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CURRENT ROLE

Assistant Professor, NUML

Editor, Journal of Research in Social Sciences (JRSS)

LANGUAGES

English — Good (Read / Write / Spoken)

Urdu — Good (Read / Write / Spoken)

AREAS OF INTEREST

- China's rise & Indo-Pacific geopolitics
- CPEC / BRI strategic dynamics
- South China Sea & maritime law
- Regional multilateralism & minilateralism
- Pakistan's foreign policy & strategic agency

YEARS OF FOCUS

Researching China & regional geopolitics since 2008

18+ years of teaching and research experience in International Relations

Curriculum Vitae

Professional Profile

PhD-qualified scholar with over 18 years of teaching, research, and policy engagement experience in International Relations. Specializing in China's rise, Indo-Pacific geopolitics, CPEC/BRI, and regional strategic dynamics, with a strong publication record in HEC-recognized journals and international publishers including Springer and Routledge. Active in academic leadership, editorial roles, and research governance, contributing to both scholarly and policy-level discourse.

Academic Qualifications

Qualification	Institution	Year / Result
PhD	International Islamic University, Islamabad	2019 — CGPA 3.84
M.Phil, Politics and IR	International Islamic University, Islamabad	June 2011 — CGPA 4.0/4.0
M.A, Politics and IR	International Islamic University, Islamabad	2006 — CGPA 3.65
B.A	Punjab University	2004 — 1st Division
Intermediate	BISE Faisalabad	2002 — 1st Division
Matriculation	BISE Faisalabad	1998 — 1st Division

PhD Research

“Changing Power Dynamics in the South China Sea, Growing Power of China, US Concerns: Implications for the Region,” under the supervision of Dr. Amna Mahmood, co-supervised by Dr. Sadaf Farooq.

M.Phil. Thesis

“Intellectual Debates Between Secularism and Islam in Indonesia in the Post-Suharto Era,” 2011. Supervisor: Dr. Mumtaz Ahmad (Hampton University, USA).

Experience

1. Teaching & Academic Positions

- Assistant Professor, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad (2021–Present).
- Senior Lecturer / Assistant Professor at IIUI, Quaid-e-Azam University, National Defence University, Foundation University, and Iqra University (2007–2019).

2. Senior Research Associate-HEC-Funded

i. Senior Research Associate on HEC-funded projects with Gallup Pakistan (2008–2019), contributing to “Business and Politics in the Muslim World: Emerging Trends in a Globalized

World" and "Policy Implications for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)," under the supervision of Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani.

ii. Senior Research Associate on HEC-funded project (April–July 2009) on "Working of Parliamentary Committees in Pakistan and Bangladesh: A Comparative Study," funded by the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

3. Editorial Experience

- Editor, Journal of Research in Social Sciences (JRSS)
- Managing editor from 2021 to 2024 Journal of Research in Social Sciences (JRSS)

Reviewer of multiple National and International Journals

- Asian Journal of International Peace & Security (AJIPS)
- ISSRA Papers
- Strategic Thought
- Asia Pacific, Annual Research Journal of Far East & South East Asia
- NUST Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Leadership & Service

- Editor, Journal of Research in Social Sciences (JRSS).
- Member, Core Committee.
- Member, Academic Committee.
- Member, Disciplinary Committee.

Research Publications (HEC Recognized Journals)

1. China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and environmental security challenges: Policy responses. FWU Journal of Social Sciences, 20(2), 76.
2. Navigating pluralism: Reassessing Pakistan's state-society nexus in the quest for tolerance, with insights from Indonesia. ASIAN Journal of International Peace & Security, 10(1), 124–141. The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and the Erosion of the Normative Framework of International Law. Journal of History & Social Sciences, 2026.
3. Gender and Faith: A Comparative Study of Religious Pluralism and Women's Empowerment in Pakistan and Indonesia in Pursuit of SDG-5. South Asian Journal of Religion and Philosophy (SAJRP), 2026.
4. Quest for Membership in Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Iran's Leap Toward a Multilateral Regional Role. Asian Journal of International Peace & Security (AJIPS), Summer 2024.
5. The Conflict in the South China Sea: A Legal Perspective on the Territorial Dispute. Asian Journal of International Peace & Security (AJIPS), Winter 2024.
6. Industrial Development under China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Accomplished Lessons from China. Journal of Professional Research in Social Sciences, Minhaj University Lahore.
7. Pakistan–Kyrgyzstan Relations. Asian Journal of International Political Science (AJIPS), 2023.
8. Assessment of Women's Political Participation. Journal of Humanities, Social & Management Sciences (JHSMS), 2022. DOI: 10.47264/idea.jhsms/3.1.6.
9. Unilateral vs Multilateral US Foreign Policy. Journal of Humanities, Social & Management Sciences (JHSMS), 2021.
10. US Pivot to Indo-Pacific Strategy. Asia-Pacific Journal, 2021.

11. Impact of Arab Spring on Egypt. Journal of Humanities, Social & Management Sciences (JHSMS), 2020.
12. Non-Executive Presidency Debate. Asian Journal of International Political Science (AJIPS), 2020.
13. Chinese Traditional Governing Approach: An Analysis from Ancient to Mao Zedong Politics. Liberal Arts and Social Sciences International Journal (LASSIJ), 2020.
14. Great Water Wall in South China Sea: Maritime Designs of China under Mahan's Theory of Sea Power. LASSIJ, 2020.
15. Great Water Wall in South China Sea: Maritime Designs of China under, LASSIJ, 2020.
16. ASEAN's Responses to China's Growth: A Study of Growing Trends in ASEAN in Wake of Rise of China. International Journal of Advanced Research, 2020.
17. Is the European Union Evolving or Failing? Policy Perspectives, 2019.
18. China's Rise and Its Implications for ASEAN Region: A Case Study of South China Sea. Journal of Central Asia, 2019.

Book Chapters (International Publishers)

1. "Clash of Exceptionalism in International Relations," Routledge, 2026.
2. "China's Globalization and Emerging World Order," Springer, 2025.
3. "BRI & CPEC: Shared Future of Prosperity," Chinese academic publication, published by a Chinese ministry in both Chinese and English.
4. "Pakistan and Geopolitical Economics," GREF Publication, 2025.

Conferences & Academic Engagements

International and National Conferences

1. "Pakistan's Strategic Agency in an Evolving World Order," presented at the "Evolving Russia–Pakistan Relationship in a Changing Global Order," 2nd Russian–Pakistani International Conference, 13–15 May 2026, Kazan, Russian Federation.
2. "Gender and Faith: A Comparative Study of Religious Pluralism and Women's Empowerment in Pakistan and Indonesia in Pursuit of SDG-5," presented at the 8th International Conference on World Religions (ICWR-25), 25–26 October 2025.
3. "The South China Sea and Indo-Pacific Strategy (IPS): New Frontiers in Regional Cooperation and Containment," presented at the 3rd International Maritime Conference (IMC-2025), Centre of Research and Innovation in Maritime Affairs (CRIMA), MUL, Lahore.
4. "Eurasian Quad: Strategic Convergence of China, Russia, Pakistan and Iran in Evolving Global Landscape," presented at the 1st Pakistani–Russian International Conference on "The Evolving Pakistan–Russia Relationship in a Changing Global Order," 18–19 February 2025.
5. "The Evolving Chessboard: New Multilateralism, Minilateralism and the Future of Global Governance," presented at the University of Warsaw, Poland, 24–26 July 2024.
6. "Economic Clusters of China: Accomplished Lessons for CPEC," presented at the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), 17–18 November 2021.
7. Attended a colloquium in China, participating across multiple cities including Xi'an, Beijing, Urumqi, and Kashgar, 8–16 October 2019.
8. "Belt and Road Initiative: A Way Towards a Neo-Global Regime," presented at "BRI, CPEC and the Muslim World in the Global Media: Rhetoric and Reality," IIUI, 15–17 August 2018.

9. “Changing Power Dynamics in South China Sea,” presented at “Rethinking Regions, Asia, Africa & Eurasia,” Centre for Democracy and International Affairs, Virginia International University, USA, 2018.
10. “The Plight of Rohingya Muslims,” presented at the 3rd International Conference of Social Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey, 2–3 December 2017.