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## EDUCATION

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| 2012 – 2017 | **PhD in Sociology.** University of Warwick (United Kingdom) |
| 2008 – 09 | **M.A Gender & Development** (2:1). University of Hull (United Kingdom) |
| 2000 – 02 | **M.A Sociology** (Distinction). University of Peshawar (Pakistan). |
| 1997 – 99 | **B.A Sociology, Islamic Studies, and English** (2:1). University of Peshawar (Pakistan). |

## PUBLICATIONS: Published/Accepted

Rehman, Habib. Bilal, **Owais, S**., Rahman, Obaid., & Shen, Andy H. (Forthcoming). Namak Mandi: A Pioneer Gemstone Market in Pakistan. [*Gems and Gemology*](https://www.gia.edu/gems-gemology)

**Owais, S.** & Sanauddin, N. (Forthcoming: Dec 2021). When patrimonialism is the only way ahead: an institutionalist account of doctoral students’ academic journeys in Pakistan. in D. L. Mulligan, N. Rayan, & P. A. Danaher (Eds.), *Deconstructing Doctoral Discourses: Stories and Strategies for Success.* London: Palgrave Macmillan.

**Owais, S.** (2021). “Horrified by the Experience”? Reflections on a Pakistani Organisation’s Feedback About Doctoral Research Findings. In D. L. Mulligan & P. A. Danaher (Eds.), [*Researchers at Risk: Precarity, Jeopardy and Uncertainty in Academia*](https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030538569) (pp. 233-247). London: Palgrave Macmillan.

**Owais, S.** (2020). Historical contingency and path dependence in bottom-up democratization through NGOs: a case study from Pakistan. *Development in Practice,* 30(7), 953-964. DOI: 10.1080/09614524.2020.1762543.

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**Owais, S.**, & Sanauddin, N. & Nawaz, G. (2016), ‘Transparent and accountable? Negotiating the relevance of NGOs in conflict-affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, *PUTAJ – Humanities & Social Sciences, 22*(2), 47-62.

Sanauddin, N., Chitrali, J., & **Owais, S.** (2016). Public patriarchy: An analysis of women’s access to education, work and politics in Pakistan. *PUTAJ - Humanities & Social Sciences, 23*(1), 27-37. Available from: <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Public-Patriarchy%3A-An-Analysis-of-Women’s-Access-to-Sanauddin-Owais/b925c1e70f99df3ee90c94d426954efa366fda7c>

Chitrali, J. A., Sanauddin, N., & **Owais, S.** (2015). Gender-based discrimination in punishment at schools: A study of selected schools in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, *Pakistan Journal of Criminology,* *7*(3), 51-71. Available from: <http://www.pjcriminology.com/publications/gender-based-discrimination-in-punishments-at-schools-a-study-of-selected-schools-in-khyber-pakhtunkhwa-pakistan/>

Chitrali, J., Sanauddin, N., & **Owais, S.** (2015). Violence explained? A review of theoretical explanations of violent behavior. *Pakistan Journal of Criminology, 7*(4), 1-15. Available from: <http://www.pjcriminology.com/publications/violence-explained-a-review-of-theoretical-explanations-of-violent-behavior/>

## PUBLICATIONS: Manuscripts Under-review/preparation

**Owais, S.** (under-review). Women’s empowerment or business as usual? insights from a women-run Village Bank (VB) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. [*Geoforum*](https://www.journals.elsevier.com/world-development)

Aminullah, & **Owais, S.** (under-review).Implications of social capital in political empowerment of women in Pakistan: the case of quota-based Local Government System. [*Pakistan*](https://www.pscpesh.org/index.php/research-journal)

**Owais, S.** (under-preparation). Fertilizers for bombs? development logic versus peasants’ logic in value chain agriculture – a Longian perspective.

**Owais, S.** (under-preparation). Social sciences in Pakistan: Cold War offspring into neoliberal adolescence?

**Owais, S.** (under-preparation). Anomalies in Publishing Research Papers in Public Sector Universities in Pakistan.

## PUBLICATIONS: Research Reports

Sanauddin, N. & **Owais, S.** (2020). Knowledge-based economy and social sciences in Pakistan: An institutionalist analysis of factors in relatively low research productivity. Islamabad: Higher Education Commission (HEC).

**Owais, S.** (2012) Briefing paper: A gender analysis of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Budget (FY 2010-11), Peshawar: UNDP-SPRSM Project.

Rehman, Z. & **Owais, S.** (2012) A gender analysis of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa’s Budget (FY 2010-11), Peshawar: UNDP-SPRSM Project.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jan 2017 – Current **Assistant Professor (Sociology)**, University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

Jan 2016 – Mar 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, ESRC-[Doctoral Training Centre (DTC)](https://warwick.ac.uk/research/postgraduate/dtc/) University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

Oct 2014 – Mar 2015 **Sessional Tutor –** *Sociological Perspectives (UG)*

[Department of Sociology, University of Warwick (UK)](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/about/)

Oct 2014 – Dec 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, ESRC-[Doctoral Training Centre (DTC)](https://warwick.ac.uk/research/postgraduate/dtc/) University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

Dec 2013 – Feb 2015 **Academic Mentor**, Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto), Japan.

Oct 2010 – Sep 2012 **Assistant Professor (Sociology)**, University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

Jan 2010 – Jun 2011 **Visiting Lecturer**, Institute of Management Sciences,

Peshawar.

Nov 2002 – Sep 2010 **Lecturer (Sociology)**, University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

## RESEARCH/CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

May 2021 – Current **Co-Investigator**, *Factors inhibiting Beneficiation of Gemstones in Pakistan: A mixed-methods value chain analysis of Mining and Trading in Gemstone Industry of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Gilgit Baltistan.*

Funder: HEC, Pakistan [Grant value: US$ 104K]

Apr 2018 – Dec 2019 **Co-Investigator**, *Knowledge-based economy, and social sciences in Pakistan: An institutionalist analysis of factors in relatively low research productivity.*

Funder: HEC, Pakistan [Grant value: US$ 40K]

May 2017 – Jun 2018 **Research Associate**

*Digitization & Digitalization of Pashto Proverbs*, University of Peshawar (Pakistan).

Nov 2012 – Jan 2013 **Research Assistant**, [MYPLACE Project](http://www.fp7-myplace.eu/workpackages.php#wp4), Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester (UK).

Oct 2012 **Research Assistant**, University of Warwick (UK).

Jun 2011 – Dec 2011 **Technical Analyst (Co-consultant)**

United Nations Development Program, Peshawar, Pakistan.

Aug 2006 – Dec 2006 **Facilitator**

Canada-Pakistan HIV/AIDS Surveillance Project (HASP) – Round2

Oct 2001 – Mar 2002 **Research Internee**

Sarhad Rural Support Program (SRSP), Peshawar (Pakistan).

## CONFERENCES: Presentations/Participation

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| April 2019 | *Anomalies in Publishing Research Papers in Public Sector Universities in Pakistan.* [13th Humanities & Social Sciences Conference](https://lums.edu.pk/conference/hssconference)  Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan. |
| Oct 2018 | *Changing the Story.* [Early Career Project Development Workshop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRIby5FDoaY)  University of Leeds, UK. |
| Mar 2018 | *Sociology in Pakistan: A Cold War offspring into neoliberal adolescence?*  [1st International Conference on Sociology, Social Sciences, & Sustainable Development (ICCSSSD)](http://sociology.usindh.edu.pk/2017/12/two-days-1st-international-conference-on-contemporary-sociology-social-sciences-and-sustainable-development-2018/), University of Sind, Pakistan. |
| May 2015 | *Locked into the rhetoric of change: Identifying organizational paths of development NGOs in Pakistan.*  [3rd International social science conference on *State and Society in Pakistan*](http://www.uop.edu.pk/events/?q=7), Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan. |
| Feb 2014 | *The development paths of development organizations in Pakistan.*  International Postgraduate Academic & GP conference: Multiple Crises and Sustainable Social Integration in Contemporary Societies*.* Chung-Ang University (Seoul, South Korea)*.* |
| Nov 2011 | *Transparent and accountable? Negotiating the relevance of NGOs in conflict-affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Pakistan.*  Dynamics of Change in Conflict Societies: Pashtun Region in Perspective –  Annual conference of Political Science, University of Peshawar, Pakistan. |

## CONFERENCES: Organization

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| Jan 2019 | **Co-Organizer & Conference Secretary**  National Conferenceon [*Knowledge-based Economy (KE) & Social Sciences in Pakistan: Problems & Prospects,*](http://www.uop.edu.pk/events/?q=387)University of Peshawar. |
| Mar 2018 | **Conference Assistant**  One-day International Conferenceon [*Oral Literature in Pakistan: Past, Present & Future,*](http://www.uop.edu.pk/events/?q=29)University of Peshawar. |
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**PEER-REVIEWING EXPERIENCE**

1. [Community Development](https://academic.oup.com/cdj)
2. [Springer Nature](https://www.springernature.com/gp)
3. [Development in Practice](https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current)
4. [Exchange: The interdisciplinary Research Journal](https://publons.com/journal/56524/exchanges-the-interdisciplinary-research-journal/)
5. [Islamabad Policy Research Institute Journal](https://ipripak.org/category/ipri-journal/)
6. [PUTAJ: Humanities and Social Sciences](http://journals.uop.edu.pk/journal_detail.php?journal_id=25)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING

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| Sep 2015 | **Introduction to Teaching & Learning in Higher Education**  Learning and Development Centre. University of Warwick, UK. |
| Mar 2007 | **Case Teaching Methodologies**  Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan. |
| Aug 2006 | **Mapping Techniques**  Canada-Pakistan HIV/AIDS Surveillance Project (HASP), Pakistan. |

## ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| Mar 2021 - Current  Jan 2010 – Current | **External Reviewer,** Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Islamia College Peshawar. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.  **Member**, Board of Studies (Sociology), Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (AWKUM), Pakistan. |
| Sep 2018 – Current | **Member**, Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) and Board of Studies (BoS) in Sociology, University of Peshawar, Pakistan. |
| Jun 2019 – Current | **Member**, Board of Studies (BoS, Sociology), Islamic College Peshawar (ICP), Pakistan. |
| Dec 2013 – Nov 2016 | **Member**  International Sociological Association (ISA). |
| Nov 2015 – Jan 2017 | **Member**  International Society for Third Sector Research(ISTR). |
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## COMPUTING SKILLS: Teaching and Research

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| **SAKAI** | Advanced skills for uploading and sharing teaching content. |
| **Sitebuilder2** | Intermediate skills |
| **MS Office** | Advanced skills, particularly in Word and PowerPoint. |
| **NVivo** | Advanced skills for analyzing qualitative data. |
| **Endnote** | Advanced skills. |
| **SPSS** | Intermediate skills for quantitative (cross-tabular) data analysis. |
| **Audacity** | Intermediate skills in audio-editing for qualitative research purposes. |

*References available upon request*