

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Qualifications:

Institutions	Degree/Course/Training	Majors	Year
Centre for International Peace and Security (CIPS), <b>National University of Sciences and Technology,</b> Pakistan	<b>PhD Scholar</b> Peace & Conflict Studies	Conflict Analysis	2015-21
Nijmegen School of Management, <b>Radboud University,</b> Netherlands	<b>PhD Research Fellowship</b>	Political Science	2019
School of International Service (SIS), <b>American University,</b> USA	The New Frontiers of Peacebuilding	International Conflict Management	2018
<b>National Defence University,</b> Pakistan	<b>M.Phil</b> Government and Public Policy	Public Policy	2013
<b>Defence Academy,</b> United Kingdom	Defence and Security Management Course	Strategic Planning	2012
School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), <b>Johns Hopkins University,</b> USA	Conflict Prevention, Resolution, and Reconciliation	Conflict Management	2010
<b>National Defence University,</b> Pakistan	<b>M.Sc</b> Government and Public Policy	Public Policy	2009-11
Hailey College of Banking & Finance <b>University of the Punjab,</b> Pakistan	<b>B.B.A (HONS)</b> Banking & Finance	Finance	2003-06

## Experience:

**Lecturer (2017 to date):** Serving as a Lecturer of Public Policy in the Department of **Government and Public Policy**, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University, Islamabad.

**Research Associate (2012-2015):** Served as an officer (Research Associate) in the Pakistan military's prime think tank "**Institute for Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA)**, National Defence University", Islamabad. This experience involved research on national and international areas of interests for Pakistan and its armed forces besides organizing two training workshops for parliamentarians, representatives of civil society networks, bureaucrats and media personnel.

## **Research Grants and Scholarships:**

- Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan award winner for **“International Research and Support Initiative Program”** for PhD research at **Radboud University**, Netherlands.
- Research project titled **“Critical Discourse Analysis of ‘Narratives’ in Religious Rhetoric (Fatwas) in Pakistan: Strategizing Local Solutions and Policy Options for Community Resilience to Violent Extremism”** under Community Resilience Research Network’s competition funded by Creative Learning, USA in collaboration with Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad.

## **Training/Workshops:**

- **“Faculty Capacity Building Workshop under Continuous Professional Development Program”** by HEC Pakistan.
- **“Networking and Research Collaboration Event”** at National Defence University, Islamabad.
- **“Youth Entrepreneurship and Global Leadership”** by the Public Affairs Section of **US Embassy**, Islamabad.

## **Publications:**

### **Research Papers:**

- Asghar, M. (2020). Critical Discourse Analysis of Paigham-e-Pakistan (Unanimous Fatwa): Counter-narrative to Religious Extremism in Pakistan. *NDU Journal*, XXXIV, 31-45. Retrieved from <https://ndu.edu.pk/ndu-journal/03-CRITICAL-DIS COURSE-ANALYSIS.php>
- Saad, A., Ijaz, M., Asghar, M. and Yamin, L., (2020). China-Pakistan economic corridor and its impact on rural development and human life sustainability. Observations from rural women. *PLOS ONE*, 15(10), p.e0239546.
- Asghar, M., Hussain, D. and Khan, D., (2018). The Case of Libya’s WMD: Analysis of Key Factors for Nuclear Turnaround. *Margalla Papers*, XXII (1), pp.90-102. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/margalla-paper/Margalla-Papers-2018/08-The-Case-of-Libya's-WMD.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/margalla-paper/Margalla-Papers-2018/08-The-Case-of-Libya's-WMD.pdf)
- Asghar, M. U. (2013). Governance Issues in Pakistan: Suggested Action Strategy. *ISSRA Papers*, V(I), 113-134. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol5\\_Issue1\\_2013/06-Governance-Issues-Mr-Usman-Asghar.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol5_Issue1_2013/06-Governance-Issues-Mr-Usman-Asghar.pdf)
- Asghar, M. U. (2013). Periodic Socio-economic Development in Balochistan: Perceptions and Realities. *ISSRA Papers*, VI (II), 125-144. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol5\\_IssueII\\_2013/ISSRA-PAPERS-VOL-V,-ISSUE-II,-2013.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol5_IssueII_2013/ISSRA-PAPERS-VOL-V,-ISSUE-II,-2013.pdf)
- Asghar, M. U. (2012). Demand for New Provinces in Pakistan. *ISSRA Papers*, IV(II), 59-78. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol4\\_Issue1\\_2012/03-Creation-of-More-Provinces-Usman.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol4_Issue1_2012/03-Creation-of-More-Provinces-Usman.pdf)
- Asghar, M. U. (2012). Food Security in Pakistan. *ISSRA Papers*, IV(II), 75-98. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol4\\_IssueII\\_2012/04-Food-Security-in-Pakistan-Muhammad-Usman.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol4_IssueII_2012/04-Food-Security-in-Pakistan-Muhammad-Usman.pdf)

### **Conference Papers:**

Asghar, M. (2020). ANALYSIS OF CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK IN CHINA: CRISIS COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES AND LESSONS FOR A SAFE FUTURE. In 2nd Scientific International Conference on CBRNe SICC Series. Rome: University of Rome Tor Vergata. Retrieved from <http://www.sicc-series.com>

Asghar, M., 2020. Critical Discourse Analysis of Religious Extremist Narratives and their use (abuse) on Social Media in Pakistan. In: *International Conference on Media and Conflict*. Islamabad: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan. <http://icmc.pk>

### **Academic Contributions:**

Contributed a memoir on the topic of “**Countering Violent Extremism**” in the report titled “2018 DC SYMPOSIUM on the New Frontiers of Peacebuilding” published by Creative Learning, Washington D.C. USA.