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**Profile**

I am currently working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies NDU Islamabad, Pakistan. I have done my PhD from University of Peshawar. I have more than 08 years teaching and research experience at post-graduate/university level. I am currently teaching different modules to graduate and undergraduate students. I have been a part of various research projects funded by national and international organizations.

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**Research and Teaching Interests**

The broader areas of interest are; religious militancy, peace and conflict and transformation.

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**Education**

**University of Peshawar, Pakistan — PhD (Political Science), (April 2019).** PhD dissertation title: "Religious Militancy and Tribal Transformation in Pakistan: A Case Study of Mahsud Tribe in South Waziristan Agency".

**University of Peshawar, Pakistan — MA (Political Science), 2011. 1<sup>st</sup> Division.**

**GDC No. 1, D. I Khan, Pakistan — BA (Political Science and English Elective), 2008. 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.**

**GDC No. 1, D. I Khan, Pakistan — FSc (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), 2006. 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.**

**ST Helen's High School, D. I. Khan — Matric (Science Group), 2004, 1<sup>st</sup> Division.**

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**Working Experience**

**Teaching:**

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY ISLAMABAD- January 2020 - up till now.**

The Job primarily involves teaching and research assessment at different levels of university education. I also involved in designed courses.

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: DEPARTMENT OF BASIC SCIENCES & HUMANITIES, CECOS UNIVERSITY PESHAWAR- February 2016 -TO 2019.**

The Job primarily involves teaching and assessment at different levels of university education. I have been teaching a range of modules to BS students at the institute. I also involved in designed courses and evaluating students at various departments in the institute. Courses I taught include Pakistan Affairs and Professional Ethics. I am actively involved in arranging seminars/symposiums and research workshops.

**LECTURER: PESHAWAR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

The Job primarily involves teaching and assessment at different levels of university education. I have been teaching a range of modules to BS students at the institute. Courses I taught include, Sociology, Pakistan Affairs, Professional Ethics

**LECTURER CUM ACADEMIC COORDINATOR: PESHAWAR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

**January 2011 – March 2011.**

The Job primarily involves administration and teaching. I had the responsibilities of coordinator and related administrative/management tasks at the institute. Courses I taught include International Law and Constitutional Law.

**VISITING FACULTY; DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, PESHAWAR- Since January 2012**

The job primarily involved teaching of various subjects including Basics of Political Science, Pakistan Affairs, Government and Politics in Pakistan, Western Political Thought, elective courses including perspectives related to terrorism.

**VISITED AND TAUGHT A SEMINAR SESSION AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, USA (April 2017)**

Participated and taught one session in the course of 'Religion and Violence' on "*Religious Militancy in Pakistan*". 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## **Grants/Funding**

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### **A. Projects:**

1. **Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's Grant of Rs. 5.5 million** for the Project '*Socio-Economic-Political Transformations and Governance Reforms in FATA*'. Grant Awarded in March 2016 (Research Associate).
2. **UNDP Grant** for the project '*Susceptibility to Radicalization: A Case Study of Youth in District Dera Ismail Khan*' (Research Associate).
3. **USAID Research Grant of US\$ 10,000** under Pakistan Strategy Support (Competitive Grant) Program 2012 for the Project, '*Batkhela (Malakand) Bazar: A Catalyst for Socio-Economic and Political Change*' (Research Assistant).
4. **Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's Grant.** '*Social, political and economic transformation in FATA*' (Research Associate).
5. **Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's Grant.** '*Waziristan at the Crosscurrent*' (Research Associate).

## B. Study Grants:

6. Higher Education Commission (Pakistan), International Research Initiative Program (**IRSIP**) for study in the University of California Los Angeles, USA for the period of six months (2016-2017).

## C. Travel Grants:

7. **South Asian Studies Program (SASP), National University of Singapore Travel and Living Grant 2015** for participation in the research workshop titled "*South Asian Studies: Future Past*". 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

## Professional and Research Experience

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### C. Co-Curricular and Voluntary Organization Membership

- a) Member of Mahsud Welfare Association.
- b) Founding Member of Social Science Academics under which Review of Human Rights (Research Journal) is lunched.
- c) Former member of FATA youth policy cell (program launched by the Governor KP).

### D. Trainings:

- a) Faculty Mentoring Workshop series on Outcome Based Education, organized by PEC and HEC in January 2018 and March 2018 respectively in CECOS University Peshawar.

### E. Organizing Conferences and Workshops:

- b) Organized International Conferences in Collaboration with **Hanns Seidel Foundation in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018.**
- c) Organized National Conference at the Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar. 21 December 2011.
- d) Organized International Summer Schools for Pak-Afghan Students in Collaboration with **Hanns Seidel Foundation in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018.**
- e) Organized symposium on **Gender Equality in Pakistan** in CECOS University Peshawar in collaboration with Zamung Jwandun organization, May 2019.
- f) Organized seminar on **Human Rights Based Approach and Leaving No One Behind** in CECOS University Peshawar, December 2018.
- g) Organized seminar on **Contemporary Ethnic Uprising in Pakistan and Way Forward** in CECOS University Peshawar, September 2018.
- h) Organized seminar on **Composite Heritage in Pakistan** in CECOS University Peshawar in collaboration with Integrated Community Development Initiation (ICDI), March 2018.

### F. Languages: Proficiency in speaking, writing and reading **English, Urdu, Saraeki and Pashto**

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## Publications

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### International and Indigenous Journals and others

1. Research paper published in *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* (PJC), HEC approved journal (**Y-category**), titled, "History of Religious Militancy in Pakistan". Vol. 10, Issue 4, October 2018, pp. 98-110. Muhammad Irfan Mahsud and Dr. Shahida Aman.
2. Research article is published in the **impact factor** international Journal HEC recognized titled, *Current Medical Imaging Reviews*, 2018, Vol. 14. DOI: 10.2174/157340561466618072612495. As a secondary author.
3. Research paper published in *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* (PJC), HEC approved journal (**Y-category**), titled, "Electronic Crimes, Internet and Violence: Jama'at-e-Islami and the Progressive Civil Society of Pakistan". Vol. 13, Issue 3, July 2019.
4. Research paper published in international Journal HEC approved journal (**Y-category**) *Science Journal of VolSU. History. Area Studies. International Relations*. 2019. Vol. 21. No. 5 titled "Iran's Nuclear Deal: Its Political and Economic Implications for Region Including Pakistan".
5. Paper titled "Pakistan's Geo-Political and Strategic Compulsions" is published in HEC approved journal (**Y-category**) journal titled, "The Dialogue" Vol. 14, Issue 4, October-December 2019, pp. 74-83.
6. Transition from traditional colonial administrative structure in Waziristan, a Graduate seminar paper.
7. Paper published in conference proceeding, '*Pashtun among Pashtuns: The Mahsud Tribe*' International Conference on 'The Dynamics of Change in Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics on Borderland' in Bara Gali, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad. 12-14 June 2014.
8. Militant mindset, conference paper.
9. Direction of change in the political spectrum of Pakistan and the role of youth (commentary).
10. Democracy is a culture rather than a system (essay).
11. Rise and fall of TTP in (article).

### Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks:

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#### Presentations at Conferences:

- a) Presented Paper in UC-Wide Asian Conference in the Institute for South Asian Studies, UCLA, USA, February 2017 on *Pathans Among Pathans: The Mahsud Tribe*.
- b) Presented Paper in 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Social Sciences Conference, UCLA, USA. April, 2017 on the paper titled *Terrorism in the Tribal Belt of Pakistan*.
- c) Presented Paper in International Conference in National University of Singapore (NUS) 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 on the paper titled *Religious Militancy and Tribal Transformation in Pakistan*.
- d) Presented Paper in an International Research workshop in the National University of Singapore (NUS) October 2015 on the paper titled *Rise of Taliban in Waziristan in the Post 9/11*.
- e) Presented paper on '*Pashtun among Pashtuns: The Mahsud Tribe*' in International Conference on 'The Dynamics of Change in Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics on Borderland'

in Bara Gali, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad. 12-14 June 2014.

- f) Presented paper in '*War and Conflict in FATA and the Challenges faced by the Tribal Women*' in 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on 'The Dynamics of Change in Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics on Borderland' in Bara Gali, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad. August 2017.
- g) Presented paper in '*Rise of Taliban in South Waziristan Agency: State and the Mahsud tribe*' in 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on 'The Dynamics of Change in Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics on Borderland' in Bara Gali, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad. 20-22 August 2017.

#### **Invited Talks:**

Conducted workshop on '*How to Write a Research Proposal*' at CECOS University Peshawar, on 11-12 March, 2018.

Invited Talk at *Khor* organization on '*Governance*' on 16 February 2018 in Peshawar.

Invited to present a seminar paper on '*Social and Political Transformation in Conflict Societies: A Case Study of FATA*' in Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar. 2 March 2018.

#### **Referrals**

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##### **Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf**

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