

# KHURAM IQBAL

## PROFILE

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Dr. Khuram Iqbal is Assistant Professor at National Defence University, Islamabad. At the NDU, he has supervised 51 postgraduate research dissertations on topics pertaining to militancy in South Asia, Security of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) China's Security and Foreign Policy. Prior to joining NDU, Dr. Iqbal worked with top research centres and universities in Singapore, Australia and Pakistan. He also held fellowships at leading Chinese research and teaching institutes including China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), Beijing (2017) and National Defense University of the People's Liberation Army, China (2015). He is currently a postdoctoral fellow at University of Maryland, USA.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Political Violence and State Response
- Radicalization and Violent Extremism
- Guerilla Warfare and Insurgency
- Suicide Terrorism
- Chinese Security and Foreign Policy
- Rise of Asia
- China Pakistan Economic Corridor

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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- Graduate, Humanities Punjab University (Pakistan), 2004
- M.Sc Strategic Studies Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), 2009
- PhD Policing, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Macquarie University (Australia) 2014

## CAREER PRIMARY TRACK OVERVIEW AND RELEVANT OUTCOMES

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- 27 August 2020 to date **Acting Head of Department IR, FCS, NDU Islamabad**
- February 2015 to date **Assistant Professor (Counter Terrorism) National Defence University, Islamabad, Pakistan**
- Jan 2013 to Feb 2015 **PhD Researcher (Centre for Policing, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism, Australia)** Successfully submitted PhD thesis in June 2014– *Demonstrating timely research on topics related to international security studies and counter-terrorism.*
- Feb 2011 to Nov 2012 **PhD Researcher (Centre for Transnational Crimes Prevention, Australia)** Studied Crime-Terror Nexus in South Asia and jointly authored a book on hostage crises during the siege of Red Mosque (July 2007)
- Nov 2009- to Jan 2011 **Head of Research (Pak Institute for Peace Studies, Islamabad)** – Conducting research in pursuit PIPS research projects on radicalization, violent extremism and Armed Conflicts in South Asia– *Demonstrating effective management of research and advocacy projects.*
- Jul 2007 – Nov 2009 **Senior Analyst (International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, Singapore)** – Profiled more than 150 terrorist organizations operating from South Asia, corresponded with ICPVTR'S partners for collaborative research projects, conferences and seminars, published an internationally acclaimed book on terrorism in Pakistan– *Working in a culturally diverse environment towards a terror-free world, demonstrated abilities to brief high-profile officials on counter-terrorism issues.*

2005 – 2006

**Researcher (Pak Institute for Peace Studies, Islamabad) –**

Developed PIPS newspaper archives on terrorism, India-Pakistan relations, International Presence in Afghanistan, Energy Security in South-Central Asia, Pak-US relations and other topics related to regional peace and security – *Demonstrated an aptitude for research on political, social and security issues at a young age.*

## **CERTIFICATES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Fellowship (2017) China Institute of International Studies, Beijing, China
- Fellowship (2015) National Defense University of the People’s Liberation Army, China
- Certificate in Terrorism Studies from International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), Singapore
- Certificate in Research Commercialization from University of Queensland, Australia
- Certificate in “Foundation in Learning and Teaching” from Macquarie University, Australia
- Certificate of Academic Writing Skills from University of California, Berkeley in 2014
- Certificate of “Protecting Human Research Participants” from NIH USA
- Terrorism Study Analyst Award, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), 2007, Singapore
- International Macquarie University Research Excellence (iMQRES) Award, Macquarie University, 2011, Australia
- Member National Experts’ Committee for Counter-Narrative, NACTA, Pakistan
- Member Council for Asian Transnational Threats Research (CATR), 2009, Institute for Defense Analysis, the US.
- Member Canadian Network for Research for Terrorism, Security and Society, 2014, Canada
- Member Council of Social Sciences (COSS), Pakistan

## **AREAS OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE**

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| - Research and Writing               | - Report Writing                     |
| - Threat and Risk Analysis           | - Database Management                |
| - Open-source intelligence           | - Organizing Seminars and Conference |
| - Online Teaching Technologies       | - Program Management                 |
| - Data Collection and Interpretation |                                      |

## **LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books**

1. Khuram Iqbal (2017), *The Making of Pakistani Human Bombs*, Lexington Books, United States
2. Dr. Rohan Gunaratna and Khuram Iqbal (2011), *Pakistan Terrorism Ground Zero*, Reaktion Books, London (**Equivalent of 2 X Category Articles**)
3. Adam Dolnik and Khuram Iqbal (2016), *Negotiating the Siege of Red Mosque*, Oxford University Press, Pakistan (**Equivalent of 2 Y Category Articles**)

### **Book Chapters**

1. Khuram Iqbal, “Trends of Contemporary Terrorism in Pakistan” in *United by Violence, Divided by Cause* by Dr. La Toya Waha, (2020) published by Nomos and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

2. Khuram Iqbal, "CPEC: A Corridor for Minimizing Political Fault-lines in the Region" in book entitled Changing Security Situation in South Asia and Development of CPEC (2018) published by Islamabad Policy Research Institute
3. Khuram Iqbal, Belt and Road Initiative: Risk Assessment, Private Security by Alessandro Arduino and Xue Gong, Palgrave (February 2018)
4. Khuram Iqbal, Basic Communication Model and Pakistan's Counter Narrative Efforts in Countering Heedless Jihad by Prof. James A. Sheppard, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (October 19, 2017)
5. Khuram Iqbal, "Evolving Wave of Terrorism and Emergence of Daesh in Pakistan" Country Report published by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2016

### **Research/Journal Articles**

1. Zahid Mehmood, Khuram Iqbal, Tahir Abbas, "Critical Discourse Analysis of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan: An Intertextual Recontextualization" Pakistan Social Sciences Review, 4:2, June 2020 **(Y Category)**
2. Khuram Iqbal, Saad Kalim Zafar and Zahid Mehmood, "Critical Evaluation of Pakistan's Counter Narrative Efforts" Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism (Taylor & Francis), 14:2, June 2019 pp 147-163 **(X Category)**
3. Khuram Iqbal, "Understanding Pakistani Public Opinion on China and CPEC: A Quantitative Approach" Pakistan Horizon, 72:2, April 2019 **(X Category)**
4. Khuram Iqbal, "The Rise of Hindutva, Saffron Terrorism and South Asian Regional Security" Journal of Security and Strategic Analysis, 4:3 Summer 2019
5. GM Awan and Khuram Iqbal "Managing IDPs to Prevent Radicalization: Lessons from Pakistani Tribal Areas" Margalla Papers Issue 1, 2019 **(X Category)**
6. Khuram Iqbal, "Significance and Security of CPEC: A Pakistani Perspective" China International Studies (China Institute of International Studies), 16:8, September-October 2017
7. Zaheema Iqbal and Khuram Iqbal "Cyber Terrorism: A Case Study of Islamic State" Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, Karachi University **(Z Category)**
8. Younis Chughtai and Khuram Iqbal "Future of Re-balancing Policy under Trump: A Case for Continuity" Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, Karachi University **(Z Category)**
9. Khuram Iqbal and Umair Pervez, "Why the First Kashmir Insurrection Failed" Pakistan Horizon, 70:03, July 017 **(X Category)**
10. Khuram Iqbal, "The Downfall of Daesh in the Middle East and Implications for Global Security" Corvinus Journal of International Affairs (Corvinus University, Budapest), 2:2, July 2017
11. Khuram Iqbal, "Advent of the IS: A Perspective from Pakistan" Asian Conflict Report, August 2015, The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
12. Khuram Iqbal and Sara De Silva, " Terrorist Lifecycle: A Case Study of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan" Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, (Taylor & Francis), Volume 8, No 1, 2013 **(X Category)**
13. Khuram Iqbal, "Transformation of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan into a Global Threat" Conflict and Peace Studies, Islamabad, Volume 3, Oct-Dec 2010, No 4
14. Khuram Iqbal, "Evolution of Suicide Terrorism in Pakistan and Counter-Strategies" Conflict and Peace Studies, Volume 2, Oct-Dec 2009, No. 2.
15. Saba Noor, Wajahat Ali and Khuram Iqbal, "Radicalization: Perception of Educated Youth in Pakistan" Conflict and Peace Studies, Islamabad, 3:3, Jul-Sep 2009

### **Book Reviews**

16. Dalbir Ahlawat and Khuram Iqbal "Knowing Al-Qaeda; the epistemology of Terrorism" Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, Volume 9, No 1, 2014

## SHORT COMMENTS/OPINION PIECES

- Khuram Iqbal “Shite Mobilization and the Transformation of Sectarian Militancy in Pakistan” Middle East Institute, <http://www.mei.edu/content/map/shia-mobilization-and-transformation-sectarian-militancy-pakistan>, 29 March 2017
- Khuram Iqbal “ The Risk Posed by Mullah Omar’s Death for both India and Pakistan” <http://scroll.in/article/745350/why-mullah-omars-death-poses-risks-for-both-india-and-pakistan>, 01 Aug 2015
- Khuram Iqbal “An all-inclusive government in Kabul: hoping against hope” Daily Times, <http://archives.dailytimes.com.pk/editorial/13-Nov-2012/view-an-all-inclusive-government-in-kabul-hoping-against-hope-khuram-iqbal>, 13 November 2012 —
- Khuram Iqbal “Baloch Insurgency Faces Uncertain Future” Asia Times, [www.atimes.com/atimes/South\\_Asia/NH09Df01.html](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South_Asia/NH09Df01.html), 09 August 2012
- Khuram Iqbal “Global Power Shift Gives Pakistan Options” Asia Times, [www.atimes.com/atimes/South\\_Asia/NF28Df01.html](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South_Asia/NF28Df01.html), 28 June 2012
- Khuram Iqbal “Letters from Abbottabad: time to rethink terrorism in Pakistan” Daily Times, <http://archives.dailytimes.com.pk/editorial/28-May-2012/view-letters-from-abbottabad-time-to-rethink-terrorism-in-pakistan-khuram-iqbal>, 28 May 2012
- Khuram Iqbal “What the Nato strikes mean for TTP’s jihad” Express Tribune Blog, <http://blogs.tribune.com.pk/story/9203/what-the-nato-strikes-mean-for-ttps-jihad/>, 03 December 2012
- Khuram Iqbal “Talking peace with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan” Daily Times, <http://archives.dailytimes.com.pk/editorial/25-Nov-2011/view-talking-peace-with-the-tehreek-e-taliban-pakistan-khuram-iqbal>, 25 November 2011
- Khuram Iqbal “Cross-Border Implications of the Afghan Drawdown”, Asian Conflict Report, Issue # 18, July-August 2011
- Khuram Iqbal “The Demise of Bin Laden and the Endgame in Afghanistan” Weekly Pulse, [http://weeklypulse.org/authors\\_stories.aspx?contentID=32](http://weeklypulse.org/authors_stories.aspx?contentID=32), 13 May 2011
- Khuram Iqbal “And Now the Female Suicide Bombers” Weekly Pulse, <http://www.weeklypulse.org/details.aspx?contentID=58&storylist=2>, 14 January 2011
- Khuram Iqbal “Anti-Americanism and Radicalization: A Case Study of Pakistan”, South Asia Net, Pak Institute for Peace Studies, Islamabad, 30 June 2010
- Khuram Iqbal “NATO Supplies in Afghanistan: The Search for Alternative Route”, RSIS Commentaries, 15 June 2009
- Ryan Clark and Khuram Iqbal “NATO’s Supply lines in Central Asia: Expanding the Conflict Zone”, South Asia Net, 12 May 2009
- Khuram Iqbal “Drivers of Suicide Terrorism in Pakistan” Published by Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore, 27 February 2008
- Khuram Iqbal “Talibanization of Pakistan: End of the Road?”, Published by Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore, 27 August 2009

- Khuram Iqbal “Why Peace is Crucial in Balochistan?” Published by Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore, 19 December 2007
- Khuram Iqbal “Mumbai Terror: Blaming External Connection will Mislead Indian Counter-terrorism Discourse” Published by Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS) Islamabad, Pakistan
- Khuram Iqbal “ Emergency/Martial Law in Pakistan: Bracing for the Fallout” Published by Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore, 09 November 2007
- Khuram Iqbal “Counter Insurgency in Balochistan; Pakistan’s Strategy and the Outcomes” Published by Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS) Islamabad, Pakistan, 08 August 2007
- Khuram Iqbal and Arabinda Acharya “Extremism in Pakistan: Time for Decisive Action” Published by Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore, 18 July 2007.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

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1. International Conference "United by Violence, Divided by Cause? A Comparison of Drivers of Radicalization in Asia and Europe" 12-14 January 2020, Singapore, organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
2. National Seminar "Decoding Hindu Mindset and India's Strategic Motives" 06 Feb 2020, organized by ISSRA, NDU
3. National Seminar “India's Military Modernization and Counter Force Temptations: Impact on Regional Security" 13 Feb 2020, organized by Strategic Vision Institute (Annex C)
4. National Seminar on Maritime Sector and COVID-19: Impact, Challenges & Responses in a Post Crises World 17 April 2020, organized by Maritime Studies Forum
5. Sixth International Conference on Aerospace Science & Engineering (ICASE) and Belt & Road Forum 12-14 November 2019, organized by Institute for Space Technology, Islamabad
6. International Conference on “CPEC and South Asian Connectivity”, Henan Normal University, China, 8 January 2018
7. National Conference "Issues of Radicalization and Extreme Behaviours in Pakistan" Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), Islamabad, 30 January 2018
8. International Conference on “Afghanistan Crises: What Lies Ahead?” Pakistan House, Islamabad, 19 March 2018
9. International Conference on “De-radicalization of Youth at Campus” Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and Air University, Islamabad, 26—27 September 2018
10. National Conference on “Changing Security Situation in South Asia and Development of CPEC” Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany, Islamabad, 19-20 September 2017
11. International Conference on “The changing Middle East from the perspective of external powers” organized by Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB) on 13-14 December 2016, Budapest, Hungary
12. International Conference on "Role of Youth in Countering Violent Extremism" organized by Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council) and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) on 20-21 October 2016, Istanbul, Turkey
13. International Conference on “Securing the Belt and Road Initiative: Risk assessment, Private Security, and Special insurances along the New Wave of Chinese FDI” Jointly

- organized by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) (Singapore) and the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), on 28 October 2016, Singapore
14. International Conference on "Countering Violent Extremism: Global Action Plan"  
Organized by Centre for Pakistan and Gulf Studies, 9-10 September 2015, Islamabad, Pakistan
  15. ASIS International Annual Conference, Sydney, Australia, 25 June 2013
  16. "US Pivot to Asia and Asian Responses" organized by Institute for Defense Analysis (US), Bangkok, Thailand, 02 May 2012
  17. "Evolution of Suicide Terrorism: A Case Study of Pakistan" at the 8th Annual Conference on National & International Security Syracuse University, Syracuse, the U.S, 31 March 2012
  18. Leadership in Counter Terrorism Program in Australia, organized by Australian Federal Police College, Canberra, Australia, March 2011
  19. "International Implications of Terrorism in Pakistan" at Global Security Asia, Singapore, 15-17 March 2011
  20. International Forum on Asia Pacific Security, Country Perspectives, organized by Council for Asian Transnational Threat Research (CATR) and Philippines Institute for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (PIPVTRR), Manila, Philippines, 29 October 2010
  21. Presented on Terrorism in Pakistan at Counter-Terrorism Capacity Building (CTCB) Workshop, Dhaka, Bangladesh 10-14 Oct 2010
  22. Presented on Suicide Terrorism in Pakistan at a workshop organized by Office of Naval Research, US in Istanbul, Turkey, June 2009

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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