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**SUMMARY**

Over 24 years professional experience encompassing policy, research, analysis, academics, plannin and administration in research and academic institutions of Pakistan and abroad including The Prime Minister Secretariate, The Institute of Strategic Studies, The US National Defence University etc. Ph.D. with concentration on Constituional and Administrative Diarchies of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan. Advance foreign courses/training in Security and Strategic Studies mainly from USA. Major areas of interest include Security, Politics, Peace, Conflict, Governance, Development, Reconstruction and Social Issues at intra and interstate level mainly in South and Central Asia.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Pakistan**

**Ph.D.** University of Peshawar, Pakistan. Dissertation: The Constitutional Dichotomy along the Durand Line (Focused on Constitutional, Political & Administrative dichotonies of the Tribal Areas of Pakistan)

**M.A**. University of Peshawar, Pakistan

**B.A.** University of Peshawar, Pakistan

**Foreign**

2004 “**Security Studies**”, Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

2005  **“Strategic Studies”** from Near-East South-Asia (NESA) Centre for Strategic Studies, National Defence University (NDU), Washington DC, USA

2007  **“Security Studies”** from Monash Asia Institute of Monash, South Asia Terrorism Studies Programme, University, Australia

2009 “**Security Challenges** in Near East and South Asia” under the US NDU NESA Centre’s Continuing Education Programme, Casablanca, Morocco

2012 “**Water & Energy Security** in the Middle East and South Asia” under the US NDU NESA Centre’s Continuing Education Programme, Bangkok, Thailand.

2016 “**Executive Course in Regional Studies** under South Asia Leadership Program of Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA.

**POSITIONS HELD**

**2012 to Date** **Department of Regional Studies, University of Peshawar, Pakistan**

**Professor & Chairman**

Overall incharge of academic, research, administrative and infrastructural development affairs of the department.

**2004 to 2012** **Area** **Study Centre, University of Peshawa**r, **Pakistan**

**Associate Professor** Contributed in academic and research programmes (M.Phil. & Ph.D. level) on Central Asia, mainly Afghanistan, China and related issues. Also remained part of various administrative and academic support activities/member of various committees of the Centre.

**1999 to 2004** **Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), Pakistan**

**Research Fellow**ISSI is the premier think tank of Ministry of Foreign affairs of Pakistan. Major responsibilities included policy research and anlysis on issues of national and regional interest especially Afghanistan and related issues.

**1992 to 1997** **Prime Minister’s Secretariat, Islamabad**

**Research Officer** Worked as a Member of the Good Governance Group in the Committee for Research and Analysis. This group was engaged in critically evaluating political, economic, administrative and social structures of Pakistan to appraise the Prime Minister and Parliamentarians, and contribute to the purpose of Policy Making.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATION**

**1. Fellow**, Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies, (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

**2. Fellow**, Near East-South Asia (NESA) Centre for Strategic Studies, National Defence University (NDU), Washington D.C., USA

**3. Fellow**, Monash Asia Institute, Monash University Clayton, Australia

**4. Member**, Peshawar University Teachers Association (PUTA)

**5. Founding Member**, Association of Students in Public Administration (ASPA)

**6. Founding Member,** Central Asian Studies Students Association (CASSA), Peshawar, Pakistan

**7.**. **Member**, Academic Council, University of Peshawar

**8. Member**, Board of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Peshawar

**9. Editor**, *“Central Asia”,* Research Journal of the Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar

**10. Member** Conference/Seminar Organising Committee, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad

**11**. **Member**, Social Sciences Council of Pakistan

**12**. **Coordinator** Conference and Seminar Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar

**13. Member** Graduate Studies Committee, Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar

**14**. **Chairman**, Board of Studies, Department of Regional Studies, University of eshawar

**15. Member,** Board of Studies, Department of International Relations, University of Peshawar

**16**. **Member,** Graduate Studies Committee, Department of International Relations, University of Peshawar

**17**. **Member,** Board of Studies, Department of Political Science, Islamia College University, Peshawar

**18**. **Member,** Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Islamia College University, Peshawar

**19**. **Member,** Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Hazara University, Manshera

**20**. **Member,** Board of Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Hazara University, Manshera.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Nominated to attend an Executive Course on Strategic Dialogue Near East-South Asia (NESA), Centre for Strategic Studies National Defense University, Washington D.C., USA

Nominated to attend an Executive Course on Security Studies at the Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

**SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

Participated in and attended a number of National and International Conferences/Seminars at home and abroad. Also have extensive experience of planning, organizing and supervising seminar/conference/workshop/symposia.

**Abroad**

**December 2013** International Conference on , “South Asia and Central Asia: Post 2014 Crossroads” organised by Near East South Asia Centre (NESA) for Strategic Studies of US National Defence University and East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

**November 2012** International Conference on Water and Energy Issues in South Asia and the Gulf Region, organised by Near East South Asia Centre (NESA) for Strategic Studies of US National Defence University in Bangkok, Thailand

**June 2012** International Conference Afghan reconstruction Vs Regional Challenges and Responsibilities organised by China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) Beijing, Peoples Republic of China

**October 2009** International Conference on Current and Future Security Challenges in Near East and South Asia Region organised by the NESA Centre of the US National Defence University in Casablanca, Morocco

**December 2007** International Conference on Drivers of Terrorism in South Asia organized by Moansh Asia Institute, Australia in Katmandu, Nepal.

**July 2005** International Seminar on The Role of Engagement in the Era of ChangeNear East and South Asia Region organised by the NESA Centre for Strategic Studies of the US National Defence University Washington D.C

**July 2005** International Seminar on organised by Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS) Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

**September 2003** Pak-China Bilateral forum on Assessment of war on Terror organized by China Institute for International Strategic Studies Beijing, Peoples Republic of China.

**December 2001** Pak-China Bilateral forum on regional Security/Strategic Issues organized by China Institute for International Strategic Studies Beijing, Peoples Republic of China.

**Pakistan**

Attended/participated/organized a large number of national/international conferences and seminars in Pakistan. Last presentation made at home was titled “Pak-China Prospects Cooperation” organized by the Institute of policy Studies Islamabad on the Role of China in the 21st Century , June 2014.

**RESEARCH WORK**

**A- List of Published Research Articles**

* "Post Election Afghanistan: Stability or haos"
* “The Role of the Afghan Refugees’ Parties (Tanzeemat) in Pakistan’s Strategic Scheme"
* “Political and Economic Impact of Nuclear-related Sanctions on Iran and its Foreign Policy Options”
* “The London Conference 2010: An Assessment”
* “Exploring During Activity of Newspapers Reader in Pakistan"
* “Challenges to Political/Democratic and Economic Reforms in Russia: Impact on EU-Russia Relations”
* **“**Illegal Media in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan"
* “Pakistan-India and the Post 9/11 Afghanistan”
* Constitution Process in Afghanistan”
* “Afghanistan’s Reconstruction: Issues and Challenges”
* “Revival of the Trans-Afghanistan Gas Pipeline Project"
* “Is Loya Jirga 2002 a Turning Point for Afghanistan"
* “Geo-Strategic Patterns of a Post-Taliban Afghanistan"
* “The Myth of Talibanization of Pakistan**”**
* “Changing Nature of the UN Sanctions: A Case study of Afghanistan"
* “Afghan Loya Jirga and Present Day Afghanistan”
* “Pakistan’s Afghanistan Policy: An Evaluation”
* “The Taliban: A Judgmental Response”

* “Chinese Political Economy in an Era of Globalisation"
* “Codification of Islamic Law in Afghanistan",
* “Two Commanded Operational Bases of Indian Mujahideen on Anglo-Afghan Border 1914-30”
* “Burnout Syndrome among the University Teachers"

**B- Published Book Reviews**

* Jihad: The Rise of Militant Islam in Central Asia
* Political Economy of Afghanistan
* The Taliban and the New Great game
* Some Major Tribes along the Pak-Afghan Border
* The Lessons of Afghanistan
* Impelled Afghan Migration to Pakistan 1979 to 84

**C- Seminar Publications**

* “Afghanistan under the Taliban: Options and Evaluation”, International Seminar Publication by Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Munich, Germany,
* “The Decade of International Engagement in Afghanistan”, International Seminar publication presented at China Institute for Contemporary International Studies, China, June
* “US Military Involvement in Afghanistan and its Impact at the Region”, International Seminar paper, Presented in a Joint Seminar of Islamabad Council for World Affairs (ICWA) and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Munich, Germany,
* “Emerging Dynamics of Pak-Afghan relations”, International Seminar paper, Presented in a Joint Seminar of Department of political Science, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Munich, Germany,
* “An Assessment of the Afghan Situation”, presentation the CIISS-ISSI bilateral forum in Beijing, China
* “Pak-China Prospects Cooperation” Seminar organized by the Institute of policy Studies Islamabad on the Role of China in the 21st Century, Islamabad

**D- Unpublished Research Work**

**Ph. D. Dissertation** Titled “The Constitutional Dichotomy along the Durand Line”

**E- Restricted/limited circulation research work for Government of Pakistan**

a O**ver 85 fortnightly Area Reports on Afghanistan and Central Asia** at the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad

b- **Short Study Papers/Reports** on the following for the Prime Minister’s Secretariat, Government of Pakistan.

* Politicization of Judiciary in Pakistan.
* Failure in offering Quality Education in Pakistan.
* Causes of Political Instability in Pakistan.
* Campus Problems in Pakistani Universities.
* The Condition o Jails in Pakistan.
* Trends during and after different Elections in Pakistan.
* Illegal Immigrants in Pakistan.
* Arms Menace in Pakistani Society.
* **22 Reports** on various aspects of **District Administration** for Prime Minister’s Secretariat, Government of Pakistan.
* Arranged and conducted **Surveys** on the following issues for the Prime Minister’s Secretariat.
* Survey on Delay of Justice.
* Crime Victims Survey.
* Public Encounter with Courts Survey.
* Pre-Post Budget Survey

**F- Work with Media**

Research and Coordination for a **seven episode Documentary Programme** ”Afghanistan: Past, Present and Future” of Pakistan Television. Have also participated in many current affairs programmes on Radio and television.

**LANGUAGES**

* English
* Urdu
* Pashto (Mother Tongue)
* Punjabi
* Hindko
* Dari