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## **Profile**

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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**

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

## **Education**

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**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

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### **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*". 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## Grants/Funding

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### 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, '*Batkhela (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*". 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Sakaraya University, Turkey on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30 September 2020.

## Professional and Research Experience

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

- a) Founding Member of Social Science Academics under which Review of Human Rights (Research Journal) is lunched.
- 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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##### 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:**

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#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- d) Chaired session and presented a paper titled “COVID-19 a Threat to International Peace” in 4<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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.
- l) 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 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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