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**CURRENT POSITION**

Assistant Professor

Head of the Department of Philosophy, University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

**EDUCATION**

Ph. D from University of Peshawar- Pakistan (2011)

PhD Thesis- Logic and Language of War with Special Reference to the War on Terror in Afghanistan: Appearance and Reality

MA Economics from University of Peshawar (2000)

MA Philosophy (Gold Medalist) from University of Peshawar (1995)

**MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATION**

**CURRENT**

Convener- Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), Department of Philosophy, University of Peshawar (Since 2019)

Convener- Board of Studies, Department of Philosophy, University of Peshawar (Since 2019)

Member- Board of Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Peshawar (Since 2021)

Member- Graduate Study Committee, Area Study Center (Russia, China and Central Asia) (Since 2023)

Member- Graduate Study Committee, Department of International Relations- University of Peshawar (Since 2023)

Member- Institutional Scholarship Award Committee (ISAC) University of Peshawar (Since 2021)

Member- Ethical Review Board- Institute of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine – Peshawar- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Since 2022)

Member- Graduate Study Committee, Area Study Center (Russia, China and Central Asia) (Since 2023)

**PAST**

Coordinator Bara Gali Summer Camp (2018-2020)

Secretary- Advanced Study Research Board (ASRB) Sub-Committee of Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Peshawar (2018-2020)

Sub Editor- The Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (2018-2021)

Member- Board of Studies, Law College, University of Peshawar

Elected Executive Member of Peshawar University Teachers Association (PUTA) (2018-2019)

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, COMPETENCE AND INTEREST**

Philosophy of Language

Cognitive Linguistics

Logic and Critical Thinking

Discourse Analysis

Metaphors and Framing in War, Conflict and Politics

Cross Cultural Metaphors

Emotional Intelligence

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Present M. Phil/Ph .D Supervision and Teaching Assignments**

* Permanent faculty member of Department of Philosophy, University of Peshawar from 2000 to date
* Teaching, “Introduction to Logic” and “Twentieth Century Philosophy” to MA Philosophy students
* Teaching, “Advanced Symbolic Logic”, “Epistemology”, “Philosophy of Language” and “Studies in Methodology and Philosophy of Science” to MS/ MPhil scholars.
* Supervise M. Phil. scholars
* Visiting faculty member Department of English, University of Peshawar
* Teach, “Introduction to Philosophy” to BS students.
* Visiting faculty member, department of Psychology, University of Peshawar
* Teach, “Studies in Methodology and Philosophy of Science” to MPhil/MS scholars
* Visiting faculty member at Institute of Management Sciences, Hayatabad Peshawar.
* Teach “Advanced Logic and Critical Thinking” to MS Management Science Scholars
* Teach “Philosophy of Science and Research” to PhD Scholars

**Projects**

* Project Director- Fellowship Program on Promoting Peaceful Coexistence.A project of the Department of Philosophy University of Peshawar funded by United States Institute for Peace (USIP). The project was aimed at training of 60 fellows as budding peace leaders and digitizing of Mirror of Society- A students magazine. (2020-2021)
* Taught “Elements of Creative and Critical Thinking” in Independent Project Reporting (IPR). IPR was a three months certificate course on Developmental Journalism and was organized by Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) Peshawar University. The project was an integral part of the FATA Development Program implemented by the FATA Secretariat and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), funded by the German Government. (2014-2016)

**Seminars and Workshops Conducted**

* Regular Guest Speaker at Higher Education Academy of Research and Training (HEART) Peshawar. Facilitate sessions on ‘Critical and Analytical Thinking Skills’ to the Academic and Managerial staff working in the Government Colleges of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. (2019 till date)
* Regularly conducted trainings as a recourse person in Master Trainer Faculty Professional Development Program (MT- FPDP) at Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad. The module I taught was ‘Logic & Critical Thinking’. Young faculty of various universities from all over Pakistan participated in the training. (2015-2018)
* Regularly participated as a Resource Person in In-Service Certificate Training Program organized by Center for Human Resource and Career Development (CHRCD) University of Peshawar. The module I teach is ‘Logic & Critical Thinking’. (2014- 2018)
* Regular Guest Speaker- Junior Command and Staff School (JC & SS) Pakistan Air Force-PAF (2014- 2016)
* Conducted a Workshop on “Critical Thinking” at 33rd Senior Management Course at National Institute of Management (NIM) Islamabad. (15th June, 2023)
* Seminar on, “What is Philosophy?” at City University of Science and Technology (CUSIT) Peshawar. (February 15, 2011)
* Seminar on “Informal Fallacies in Business and Management” at City University (April 29, 2014)
* Conducted sessions on “What is Knowledge” and “Philosophies of Research” in a workshop, “[Research Philosophies and Research Methods in Finance](https://www.facebook.com/Research-Philosophies-and-Research-Methods-in-Finance-1384936721807886/)” Organized by Quaid Azam College of Commerce University of Peshawar, at Bara Gali Campus University of Peshawar(5 to 8 August 2015)
* Conducted a seminar on “Knowledge” in University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar ( December 9, 2016)
* Participated as guest speaker in “Career Development Workshop for Women in Science” organized by career counseling center The Woman university of Multan (21-22 February 2017)
* Conducted two days Workshop, “Logic and Critical Thinking” on Capacity Building of Faculty Members of Distance Education at Allama Iqbal Open University in collaboration with Higher Education Commission Pakistan(January 22-24, 2018)
* Invited Guest Speaker on “What is Knowledge?” 3rd National Training Workshop on Capacity building of Librarians using research tools at Bara Gali Summer Campus, University of Peshawar organized by Central Library University of Peshawar with HEC Pakistan (July 20-22, 2018)
* Conducted a session on “Critical Thinking” in a three days workshop on Designing a Research Report and Research Paper at Bara Gali Summer Campus, University of Peshawar organized by Directorate of Higher Education Khyber (HED) Pakhtunkhwa (10-12 September, 2018)
* Conducted a session in Research Methods Workshop for the faculty on “Issues of Critical Thinking in Research” at National Institute of Pakistan Studies (NIPS), Quaid Azam University Islamabad organized NIPS and Hans Seidel Foundation (HSF) Pakistan Office (November 12, 2018)
* Conducted three sessions on “Developing Critical Thinking” in a Workshop, "Understanding the Learner's Psychology and Developing Critical Thinking" at Bacha Khan University, Charsadda, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (11 January 2018)
* Conducted a workshop for the Officers Grade-2, Assistant Chief Managers , Deputy Chief Managers of State Bank of Pakistan “Argumentation – Critical Thinking” (April 21, 2018)
* Resource Person in “Cascading of Master Trainers: Faculty Professional Development Program” organized by Woman University Swabi Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the faculty of the University. (9 to 11 July 2018)
* Conducted a session on Capacity Building of Faculty Teaching at Undergraduate Level on “Issues of Ethics and Critical Thinking in Research” held at Govt Post Graduate College No.1 Abbottabad organized by Directorate of Higher Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (4-6January, 2019)
* Conducted a Seminar on “Critical Thinking and the Social Sciences' Research’’ on Friday, 08-10-2021 At Area Study Center(Russia, China and Central Asia)
* Participated as Resource Person in a workshop, “Strengthening Faculty Leaders as Catalysts for Change- A Discussion & Networking Workshop for Ulasi Taroon (Social Cohesion)”. Organized by Center for Research and Security Studies (CRSS) at PUTA Hall University of Peshawar (September 10, 2020)
* Facilitated a session in Fellowship Program on Promoting Peaceful Coexistence Argumentation: “Building Peace through Logic and Language”. A project of the Department of Philosophy University of Peshawar
* Facilitated a session on “Language of Peace” Reginal Youth Summit at Bara Gali- Community Resilience Activity- North (CRA-N) – Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development (October 28-31, 2021)
* Reviewed a book, “Sophie’s World” written by Jostein Gaarder at Archives Library Peshawar organized by Peshawar Circle (12 November, 2022)
* Facilitated a session on “Language and Communication” as Master Trainer in 6 days Capacity Building Employability Skills Training Program for Minority Youth Organized by Minorities Affairs Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Liaison Corporation (November 21, 2022)
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* Facilitated a session on “The Art of Argumentation” Salamti Fellowship Cohort 9 organized by Shaoor Foundation for Education and Awareness. (February 28. 2023)
* Key note talk on “Emotional Intelligence” in Youth Leadership Summit Organized by Minority Youth Organized by Minorities Affairs Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Liaison Corporation (April 13, 2023)
* Conducted a Workshop on “Critical Thinking” at 33rd Senior Management Course at National Institute of Management (NIM) Islamabad. (15th June, 2023)
* Key note talk on “Emotional Intelligence” in Youth Leadership Summit Organized by Minority Youth Organized by Minorities Affairs Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Liaison Corporation (September 2, 2023)

**RESEARCH WORK AND PUBLICATIONS**

PhD Thesis- “Logic and Language of War with Special Reference to the War on Terror in Afghanistan: Appearance and Reality”- Supervised by Prof. Dr. Sarfraz Khan (SOAS) University of London- PhD thesis reviews were undertaken by Professor Peter S Fosl, Transylvania University USA and Prof. Dr. Ismail Latif Hacinebioglu, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey.

* “Metaphors in Pakistani Politics: An Analysis of Imran Khan’s Speeches in General Election 2018” Volume. 2 No. 2 (2023) Khair Ul Ummah [With Shakira Bibi and Mohammad Shafiq]
* “Mutazilites and Asharites on Causation and the Nature of the Physical World”

Al- Azhar, Volume 9, Issue 1 (2023) [With Syed Jawad Ali Shah]

* “Nietzsche and Iqbal on Human Perfection: A Comparative Study” The Dialogue- Volume 17, Issue 4 December 2022 (59-71) [With Sher Zada]
* “[Conceptual Analysis of Pashto Love Metaphor](https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=view_citation&hl=en&user=L5a5OcgAAAAJ&citation_for_view=L5a5OcgAAAAJ:hqOjcs7Dif8C)” Pakistan Journal of Social Research- Volume 4, Issue 4- December 2022 (619-628) [With Fazli Subhan]
* “"Wahdat-Al-Wujud" And "Wahdat-Al-Shuhud" With Special Reference To Azeemia School Of Thought” Vol. 2 Issue 1- November 2022 Khair Ul Ummah [With Muhammad Awais]
* “Covid-19 and War Metaphor; A Linguistic Projection through Pakistani Advertisements” City University Research Journal of Literature and Linguistics Vol (5), no. (1) June 2022 [with Fatima Khaliq]
* “[Al-Ghazali And Hume On Natural Causal Necessity And Miracles](https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=view_citation&hl=en&user=L5a5OcgAAAAJ&citation_for_view=L5a5OcgAAAAJ:ufrVoPGSRksC)” Al-Idah Volume 39, Issue 1 June, 2021 , 71-83 [with Syed Jawad Ali Shah]
* “[Anti-Foundationalism in Nietzschean Perspectivist Epistemology](https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=view_citation&hl=en&user=L5a5OcgAAAAJ&citation_for_view=L5a5OcgAAAAJ:roLk4NBRz8UC)” International Review of Social Sciences, Volume 9, Issue May, 2021 [with Fazli Subhan and Muhammad Omer Khan]
* “Wittgenstein from Realism to Conventionalism” The Dialogue, Volume 15, Issue 3 (July-September 2020 )[with Sher Zada]
* “Loss Gain Metaphorical Framing in the Context of the War on Terror” Journal of Central Asia, Issue No. 83 (Winter 2018) 143-156
* “Conditions Of Knowledge: A Comparative Analysis of Traditional Theories Vs Social Theory Of Knowledge” Journal of Law and Society Vol. XLIX, No. 72 (January 2018), 111-129 [with Syed Jawad Ali Shah]
* “Conceptual Metaphors for Life in Pashto” Journal of Central Asia, Issue No. 81 (2017) [with Imran Khan]
* “Fallacious Arguments that Led to Preemptive War in Iraq” The Dialogue, Volume XII, Number. 4 (October-December, 2017) 397-413
* “Believers versus Infidel Framing in the Context of War and Conflict with Special Reference to the War on Terror in Afghanistan” Journal of Central Asia, Issue No. 79 (Winter 2016), 53-65
* “Metaphors for Life and Love: A Comparative Analysis” Journal of Law and Society Vol. XLVII No: 68 (January 2016) 115-124
* “Philosophy of Language from Positivism to Contextualism: A Brief Exposition” Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Volume 22, No 3 (2014), 21- 34
* "False Either Or: A Fallacious Argumentative Strategy in the Context of War in General and the War on Terror in Afghanistan in Particular" Journal Central Asia 71 (2012), 83-96
* “Good Versus Evil: An Argument to begin Global War on Terrorism” Journal of Central Asia 64 (Summer 2009), 1-41 [with Sarfraz Khan]

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