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Academic Profile

Scholar and teacher of International Relations, holding a doctorate from Quaid-i-Azam University and more than a decade of university teaching across five institutions. Research concentrates on Pakistan's foreign policy, Middle Eastern security, and the theoretical study of great-power competition, alongside sustained research supervision and curriculum design.

Education

2023 — **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), International Relations**
School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

2014 — **Master of Philosophy (MPhil), International Relations**
National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad

2007 — **Master of Arts (MA), Political Science**
University of Peshawar

2005/2007 — **Master of Arts (MA), International Relations / MA Political Science**
University of Peshawar

2002 — **Bachelor of Arts (BA)**
University of Peshawar

Academic Appointments

***2017 – 2026 (January)**
***Febrauray 2026-Present**

***Lecturer, Department of International Relations/Peace &Conflict Studies**
National University of Modern Languages (NUML) — Islamabad

***Assistant Professor International Relations Department NUML Islamabad**

- Teach core and advanced courses in International Relations theory, foreign policy, and area studies.
- Teach & Supervise MPhil research and contribute to the department from proposal design and theoretical framing to defence.
- Design course outlines, seminar programmes, and assessment instruments to HEC curriculum standards.

1.5 Years — **Visiting Lecturer, School of Politics and International Relations**
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

2014 – 2020 — **Visiting Lecturer, Department of Humanities**
COMSATS University Islamabad, Wah Campus

2016 – 2018 — **Visiting Lecturer**
University of Central Punjab

8 Years — **Head Department, English and Pakistan Studies**
Al-Huda School System
Led curriculum planning, staff supervision, and academic quality assurance for two departments.

Research Interests

- Pakistan's foreign policy and regional security
- Middle Eastern politics and security architecture
- Great-power competition and power transition theory
- Religion, ideology, and territorial revisionism
- Islamic coalition diplomacy and South Asian regionalism
- Classical and contemporary IR theory

Research and Publications

1. Khan, Noor Saeed, and Muzaffar Khan Zafar. “Rethinking Regional Order Concepts after October 7: Uncertainty, Non-State Agency, and the Limits of Existing IR Theories.” *Journal of Emerging Trends in Social Sciences and Humanities* 3, no. 2 (2026): 265–281. https://doi.org/10.68065/joetssh.03.02.81 HEC-recognised, Y-category.
2. Khan, Noor Saeed, and Muzaffar Khan Zafar. “Hierarchy without Hegemony: Rethinking Regional Order Formation in the Post-2011 Middle East.” *Insights (Bhalwal): International Journal of Humanities, Management, and Social Sciences* 3, no. 5 (2026): 19–39. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.21938689 HEC-recognised, Y-category
3. Khan, Noor Saeed, and Muzaffar Khan Zafar. “Power Transition Theory and the Thucydides Trap: Historical Patterns vs. Contemporary US–China Rivalry.” *Research Journal for Social Affairs* 2, no. 4 (2024): 301–311. https://doi.org/10.71317/RJSA.002.04.1107 HEC-recognised, Y-category
4. Ahmed, Ashfaq, Muhammad Tahir, and Noor Saeed Khattak. “US Withdrawal from Syria: Implications and Challenges.” *Global International Relations Review* 5, no. 4 (2022): 33–41. https://doi.org/10.31703/girr.2022(V-IV).04 HEC-recognised, Y-category
5. Khattak, Noor Saeed, Amna Naseer, and Azeem Gul. “History and Evolution of Insurgency in Balochistan, 1948–2018.” *Global Political Review* 7, no. 3 (2022): 26–33. https://doi.org/10.31703/gpr.2022(VII-III).04 HEC-recognised, Y-category
6. Khan, Noor Saeed, and Noor ul Ain Naseem. “The Resurgence of Militant Groups in Pakistan after the Taliban Takeover of Afghanistan.” *Global Strategic and Security Studies Review*. HEC-recognised, Y-category
7. Khan, Noor Saeed, and Muzaffar Khan Zafar. "Theologically Motivated Territorial Revisionism: Religion, Institutions, and the Failure of Deterrent Logic in Territorial Conflict." ACADEMIA International Journal for Social Sciences 4, no. 4(b) (2025): 1483–1501. https://doi.org/10.63056/academia.4.4(b).2025.2315 HEC-recognised, Y-category
8. Tahir, Mariam, Noor Saeed Khan, and Sobia Hanif. "The United States' Renewed Engagement in Central Asia: Great-Power Competition after Russia's Attacks on Ukraine." *FWU Journal of Social Sciences* 20, no. 3 (2026): 172–186. http://doi.org/10.51709/19951272/September2026/13 HEC-recognised, X-category.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW *Web of Science–indexed journals, Taylor & Francis and Springer Nature*

1. “Borrowed Umbrellas: Nested Patronage and the Credibility Problem Below the Great-Power Tier.” Under review, *International Politics* (Springer Nature).
2. “Divisible Engagement and Indivisible Recognition: Explaining the De Facto–De Jure Gap in Taliban Afghanistan, 2021–2026.” Under review, *Third World Quarterly* (Taylor & Francis).
3. “Promises under Anarchy: Alliance Credibility, Strategic Trust, and the Politics of Commitment.” Under review, *Contemporary Security Policy* (Taylor & Francis).
4. “Untranslatable Assurance: Linguistic Stratification and the Limits of External Penetration.” Under review, *Journal of Multicultural Discourses* (Taylor & Francis).

Research Supervision and Academic Service

- Peer reviewer for scholarly journals, including comparative work on nuclear regulatory governance assessed against international safety standards.
- Supervision of MPhil students (2026)
- Design of graduate seminar programmes covering migration, terrorism, human rights, economic interdependence, and environmental security.
- Invited conference speaker on the application of International Relations theory to contemporary Middle Eastern conflict.
- Departmental service in examination, coordination, results processing, admissions review, and student academic counselling.

Teaching Portfolio

International Relations Theory · Foreign Policy of Pakistan · Middle Eastern Politics · Comparative Politics ·Diplomacy. Strategic and Security Studies · Research Methodology · Pakistan Studies · Nonviolent Movements . political science. Political tolerance, contemporary issues, foreign policies of major powers.

Skills and Competencies

- Qualitative research design, case-study method, and thematic analysis
- Academic writing and editing to Chicago and APA standards
- Command of English, written and spoken, at professional academic level
- Qualitative data analysis software and reference management tools
- Microsoft Office suite, learning management systems, and online teaching platforms
- Curriculum development, collaborative teamwork, and analytical problem-solving

Personal Details

Father's Name	Khan Shireen
Nationality	Pakistani
Marital Status	Married
Languages	English, Urdu, Pashto

Referees

Prof. Dr. Nazir Hussain
Professor ®
School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

Prof. Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal
Dean, Professor (Acting VC (Quaid I Azam University) Faculty of Social Sciences
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

Associate Prof. Dr. Sarwat Rauf
Head of department of International relations/Peace & conflcit stuide s NUML Islamabad

Contact details for referees are available on request.