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Shuja Ahmad is an Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Peshawar. With over 25 years of experience in studying, teaching, and practicing philosophy, he has cultivated a deep understanding of the field. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy, a Master's in Philosophy and Economics, and a Bachelor's in Mathematics. His areas of expertise include Logic and Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Language, and Science. At the University of Peshawar, he teaches philosophy courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels and also serves as a visiting faculty member at various other universities. Additionally, he supervises MPhil scholars. He has extensive experience in practicing philosophy and facilitating workshops and seminars. His workshops, training sessions, and talks mainly focus on: The Art of Argumentation; The Art of Living; Issues of Ethics, Logic and Critical Thinking in Research; Discourse Analysis; Creative and Critical Thinking; Philosophy for Peaceful Coexistence; The Problem of Demarcation between Science and Pseudo-Science and The Importance and Significance of Philosophy in Life.

**CURRENT POSITION**

Assistant Professor (Since 2000)

Head of the Department of Philosophy, University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan (Since 2018)

Coordinator, Bara Gali Summer Campus- University of Peshawar (Since 2024)

**EDUCATION**

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

Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Peshawar (2000)

Master of Arts in Philosophy (Gold Medalist) from the University of Peshawar (1995)

Bachelor of Science (Mathematics A, Mathematics B, and Statistics) from the University of Peshawar (1993)

Counselling Skills Certificate Course (Beginner to Advanced) (2024) Udemy

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

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

Member Research Ethics Board- University of Peshawar (Since 2024)

* **PAST**

Coordinator Bara Gali Summer Camp- University of Peshawar (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

(2017-2020)Elected Executive Member of Peshawar University Teachers Association (

PUTA) (2018-2019)

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, COMPETENCE AND INTEREST**

* Philosophy of Language- Cognitive Linguistics
* Philosophy of Science
* Logic and Critical Thinking
* Ethical Issues in Research and Workplace
* Discourse Analysis Utilizing Conceptual Metaphor Theory in the Context of War, Conflict and Politics- Cross-Cultural Metaphors
* Emotional Intelligence
* Philosophical Counselling
* Philosophy for Peaceful Coexistence

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

* **M.Phil/Ph.D. SUPERVISION AND TEACHING**
* Permanent faculty member of the 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/PhD 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 60 fellows as budding peace leaders and digitizing Mirror of Society- A students' magazine. (2020-2021)
* Taught “Elements of Creative and Critical Thinking” in Independent Project Reporting (IPR). IPR was a three-month 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**
* Regularly Conduct Workshop on “Critical Thinking” Senior Management Course (SMC) at the National Institute of Management (NIM) Islamabad. Participants of the Course belong to various services/occupational groups, such as Pakistan Administrative Service, Pakistan Custom Service, Secretariat Group, Pakistan Audit & Accounts Service, Foreign Service of Pakistan, Commerce & Trade Group, Inland Revenue Service, Police Service of Pakistan, Information Group and various Ministries/ Autonomous Bodies. (Since 2023)
* Regularly Facilitate sessions on “Critical Thinking and Mindfulness for Peace Promotion” Salamti Fellowship organized by Shaoor Foundation for Education and Awareness. (Since 2023)
* Regular Guest Speaker at Higher Education Academy of Research and Training (HEART) Peshawar. Facilitate sessions on “The Art of Argumentation- Critical and Analytical Thinking Skills” to the Academic and Managerial staff working in the Government Colleges of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. (Since 2019)
* Regularly participate as a Resource Person in the In-Service Certificate Training Program organized by the Center for Human Resource and Career Development (CHRCD) University of Peshawar. The modules I teach are “The Art of Argumentation- Logic & Critical Thinking” and “Professional Ethics” (Since 2014 )
* Regularly conducted training as a recourse person in the 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)
* Regular Guest Speaker- Junior Command and Staff School (JC & SS) Pakistan Air Force-PAF (2014- 2016)
* 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” at the University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar ( December 9, 2016)
* Participated as a guest speaker in the “Career Development Workshop for Women in Science” organized by the Career Counseling Center at 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, the 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 the Directorate of Higher Education Khyber (HED) Pakhtunkhwa (10-12 September 2018)
* Conducted a session in the Research Methods Workshop for the faculty on “Issues of Critical Thinking in Research” at the 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, and 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 the 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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* Keynote 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)
* Keynote 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)
* Key Note on “The Role of Philosophy in Shaping our Worldview” in Dosti Peshawar Literature Festival (22 February 2024)
* “Main Themes of Objectivism with Specific Focus on the Work of Ayn Rend” Organized by John Galt School Pakistan under the auspices of Ayn Rand Center Europe and Students for Liberty (April, 2024)

**RESEARCH WORK AND PUBLICATIONS**

PhD Thesis from the University of Peshawar- “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)

PhD thesis reviews were undertaken by Professor Peter S Fosl, Transylvania University USA and Prof. Dr. Ismail Latif Hacinebioglu, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey.

* "Philosophy Of Art: Hegelian Death Or Heideggerian Origin Of Truth" Journal of European Studies (Under Review) [With Shahzad Noor and Samina]
* “Nietzsche and Iqbal on Nihilism and Religion” Vol. 7, Issue 1 (2024) Islamic Culture and Civilization [With Sher Zada]
* “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]
* “The Language of War: 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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