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SUMMARY

- Retired Military officer (Lt Col) having field and institutional experience in handling matters relating to Strategic Communication, perception management, Hybrid/Information warfare, Discourse analysis, Narrative Architecture and deconstruction, along with matching academic qualification (PhD) and specialization.
- Specialization achieved through unique double blend of vast field and institutional experience backed by sound Research based academic qualifications in thoroughly interlinked disciplines of Discourse analysis, Narrative Architecture, Critical terrorism studies, Strategic communication, Counter propaganda specialization, Media Handling & Management, Information operations, Hybrid/Media warfare.

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Peace & Conflict studies** Centre for international peace and stability (CIPS), National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad **2016-2023 CGPA 3.92/4.**
 - **Thesis title** "Critical discourse Analysis of Narratives by Armed Non state Actors in the US War on Terrorism (WoT); A comparison of Afghanistan and Pakistan"
 - **Specialization:** Peace and conflict studies, International relations, Discourse analysis, Narratives, Strategic Communication, Hybrid/ Media/ Information operations & warfare, Critical studies on Terrorism, WoT, Social & Behavioural Science, Arms Control and Disarmament, Conflict and conflict Resolution.
- **Master of Philosophy (M Phil) in International Relations** National Defence University (NDU) Islamabad, 2013 to 2015 **CGPA 3.89/4.**
 - **Thesis title** "Impacts of Perception Management: A Case Study of ISAF Operations in Afghanistan"
 - **Specialization:** Perception management, Narratives, Strategic Communication, Hybrid/ Media/ Information operations & warfare, WoT, Social & Behavioural Science, International relations, Conflict & Cooperation in South Asia, International Security, Central Asian Studies etc.
- **Master of Science in Mass Communication**
 - Allama Iqbal Open University, ISLAMABAD/ Pakistan ,01-Sep-2009 to 05-Oct-2015
 - **Specialization:** Journalism, Information, Strategic Communication, Communication Studies, & Mass Communication
 - **Master of Arts in International Relations** University of Balochistan, Quetta/ Pakistan, 1995 -1997.
 - Specialization: Social & Behavioral Science/International relations
 - **Logistics Staff Course** Army School of Logistics, Murree/ Pakistan, Mar to Jul-2004. With specialization in Business & Administration / Supply Chain Management, Logistics / Human Resource Management.
 - **Bachelor in Arts (BA)** Pakistan Military Academy(PMA), Abbottabad, Pakistan,02-Apr-1988 to 08-Mar-1990, in Humanities.
 - **FA (Recognized 1st level degree).** Junior Cadet Battalion, PMA, Abbottabad, Pakistan, 1986 to 1988.
 - **Matriculation.** Government High School, Garhi Habibullah, District Mansehra, KPK

Experience

- **Pakistan Army Officer.** 18-Mar-1990 to 30-Oct-2015, Positions held are as follows:
 - **Infantry Officer.** 1990-2004, Company Officer, Company Commander, Staff Officer, Instructor etc.
 - **Logistics Officer.** 2004-2006, Logistics staff Course, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General & Quartermaster General (DAA&QMG) in Infantry Brigade Headquarters in Pano Aqil, Sindh.
 - **Information Operations / PRO / Media Management / ISPR.** 2006-2014. Positions and experience:
 - **Public Relations Officer 2006-2008.** ISPR Directorate, GHQ Rawalpindi. Handling and managing media in support of Various Military activities and Operations in War (WoT) and Peace Time.

- **Public Relations Officer 2008-2010.** At Mangla Corps Headquarters.
- **Media Director, Special Support Group.** Established by Government of Pakistan to help manage huge influx of internally displaced Persons in Swat/ Malakand and Waziristan in 2009 -2010.
- **Pakistan Army Liaison Officer on Strategic Communication/Information Operations 2010-2011.** with International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Kabul, Afghanistan in WoT.
- **Public Relations Officer with Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff 2011-2013.** Managed Media Activities of Chairman as well as the IO activities at JS HQ Level.
- **Public Relations Officer 2013-2014.** at Headquarters ISPR Directorate & Swat / Malakand Division.
- **Human Resource Manager 2014-2015. Senior Record Officer** at GHQ Rawalpindi.
- **Retired from Military Service in 2015.**
- **PhD Scholar.**2016-2023.
- **Post Retirement Employment**
 - **Min of Def, Strategic Communication and Perception Management Expert 2016- 2022.**
 - **Grade -1 Staff Officer at Arms Control and Disarmament Affairs (ACDA) Directorate, Headquarters Strategic Plans Division 2022-2025** Chaklala, Rawalpindi. Handled outreach and communications and managed various activities of NCA Think Tanks.

Research Work

- Limited to my MPhil and PhD Theses. In addition, I have written two research articles in HEC Recognized 'Y' category Journals as Following: -
 - Citation: Shahid, R. W. (2022). "How Narratives Helped the Taliban's Surprise Takeover of Afghanistan in 2021". Global Foreign Policies Review, V (II), 52-65. [https://doi.org/10.31703/gfpr.2022\(V-II\).06](https://doi.org/10.31703/gfpr.2022(V-II).06)
 - Citation: Shahid, R. W. (2022). "Indian Exploitation of Kashmir through the Phenomenon of Terrorism: A Case Study". Global Strategic and Security Studies Review, VII (I), 54-65. [https://doi.org/10.31703/gsssr.2022\(VII-I\).06](https://doi.org/10.31703/gsssr.2022(VII-I).06)

Skills

- Narrative Building
- Strategic Communication , Media campaign management
- Counter propaganda & Impact analysis
- Research work/ Discourse analysis
- Critical studies on terrorism/counter terrorism

Bio-Data

- Date of Birth: 20-March-1969, Marital Status: Married (Three Sons and a Daughter)
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