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Profile— *Dr. Syed Moazzam Ali Hashmi is an independent analyst with journalism, strategic communication and security background. His specialization is diverse that covers areas including media, political affairs, internal and regional security, radicalization and religious extremism. He has studied international affairs at the School of International Service (SIS), The American University (AU) and SAIS at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC, National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad and University of Karachi. Dr. Hashmi holds PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies and serves as an adjunct faculty at prestigious national universities including the National Defence University (NDU), Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad. In the past, Dr. Hashmi has served as Senior Political Affairs Advisor at the American Consulate General in Karachi and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan. His major career stints in senior position with international journalism include the United Press International (UPI-Next) as Project Manager for Pakistan; Xinhua-Pakistan Bureau, Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), and daily The News International. He has also served as an Assistant Professor at the School of Peace and Counterterrorism Studies, Minhaj University Lahore. Dr. Hashmi also lectured at the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) and the Intelligence Bureau (IB) Academy, Islamabad. He has published analyses in national and international media and research journals. Dr. Hashmi also appears on national and international electronic media as security expert.*

Education

PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies -August 2020

National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad

Dissertation Topic: "Media Manipulation in South Asia: Exploring Hidden Aspects of Extremism".

Master in International Service (MIS) -2005

The American University (AU), Washington, DC, School of International Service (SIS)

Summer School in International Studies - 2004

The Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) [Studied: Islam and the US Foreign Policy]

M.A. in International Relations- 1989, University of Karachi, Pakistan

Research Publications in HEC recognized Journals

- Youth, Counter Violent Extremism and (Social) Media: A Case of Pakistan
NUST Journal of International Peace and Stability
2022, Vol. 5(1), pages 61-72

- Withered Peace Amidst India's Bellicose Rhetoric, *Margalla Papers*, volume XXIII, issue 1, 2019 (X Category)
- Peaceable Mediation: A Challenge to Judicial Skill Set , *ISSRA Papers Volume-XI*, Issue-II, 2019 (Y Category)
- Use of Soft Power by India as a Strategic Weapon: Media's Manipulation , *NDU Journal* , December 2018 (Y Category)

Fellowships/Workshops

- (Speaker) Panel Discussion on [Understanding Strategic Communication] along with Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed at the 6th International Peace Symposium, at NDU, December 1-5, 2025
- Moderated Panel Discussion on [Lessons learnt from social resilience for peace building] in the 8th International Conference on World Religions at the Minhaj University Lahore, October 26, 2025
- (Speaker) Panel Discussion on [An Imbalance in the relationship between Religion and Politics Could lead to Religious Extremism] in the 8th International Conference on World Religions at the Minhaj University Lahore, October 25, 2025
- Moderated Panel Discussion on [Violence in the Name of Religion] in the 7th International Conference on World Religions at the Minhaj University Lahore, October 26, 2024
- (Speaker) Panel Discussion on [The Exploitation of Religion by Political Powers] in the 7th International Conference on World Religions at the Minhaj University Lahore, October 27, 2024
- Moderated Panel Discussion on [Religious Radicalism in Pakistan] in the 6th International Conference on World Religions at the Minhaj University Lahore, October 28 & 29, 2023
- (Speaker) - Presented paper at the International Conference on the occasion of 75th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations Establishment between USSR/Russian and Pakistan, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, May 22, 2023
- (Speaker) - National Conference on Strategic Communications for Economic Diplomacy and National Economic Security, organized by the Golden Ring

Economic Forum and University of Management and Technology, Lahore, May 2, 2023

- (Speaker) - International Conference on Post Turth Era: Trends in Media, organized by the University of Karachi, Mass Communication Department, February 15-16, 2022
- International Symposium on Peace and Conflict, National Defence University (NDU) Islamabad, January 21-26, 2019
- Raisina Dialogue— The New Normal: Multilateralism with Multi-polarity, New Delhi, India, January 2017 - Delegate
- EU-Pakistan Relationship: Prospects and Challenges, Cadenabbia, Italy, May 2015 Participant and chair for sessions of the Conference, organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Germany
- WISCOMP Tenth Workshop, New Delhi, August 2012
Resource Person - Presentation on “Engaging with the Spoilers” in the context of Indo-Pakistan and AFPAK Affairs
- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Trilateral Summer School on Regional Integration (*AfPak Trilateral Dialogue*), June, 2012 – Berlin, Germany
- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Trilateral Summer School on Peace , Security and Trade in Afghanistan (*AfPak Trilateral Dialogue*), June, 2011 – Islamabad
- Indian Council on Research in International Economic Relations (ICRIER) – *Advanced Economic Briefing Program*, Oct-Nov., 2011 – New Delhi, India

Work Experience

- **Adjunct Faculty** at the National Defence University (NDU), Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad (current)
- **Assistant Professor**
School of Peace and Counterterrorism Studies (SPCTS) at Minhaj University Lahore — January 3, 2003 to February 2024
- **Adjunct Faculty**
Teach undergraduate and graduate classes on international affairs and media including: Media and Politics/Conflict/Security, Strategic Communication, Foreign Policy Analysis, Diplomacy, Peace and Conflict, Politics of Environment, Comparative Government Systems, Energy Security, Peace

Education, Global Conflicts, Economy in Conflict Zones and other courses **since 2015** to date at national universities including:

- National Defence University (NDU-Departments: PCS, IR, GPP, SS)
- Quaid-e-Azam University (Departments: SPIR, DSS, Sociology)
- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and
- International Islamic University (IIU), Islamabad
(Departments: IR & Political Science, Media and Mass Communication)

- **Manager Strategic Communication and Outreach
Higher Education Commission Pakistan (HEC)— (2015-16)**

Advising the HEC on strategic Communication and Outreach

Rapporteur and Editor of report/publications for SAARC Conference on Higher Education, Islamabad, June 15-16, 2015

Rapporteur for HEC Social Sciences Conference, Islamabad, May 13-14, 2015

Rapporteur for HEC Social Sciences Conference, Islamabad Sept. 2015

Rapporteur for HEC Human Resource Development Conference, Nov. 2015

- **Consulting Editor –UNICEF – 2015**

Edited the study report on, “Mapping and Assessment of Alternate Care Service in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa”

- **Project Manager – Impact Pakistan Project (2013-14) The United Press International (UPI Next Media Development Division of the premier American news wire service)**

Managed a team of professionals including editors, reporters, evaluators, administrative staff, IT experts, and consultants. The Project trained over 300 mainstream print and electronic journalists across Pakistan including 20 rural districts.

- **Consulting Editor –Interactive Resource Centre (Gender equity Program, USAID) - 2012**

Drafted an easy narrative of the legislations passed in favour of women in Pakistan (for the better understanding of media and the common man).

- **Director News Desk, Xinhua News Agency, Pakistan Bureau (China’s official news Agency) – 2010**

As Senior Writer, Editor and Political and Security Analyst supervised a team of reporters and stringers across Pakistan and responsible for text and electronic news from the bureau. Please check www.chinaview.cn.

- **Editorial Consultant, Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) -2010**

Synchronized the desk and reporting. Enhanced teams’ capacity to deliver top quality news content maintaining objective reporting, speed and accuracy.

- **Senior Sub-Editor – The News International, Rawalpindi/Islamabad February (2007- December 2008)**
Worked on the Front and Frontier/Afghanistan Desks. Responsible for editing sensitive stories, the front, back and relevant pages.
- **Political Specialist/Senior Advisor – The U.S. Consulate General in Karachi, Pakistan**
(April 1996 to February 2003)
- **Reporter/Sub-Editor with the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) 1991-1996**
Among a group of 21 distinguished persons selected through a national competitive examination contested by 1,700 candidates nationwide in 1990

Languages

- **ENGLISH – Fluent (second language)** received all education in English language. **Professional Level V** interpretation and translation skills
- **URDU – Fluent (Native), Professional Level V** interpretation and translation skills
- **JAPANESE – Advanced Certificate Course (1988-1990)** from Japanese Cultural Center at the Consulate General of Japan, Karachi, Pakistan
Passed: Japanese Language Proficiency Test, Level-4 (1990)
(*Note: Require a few months practise to recall and regain.*)
- **SINDHI – Fluen, Professional Level IV** interpretation and translation skills
- **PUNJABI – Fluent. Professional Level IV** interpretation and translation skills

Selected Published Newspaper Articles

- Articles Published in The Friday Times:**
- Zohran Mamdani and the Populist Trap—TFT, November 10, 2025
 - Can Afghanistan Ever Find Peace Amid Taliban Rule and Regional Turmoil—TFT, October 16, 2025
 - Trump’s Tactical Turn: Reinventing American Power In a Multipolar World-TFT, May 24, 2025
 - Rogue Selling Old Jihadist Wine in New Bottles-TFT, April 4, 2025
 - Jaffar Express Hostage Crisis: Rising Insurgency, Administrative Failures, and the Need for Reforms-TFT, March 13, 2025
 - The Bewildering Wakhan and Deeping Taliban Turmoil-TFT, 2025
 - Dawn of the Planetaria-TFT, November 28, 2024
 - The Aspersion Smoggy Politics of Smog-TFT, November 22, 2024

- The World Remains Unsafe from a Searing Missile Crisis— October 30, 2024
<https://thefridaytimes.com/30-Oct-2024/the-world-remains-unsafe-from-a-searing-missile-crisis>
- Summit and the Peaking Politics of Rape— October 22, 2024 available at:
<https://thefridaytimes.com/22-Oct-2024/summit-and-the-peaking-politics-of-rape>
- Kurram Should Not Bleed Again— July 12, 2023 available at:
<https://thefridaytimes.com/12-Jul-2023/kurram-should-not-bleed-again>
- Cult Politics, A Common Thread that Runs Through MQM and PTI— Oct. 11, 2022 available at: <https://thefridaytimes.com/11-Oct-2022/cult-politics-a-common-thread-that-runs-through-mqm-and-pti>
- How Pakistan’s Pied Piper Mised his Supporters and Trampled the Constitution— April 12, 2022 available at: <https://thefridaytimes.com/12-Apr-2022/how-pakistan-s-pied-piper-mised-his-supporters-and-trampled-the-constitution>
- Maula Sami ul Haq’s Removal from the Bigger Picture— Nov. 3, 2018 available at:
<https://nayadaur.tv/03-Nov-2018/maulana-sami-s-removal-from-the-bigger-picture>

Articles Published in Daily Times-

- <https://dailytimes.com.pk/writer/syed-moazzam-hashmi/>

Articles Published in Foreign Policy magazine The AFPAC Channel-

- Talks with the Taliban: There is no other way.
The AFPAC Channel, The Foreign Policy magazine—April 4, 2012 available at
<http://foreignpolicy.com/2012/04/04/talks-with-the-taliban-there-is-no-other-way/>
- MQM Adrift: Karachi’s Brewing Political War
The AFPAC Channel, The Foreign Policy magazine—June 12, 2015 available at:
<http://foreignpolicy.com/2015/06/12/mqm-adrift-karachis-brewing-political-war/>
- The Clash between Strategy and Implementation – How Pakistan Fights the Taliban
The AFPAC Channel, The Foreign Policy magazine—February 23, 2015 available at:
<http://foreignpolicy.com/author/syed-moazzam-hashmi/>
- Pakistan by year 2030 – An Optimistic Scenario
The Hilal(magazine of the Pakistan Army), February 2013 available at
<http://www.pakistanarmy.gov.pk/hilal/Hilal%20English%20Feb%202013.pdf>
- Pakistan’s Significant Role in Post 2014 Afghanistan
The Hilal(magazine of the Pakistan Army), January 2013 available at
<http://www.pakistanarmy.gov.pk/hilal/Hilal%20English%20201211.pdf>
- “Afghanistan’s New Militants,” **Daily DAWN**, April 18, 2009
- “Afghanistan caught in a bind,” **Daily DAWN**, Pakistan, February 24, 2005
- “Would Taliban unleash another episode of artifact massacre?” *Daily The News International*, Rawalpindi/Islamabad, November 29, 2007

- “Split Indian view over a weak Pakistan,” Daily *The News International*, Rawalpindi/Islamabad, November 18, 2007
- “Will Taliban Constitution narrow the silver lining?” Daily *The News International*, Rawalpindi/Islamabad, October 11, 2007
- “Our Nuclear Umbrella”, Daily *The News International*, November 9, 2003
- “Little Brother should not try to act on his own”, Daily *The News International*, October 12, 2003

Articles Published in the South Asia magazine-

- Afghanistan – Right Place, Right Time
The *South Asia* magazine, December 2012 available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1346-afghanistan-right-place-right-time.html>
- We’ve Learnt Nothing from History – Cover Story
The *South Asia* magazine, November 2012
- An Anatomy of Green on Blue
The *South Asia* magazine, October 2012 available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1317-afghanistan-an-anatomy-of-green-on-blue.html>
- To Make or Break
The *South Asia* magazine, November 2012 available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1297-afghanistan-to-make-or-break.html>
- (A series of four articles on the political turmoil in the Maldives published in the *South Asia* magazine in (March) Monster to Savior; (April) Cornered Democracy; (May) Political Whirlpool, and (July) Nascent Democracy in Catch in 22)
- Nascent Democracy in Catch 22, *South Asia – July 2012* available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1258-nascent-democracy-in-catch-22.html>
- Political Whirlpool, *South Asia – May 2012* available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1210-political-whirlpool.html>
- Cornered Democracy, *South Asia – April 2012* available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1188-cornered-democracy.html>
- Monster to Savior, *South Asia - March 2012* available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1166-monster-to-savior.html>
- Paradigm Shifts, *South Asia - Jan. 2012* available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/features/1115-paradigm-shifts.html>
- Redefined Political Map, *South Asia – Nov. 2011* available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/1057-redefined-political-map.html>
- Reality Check, *South Asia* magazine, July 2011 available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/analysis/940-reality-check.html>
- Message through Missiles, *SouthAsia* magazine April 2011 available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/867-messages-through-missiles.html>
- Balanced Act, *South Asia* magazine, February 2011 available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/analysis/816-balanced-act.html>
- Change of Guard, *SouthAsia* magazine, August 2010 available at <http://www.saglobalaffairs.com/regional/602-change-of-guard.html>
- Who benefits from the Khost Attacks? *The Diplomatic insight*, January/February 2010, Islamabad

Distinguished Sports Achievements

- **Black Belt 3rd Dan**, International Master Instructor and National Referee
The World Taekwondo Federation (WTF), South Korea

Participated in –

- XVI National Games (1997) in 10 meter Air Pistol shooting event
- National Shooting Championship (1996)

References on request.