak future” April 12, 2013.
- “Epitomizing Five Years of civilian rule” March 29, 2013.
- “Democracy Under Threat” January 18, 2013.
- “Neocolonialism and Pakistan: A Way Forward” December 28, 2012.
- “Glimpse from American History: 10th Federalist Paper” December 7, 2012.
- “Shia Revival: A Critical Appraisal” November 23, 2012.
- “Evaluating India’s Foreign Policy” November 9, 2012.
- “The Discourse of Progressivism” September 7, 2012.
- “Egypt: The Resurgence of Political Islam” July 20, 2012.
- “Anachronistic Foreign Policy and Emerging Challenges” June 8, 2012.
- “The Flimflam Democracy” May 18, 2012.
- “India’s Rampant Growth – Between the Myth and Reality” April 13, 2012.
- “Western Partisanship in Syrian Crises” April 13, 2012.
- “Indian Rising Metropolitan Bourgeoisie” March 23, 2012.
- “Baluchistan Issue or Issue of Baluchis” February 24, 2012.
- “Evanescing UN” February 17, 2012.
- “A Song of Despair and Self Immolation” March 04, 2011.

The Rationale

- “*No Way Out in Balochistan*”, Article published in volume 1, Issue 5, May 2012.
- “*The Rise of Political Islam*”, Article published in volume 1, Issue 8, August 2012.

The Daily Mail

- *Dilemma of Democracy in Developing Countries*, Article, Published on August 14, 2010.

- *Talking to India – The Myth of Composite Dialogue*, Article published on July 15, 2010.
- *Flood Plays Havoc with Pakistanis*, Article analyzing the destruction caused by floods of 2010 with facts and figures.
- Series of articles regarding the instability of political setup in Azad Kashmir.

THESIS SUPERVISED

Masters

- Maimoona Javed: *“India as a Permanent Member of UN Security Council: Implications for Pakistan”*
- Zaira Khan: *“Water Security in South Asia: A Case Study of India-Pakistan Water Dispute”*

Bachelors

- Rafia Mushtaq *“BJP’s Foreign Policy towards Pakistan: Responses and Challenges”*
- Ayesha Sohail, *“Internal Security Paradigm: Role of Pakistan’s Police in Counterterrorism”*
- Hina Abrar Ali, *“Challenges and Opportunities for Pakistan in Current Geostategic Environment”*
- Misbah Arif *“India’s Quest for Space Weaponization: Implications for Security Structure in South Asia”*
- Zainab Abbasi: *“Pakistan’s Response to Non-State Actors: A Case Study of Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan.”*
- Maham Ali: *“Militarization of Outer Space: Recent Developments in Russian Space Program and Challenges to US Hegemony”*
- Aliena Kiramat: *“Changing Patterns in Pakistan’s Foreign Policy Post 9/11”*
- Sulvana Naeem: *“India-Pakistan Border Tensions: Some Possible Solutions”*
- Rabia Khalid: *“Challenges to the European Union: A Case Study of Euro Zone Crises”*
- Saman Guftar: *“Instability in Syria: Implications for Regional Stability”*
- Kainat Khan: *“Religious Radicalization in South Asia: A Comparative Study of Pakistan and Bangladesh”*
- Maria Batool: *“Energy Crises in Pakistan”*

COURSES DEVELOPED

- Colonialism and South Asia
- Politics of India
- Muslim Nationalism in South Asia
- Democracy and Democratization in Pakistan

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

- “Professional Capacity Enhancement Program for Teachers” a joint venture of Fatima Jinnah Women University & Learning & Innovation Division, Higher Education Commission Pakistan, September 4, 2013 – September 28, 2013.
- “English Language Teaching” for Teachers, National Testing Services, Islamabad.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- “Research Writing and Academic Publishing” workshop organized with the collaboration of Department of Peace and Conflict Studies University of Bradford at Serena Hotel Islamabad. December 11, 2013.
- “*Democratization*” Three Days Workshop organized with the collaboration of South Asia Institute, University of Texas, Austin at Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi. June 3-5, 2014.

REFERENCES

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