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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 10 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.

Research and Teaching Interests

The broader areas of interest are; conflict, transformation and peace building in Pakistan-Afghanistan borderland, ethno-nationalism, religious militancy and CVE in Pakistan

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. 1st Division.**

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

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

ST Helen’s High School, D. I. Khan — Matric (Science Group), **2004, 1st Division.**

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. Courses I am teaching to undergraduate and postgraduate students include Research Methodology, Peace Movements, Religious Extremism in Pakistan and Political Philosophy.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: CECOS UNIVERSITY PESHAWAR- February 2016 –TO December 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 April 2011 – January 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: Luqman Law College, D. I. Khan. 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- January 2012 to December 2019

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*". 19th April 2017 to 27th April 2017.

Grants/Funding

A. Projects:

1. **French Organization Project known as NORIA Grant of approximately 5000 Euros.** *Contemporary Ethnic Uprising among the Tribes of Waziristan, working as a Primary Investigator (PI), November 2019 to November 2020.*
2. **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).
3. **UNDP Grant** for the project '*Susceptibility to Radicalization: A Case Study of Youth in District Dera Ismail Khan*' (Research Associate).
4. **USAID Research Grant of US\$ 10,000** under Pakistan Strategy Support (Competitive Grant) Program 2012 for the Project, '*Batkheela (Malakand) Bazar: A Catalyst for Socio-Economic and Political Change*' (Research Assistant).
5. **Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's Grant.** '*Social, political and economic transformation in FATA*' (Research Associate).
6. **Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's Grant.** '*Waziristan at the Crosscurrent*' (Research Associate).

B. Study Grants:

7. 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:

8. **South Asian Studies Program (SASP), National University of Singapore Travel and Living Grant 2015** for presentation of paper and participation in the research workshop titled "*South Asian Studies: Future Past*". 8th to 9th October 2015.
9. **HEC Travel and Living Grant** for presentation of paper and participation in International Congress on Current Debates in Social Sciences held in Sakarya University, Turkey on 29th and 30 September 2020.

Professional and Research Experience

C. Co-Curricular and Voluntary Organization Membership

- a) Founding Member of Social Science Academics under which Review of Human Rights (Research Journal) is launched.
- b) Former member of FATA youth policy cell (program launched by the Governor KP).
- c) Chair and Member BoS of the Department of Political Science, The University of Kohsar, Murree,
- d) Member Review Committee NUST Journal of International Peace and Stability (NJIPS).
- e) External Reviewer for Peer Reviewed Articles/MPhil and PhD Dissertations University of Peshawar.
- f) Member Review Committee of Pakistan Journal of Criminology.
- g) Member Review Committee of Global Foreign Policies Review (GFPR)

- h) Member Review Committee of international impact factor journal, *Mankind Quarterly*, A journal of anthropology. Picard Estate Portsmouth Dominica Phone: +1(767)613-1591 Email: meisenberggerhard@gmail.com

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.
- b) Faculty Development Workshop organized by IBA Karachi on December 21st and 22nd 2020.

E. Organizing Conferences and Workshops:

- a) Chief organizer of Two Days National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Theory and Practice on 1-2 December 2021 in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, NDU, Islamabad.
- b) Chief organizer of One Days National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Theory and Practice on October 2020 in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, NDU, Islamabad.
- a) Organizer in annual International Conferences arranged by the department of Political Science University of Peshawar in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018.
- b) Organized Graduate Students Conference in the Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar. December 2013.
- c) Organizer in International Summer Schools arranged by the department of Political Science University of Peshawar for Pak-Afghan students in collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation in 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- d) Organized symposium on **Gender Equality in Pakistan** in CECOS University Peshawar in collaboration with Zamung Jwandun organization, May 2019.
- e) Organized seminar on **Human Rights Based Approach and Leaving No One Behind** in CECOS University Peshawar, December 2018.
- f) Organized seminar on **Contemporary Ethnic Uprising in Pakistan and Way Forward** in CECOS University Peshawar, September 2018.
- g) 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** languages.

Publications

International and Indigenous Journals/Books and others

1. Book chapter titled "Religious Militancy in Pakistan: A Historical Perspective" is published in an international published book titled "**Conflict & Peace In International Politics: Issues, Actors, Approaches**". **IJOPEC Publication London**, No: 2020/19. ISBN: 978-1-913809-10-2.
2. Paper titled "The Challenge of Madrassa Reforms in Pakistan" is published in *Pakistan Journal of Criminology*. Vol.12, Issue 03, July-Sep 2020 & Vol.12, Issue 04 Oct-Dec 2020 (122-134).

3. Paper titled "A brief history of Pakistan-USSR bilateral relations 1947-1991" is published in *Journal of Voprosy Istorii*. HEC approved journal (**X-category**) as co-author. Vol. 5, Issue 1, January, 2021, p. 171-181.
4. Paper titled "Critical Analysis of Historical Sacrifices of Pakistan's Army In War Against Terrorism" is published in Elementary Education Online, HEC approved journal (**X-category**). March 2021; Vol 20 (Issue 3): pp. 2617-2625.
5. Paper titled "Electronic Crimes, Internet and Violence: Jama'at-e-Islami and the Progressive Civil Society of Pakistan" is published in *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* (PJC), HEC approved journal (**Y-category**) as co-author. Vol. 13, Issue 3, July 2019.
6. Paper titled "Iran's Nuclear Deal: Its Political and Economic Implications for Region Including Pakistan" is published in *Science Journal of VolSU. History. Area Studies. International Relations* which is an international Journal HEC approved (**Y-category**). Vol. 21. No. 5. August 2019, pp. 259-267.
7. Paper titled "Pakistan's Anti-Corruption Legal Regime: A Story of Political Rag Tag" is published in *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* (PJC) which is approved by HEC (**Y-category**) as a co-author. Vol. 12, Issue 1, January 2020.
8. Paper titled "Pakistan's Geo-Political and Strategic Compulsions" is published in *The Dialogue*, HEC approved journal (**Y-category**) as a co-author. Vol. 14, Issue 4, October-December 2019, pp. 74-83.
9. Paper titled "Semi-Presidentialism and State-Centricism in Pakistan: A Case Study of Authoritarian Federalism during Pervez Musharraf Regime" is published in *Pakistan Social Sciences Review*, HEC approved journal (**Y-category**) as a co-author. Vol. 4, Issue 1, March 2020, pp. 247-258.
10. Paper titled "History of Religious Militancy in Pakistan" is published in *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* (PJC), HEC approved journal (**Y-category**) as primary author. Vol. 10, Issue 4, October 2018, pp. 98-110.
11. Direction of change in the political spectrum of Pakistan and the role of youth (commentary).
12. Democracy is a culture rather than a system (essay).
13. Rise and fall of TTP in (article).

Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks:

Presentations at Conferences:

- a) Presented Paper titled, "The selection of Qualitative Research Dissertation Title: Importance of Literature Review" in Two Days National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Theory and Practice on 1-2 December 2021 in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, NDU, Islamabad.
- b) Presented Paper titled, "Writing a Research Proposal" in One Days National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences: Theory and Practice on October 2020 in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, NDU, Islamabad.
- c) Presented Paper titled, "COVID-19 in Pakistan: An Opportunity for the Militant Groups to Regroup" in a Two Days National Conference titled "Challenges of Governance in Pakistan amid the COVID-19 Pandemic" organized by Department of Political Science, University of the Punjab, Lahore on 7th and 8th July 2021.
- d) Chaired session and presented a paper titled "COVID-19 a Threat to International Peace" in 4th International Conference on COVID-19 Studies, Istanbul, Turkey on April 17-19 2021.

- e) Presentation paper and participated in International Congress on Current Debates in Social Sciences held in Sakaraya University, Turkey on 29th and 30 September 2020.
- f) 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*.
- g) Presented Paper in 2nd Annual International Social Sciences Conference, UCLA, USA. April, 2017 on the paper titled *Terrorism in the Tribal Belt of Pakistan*.
- h) Presented Paper in International Conference in National University of Singapore (NUS) 8th to 9th October 2015 on the paper titled *Religious Militancy and Tribal Transformation in Pakistan*.
- i) 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*.
- j) 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.
- k) Presented paper in '*War and Conflict in FATA and the Challenges faced by the Tribal Women*' in 6th 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.
- l) Presented paper in '*Rise of Taliban in South Waziristan Agency: State and the Mahsud tribe*' in 6th 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 talks on many news channels from September 2021 to January 2022 including the following;

Invited Talk in a Program on PTV News on 28 Sep 2021 (October, November and December) (0800 PM) in a program "Riasat" to speak on topic "Afghanistan Peace Process" hosted by Ahmad Quraishi.

Invited Talk in a Program on PTV World September, October and November 2021 (0900 PM) in a program "Perspective" to speak on topic "Afghanistan Conflict and Pakistan's Stakes" hosted by Marukh Hameed.

Invited Talk in a Program on PTV World January 2022 (0500 PM) in a program “Newsroom” to speak on topic “Pak-Afghanistan Border Fencing” hosted by Omar Khalid Butt.

Referrals

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