

Asif Iqbal Dawar

About me

I have acquired a multi-disciplinary Doctorate Degree in “Development Studies” with a focus on conflict and development from University of Lisbon, Portugal. I did my Master's Degree in International Relations from Norway in 2015. Academically, I have produced several research articles on post-conflict development practices, conflict analysis, discourse analysis, Peacebuilding, gender equality, and conflict research method. I have participated in several international conferences. My area of expertise covers Research Methodology, security-development nexus, post- conflict development, community engagement models, human security, and peacebuilding.

Education

PhD in Development Studies, Lisbon School of Economics and Management, University of Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal | 2016 September – 2022 March

Specialization in Participatory Development, Human Security, and post-conflict development theories, Research Methods

MS (18 years) in International Relations, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)

Ås, Norway | 2012 August – 2015 June

Specialization in Security-development Nexus, International Relations theories, South Asian Politics, Politics of Terrorism, International Organizations, Research Methods

MA (16 years) International Relation, Quaid-e-Azam University

Islamabad, Pakistan | 2005 February – 2007 January

Specialization in International Organizations, Politics of International Economic Relations, Refugee Law, An Introduction to International Law, International Relations Theories, Middle East Politics

Bachelor (14 years), Islamia College University of Peshawar

Peshawar, Pakistan | 2002 – 2004

Major: Law and Political Science



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Islamabad,
Pakistan

Hard Skills

MS Office
Communication in
Outlook

Soft Skills

Agile
Conflict Resolution
Collaboration &
Teamwork
Conceptual Thinking
Decision-making
Effective written and
verbal communication

Languages

English
Urdu
Pashtu (Mother's tongue)
Norwegian
Portuguese (Basic)

Courses and Trainings

Humanitarian Response to Conflict and Disaster

Harvard University

Massachusetts, United States | 2020 May

PhD course on Advanced Qualitative Methods in Conflict Studies: Case Research and Process Analytics

Research School on Peace and Conflict

Oslo, Norway | 2020 September

Peace Relations, Ontologies and Narrative in Europe: EU and its Eastern Neighbours

(Centro de Excelência Jean Monnet Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence)

Coimbra, Portugal | 2020 July

Gender, Conflict, Terrorism, and Countering-Violent Extremism

Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University

Northern Ireland, United Kingdom | 2017 June

Work Experience

Assistant Professor, (HEC Approved PhD Supervisor), Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Faculty of Contemporary Studies.

National Defence University

Islamabad, Pakistan | 2022 September– till date

Advisor Community Development (South KPK)

UNICEF

Islamabad, Pakistan | 2022 July– November 2022

Adjunct Lecturer (Qualitative Methodology), Lisbon School of Economics and Management

University of Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal | 2018 April – 2021 February

Senior Researcher, CEaA- Centre for African and development, Lisbon School of Economics and Management.

University of Lisbon

Lisbon, Portugal | 2021 October – July 2022

Researcher, SOCIUS- Research Centre in Economic and Organizational Sociology, University of Lisbon.

Lisbon, Portugal | 2017 June – 2021 October

Member Project (Project Reference: FAPESP / 19989/2016)

Portuguese Foundation of Science and Technology (FCT)

Lisbon, Portugal | 2016 October – 2018 February

Project: Urban Policing and Imaginaries: New Security Formats in Southern Cities-Policing and Urban Imaginaries (Brazil, Myanmar, Portugal, Spain and Italy)

Research Assistant, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Oslo, Norway | 2015 July – 2016 August

Data Analyst, UNICEF/Ministry of Human Rights

Islamabad, Pakistan | 2009 July – 2011 December

Field Coordinator, German Red Cross and Pakistan Red Crescent Society

Peshawar, Pakistan | 2008 June – 2009 June

Publications

- **National Journals**

Quest for Peace in Afghanistan: Analysis of China's Regional Policy after US Withdrawal
2023

FWU Journal of Social Sciences (Accepted) **(HEC Category: X).**

- **International Journals**

Impact of emergency cash assistance on gender relations in the tribal areas of Pakistan
2021

Asian Journal of Women's Studies 27(3), 333-362. (Publisher: Routledge, UK) **(HEC category: W).**

New winners and losers in North Waziristan: Understanding tensions between top-down projects and local knowledge in the post-conflict setting (2015-2019)
2021

Cogent social Sciences, 7(1). (Publisher: Routledge, UK) **(HEC category: X).**

'State-security first' and the militarization of development: Local perceptions on post-conflict reconstruction policies in Pakistan's tribal areas (2015-2019)
2021

Forum for Development Studies 48(2), 247– 270. (Publisher: Routledge, UK) **(HEC category:**

x).

‘Are you a spy? On the inconveniences of conventional methodology in terror wrap ethnography’

2020

Qualitative Research Journal, 21(1), 29-39. (Publisher: Emerald, UK) (HEC category: X).

Geopolitics, identity, and discourse analysis of conflict in Pakistan’s tribal areas.

2020

Geopolitics Quarterly, 15(56), 122-145. (publisher: Iranian Association of Geopolitics) (HEC category: X).

Transnational Ideologies, Violent Conflict, and Pashtun Social Identity

2019

Journal of Social and Political Science, 2 (2). (Publisher: Asian institute of research, Indonesia).

Conferences and Seminars

Modern Approaches in Social Sciences Research: Addressing Indigenous and Global Challenges (International Conference)

Lahore Garrison University, Lahore, Pakistan | 2023 January

Presented Paper: The cultural psychology of conflict: The role of social identity in Taliban’s narrative construction in the Post 9/11

Refuge, Displacement and Terrorism (Peace Symposium)

National Defence University, Islamabad | December 2022

Topic of Presentation: Rethinking Conflict, Refuge and forced Migration

Ethnography at Risk: Ethics, Practice, and Administrative Challenges (International Seminar)

Maastricht University, Netherland | 2022 October

Topic of Presentation: “Challenges and Ethical Dilemmas of Field Work in Conflict Zone

International Social Science Conference 2022

School of Integrated Social Sciences, University of Lahore | 2022 July

Presented Paper: Development under the shadow of guns: Militarization of development and its consequences in Afghanistan

Qualitative Research Method (Lecture)

Department of Strategic Studies, QAU, Islamabad, Pakistan | 2022 June

Topic of Presentation: Conflict Methodology

Foreign policy of great powers (International Seminar)

Institute of Social and Political Science, University of Lisbon, Portugal | 2022 May

Topic of Presentation: India Pakistan foreign Policy in the post 9/11

The Importance of Regional Connectivity in the Pak-Afghan Border Region (Conference)

Department of Political science, University of Peshawar | 2021 December

Presented paper: Legal pluralism in post-merger scenario: Conflicts, challenges and distortion of reciprocity

The Dynamics of Change in the Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics, (Dis)integration and Reformation in the Borderland (Conference)

Department of Political science, University of Peshawar | 2019 September

Presented Paper: Development Conundrum: Horizontal Inequalities and Unending Conflict on the Pashtun Borderland. (Published)

Terrorism and Political Violence (Conference)

Institute DAKAM'S International

ISTANBUL, Turkey | 2017 April

Presented paper: Transnational Ideologies, Violent Conflict, and Pashtun Social Identity (Published).

Honours and Awards

1. Noragric Competitive Writing Stipends 2015

My Master's thesis with the title: Un-ending conflict on Pashtun borderland: Implication for Pashtun Social Organisation and state-society relationship in FATA, Pakistan, was awarded grade 'A' at the department of International Environment and Development Studies at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. Due to the best exploratory study with exceptionally insightful findings, the thesis was nominated as best thesis of 2015 and awarded a competitive writing stipend of 12000 NOK to re-work my thesis into a peer-reviewed article for publication.

2. FCT Research Fellow 2017-2022 at Lisbon School of economics and Management, University of Lisbon, Portugal (Funded by Portuguese foundation of Science and Technology (FCT).

3. Distinction Cum Laude

Due to an exceptional performance of publishing five papers from Ph.D. research data in high standard academic journals, (Scopus and Web of Science); my Ph.D. thesis has been awarded a title of "Distinction Cum Laude" which is the highest grade in Europe. This phenomenal performance in the field of social sciences has received immense

appreciation from the rector of Lisbon University, Portugal.

Foreign stay-Academic/visits

United kingdom, United States, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Vatican City, Portugal, Luxemburg, Netherland, Austria, Denmark, Turkey, Serbia, Qatar, Finland, Belgium, Poland, Brazil.

Reference

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