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Areas of Interest

- State and Politics in India
- Security and Foreign Policy of India
- Ethnofederalism in Pakistan
- International Politics of South Asia
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Domestic Sources of Foreign Policy Theory
- Postcolonial Theory and Democratic Transition

PRESENT POSITION

Lecturer **Quaid I Azam University** **Islamabad**

[School of Politics & IR]

- **Permanent Faculty Member**
- **Date of Joining:** 20 May, 2015.

PREVIOUS POSITION

Lecturer **Fatima Jinnah Women University** **Rawalpindi**

[Department of Defence & Diplomatic Studies]

- **Permanent Faculty Member**
- **From:** 23 October 2012 - May 20, 2015

VISITING COMMITMENTS

- **Adjunct Faculty** **National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST)** **Islamabad**
- **Adjunct Faculty** **University of London (External Program)** **Islamabad**
- **Visiting Faculty** **Preston University** **Islamabad**

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Raja Qaiser Ahmed. *Democracy in Pakistan: From Rhetoric to Reality* (Islamabad: Narratives Publishers), 2015.

International Publications

- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "Nationalism and Political Identity in Pakistan: Rise and Role of Indigenous Identities", *SAIS Review*, Vol. 35, no 2 (Summer-Fall 2015), John Hopkins University Press, USA.
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, Dr. Shehryar & Muhhamd Shoaib, "The Changing Dynamics of the Foreign Policy of China in Contemporary Time", *The Turkish Yearbook of International Relations*, Vol. 45 (2014)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "Aam Admi Party and Rise of Modern Middle Class in India" *Delhi Business Review, Journal of Society for Human Transformation and Research*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (2014)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "The Changing Pattern of Political Dynamism in India", *Journal of Delhi School of Professional Studies & Research, Delhi Business Review*, Volume 13, Issue 2 (2012)

Publications in HEC Recognized Journals

- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "India's Look East Policy: Challenges and Options for Pakistan", *NDU Journal*, Vol XXIX, (2015) (HEC Category: Y)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, Misbah Arif, Dr. Shehryar Khan, "Security Architecture of South Asia: A New Framework of Analysis", *The Dialogue*, Vol. X, No.3, (2015) (HEC Category: Z)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, Dr. Saima Kayani & Muhammad Shoaib, "Regionalization of Political Violence: Arab Levant and the Rise of ISIS" *The Dialogue*, Vol X, No. 4 (2014) (HEC Category: Z)

Accepted Papers in HEC Recognized Journals

- Dr. Muhammad Mujeeb Afzal & Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "State and Electoralization in India: Rise of Bharatya Janta Party in Power, Implications and Scenarios for Pakistan", paper accepted for publication in *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences*, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad.
- Dr. Saima Kayani & Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "*Turkmenistan: A Culture of Political Neutrality*", paper accepted for publication in *Journal of Contemporary Studies*, National Defence University Islamabad.

Conference Proceedings

- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "*Democratic Development in India: Lessons for Pakistan*". *VFAST Transaction on Education and Social Sciences*, Volume 4, No. 1 (2014)
- Raja Qaiser Ahmed, "War of Narratives: Evolution of Pakistan's Security Paradigm", *MDSRC - 2015 Proceedings*, 14-15 November, 2015 Wah/Pakistan

INTERNATIONAL TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

- Winter Course on Federalism at EURAC Academy Bozen/Bolzano Italy (February 01-12, 2016)
- Visiting Scholar at European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano Italy
- “Fiscal Federalism : A Case Study of Pakistan”, presentation made at University of Innsbruck Austria
- “Kashmir Dipsute: A Way forward”, talk given at Geneva School of Diplomacy, Switzerland

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Democracy and Human Rights in Pakistan: A Way Forward”, paper presented at National Conference on Human Rights organized by Ministry of Human Rights, Government of Pakistan, December 11, 2015
- “War of Narratives: Evolution of Pakistan’s Security Paradigm”, paper presented at 1st Research Conference, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Wah, 14 November 2015
- "Centre-Province Relations: Endemic Crises of Federalism and Changing Landscape of Ethnic Politics in Pakistan", at 1st Conference on Social Sciences, Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad, 5 November 2015.
- “*The State and Polity in India: Assessing the Roots of Authoritarianism in Dichotomous Application of Devolution of Power in State-Centre Relationship of Indian Political Frame of Rule*” at International Conference on Local Representation of Power in South Asia, Government College University Lahore, November 12-13, 2014.
- “*Democratic Development in India: Lessons for Pakistan*” Paper presented in International Conference on Social and Computational Sciences, held on January 19th and 20th at Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, Pakistan.
- “*The Rising Middle Class in India: A Case Study of Anna Hazare Movement*” Paper being read in XIV Annual International Seminar on “Economics, Politics, and, Civil Society”, held on January 2-3, 2013 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

UPCOMING BOOKS, PAPERS & CONFERENCES

- “Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations”, Chapter in a book.
- “State-Centre Relations and Power Devolutionism in India”, Research Article
- “Russia’s Strategic Hedging in South Asia”, Research Article

PROJECTS

- “Model CCI: Debating Federalism in Pakistan” Project Coordinator SPIR, Sponsored by Hanss Siedel Foundation.
- Research Assistant to Dr. Joshua T. White in his doctoral research project, “Decision Making in Religious Political Parties of Pakistan” from August 2011 to August 2012.
- Trainer on Democracy and Governance in Intermedia’s Program, “Civic Journalism: Covering Democracy and Governance Issues” sponsored by Asia Foundation July 2013- Agust 2013.

THESIS SUPERVISED

Masters

- Maimoona Javed: “*India as a Permanent Member of UN Security Council: Implications for Pakistan*”

- Zaira Khan: *“Water Security in South Asia: A Case Study of India-Pakistan Water Dispute”*

Bachelors

- Rafia Mushtaq *“BJP’s Foreign Policy towards Pakistan: Responses and Challenges”*
- Ayesha Sohail, *“Internal Security Paradim: Role of Pakistan’s Police in Counterterrorism”*
- Hina Abrar Ali, *“Challenges and Opportunities for Pakistan in Current Geostrategic Environment”*
- Misbah Arif *“India’s Quest for Space Weaponization: Implications for Security Structure in South Asia”*
- Zainab Abbasi: *“Pakistan’s Response to Non State Actors: A Case Study of Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan”*
- Maham Ali: *“Militaryization of Outer Space: Recent Developments in Russian Space Program and Challenges to US Hegemony”*
- Aliena Kiramat: *“Changing Patterns in Pakistan’s Foreign Policy Post 9/11”*
- Sulvana Naeem: *“India-Pakistan Border Tensions: Some Possible Solutions”*
- Rabia Khalid: *“Challenges to European Union: A Case Study of Euro Zone Crises”*
- Saman Guftar: *“Instability in Syria: Implications for Regional Stability”*
- Kainat Khan: *“Religious Radicalization in South Asia: A Comparative Study of Pakistan and Bangladesh”*
- Maria Batool: *“Energy Crises in Pakistan”*

COURSES DEVELOPED

- Politics of India
- Islam and the Contemporary World Order
- Contemporary Global Politics

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

- *“Professional Capacity Enhancement Program for Teachers”* a joint venture of Fatima Jinnah Women University & Learning & Innovation Division, Higher Education Commission Pakistan, September 4, 2013 – September 28 2013.
- *“English Language Teaching”* for Teachers, National Testing Services, Islamabad.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- *“Research Writing and Academic Publishing”* workshop organized with the collaboration of Department of Peace and Conflict Studies University of Bradford at Serena Hotel Islamabad. December 11, 2013.
- *“Democratization”* Three Days Workshop organized with the collaboration of South Asia Institute, University of Texas, Austin at Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi. June 3-5, 2014.

PUBLIC SPEECHES/ ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Guest Lecture on, *“India-Pakistan Relations in a Comparative Perspective”*, at National Defence University Islamabad, 20 November 2015.
- Panel Speaker on, *“Democracy, Freedom of Expression and Governance in Pakistan: The Role of Academia”*, organized by UNDP office, United Nations Islamabad, 27 November 2015.
- Panel Discussant on, *“The Reluctant Fundamentalist”* with Dr. Nukbah Langah at Friedrich Eris Stiftung Islamabad, December 10, 2014

- Guest Speaker on Economic Revivalism in Pakistan with Syed Khurshid Shah at Centre for Pak Gulf Studies, Islamabad, October 21, 2014.
- Guest Speaker on, "Counterinsurgency and Peace building in Pakistan" with Dr. Jsochen Hippler at Centre for Policy Studies, COMSATS, March 14, 2014.
- Guest Speaker on, "Managing the Border Tensions at Line of Control between India and Pakistan" at National Defence University Islamabad, November 7, 2013.
- Guest Speaker on, "Role of OIC in Highlighting Kashmir Issue" with Abdullah Alim, Assistant Secretary General OIC, at Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad, November 21, 2013.

COMMENTARIES IN PRINT MEDIA

Current Affairs

Lahore

- The Rise of Modern Middle Class in India, May 2015
- The Economic Restructuring and Political Assertionism of Indian Middle Class, April 2015
- State and Electoralization in India: Where Pakistan Went Missing?, March 2015
- India: From Communitraian Reorientation to Functional Democracy, February 2015
- State and Society in British India, January 2015
- Democratic Development in Post-Colonial India, December 2014
- Democracy's Dysfunctionalism in Pakistan: A Structural Overview of the First Decade of the Independence, November 2014
- Pakistan and BJP's Foreign Policy, October 2014
- State and Politics in India: Lessons for Pakistan, September 2014

Daily Times

Islamabad

- "*India's Postcolonial Democracy*", February 12, 2016
- "*Democracy, Religion and Pakistan*", January 15, 2016
- "*Pakistan's Colonial Hangover*", January 09, 2016.
- "*The Indian Bourgeoisie and Coming Elections*", October 30th, 2013.
- "*Politics of Middle Class in India*", October 4, 2013.
- "*Pakistan: the Ideological Paradox*", July 28, 2013.

Viewpoint Weekly

Online

- Politics of Identity, September 14, 2012.
- Is Islam in Danger by any Means? September 04, 2012.
- Fortifying Democracy to Abate Extremism, August 09, 2012.
- Judges and Generals: Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan, July 26, 2012.

Articles can be accessed at <http://viewpointonline.net>

Weekly Pulse

Islamabad

- "*Modi Factor, Hindutva and Indian Foreign Policy*" June 16, 2014
- "*Electoral Politics in India and Pakistan*" June 8, 2014.
- "*Ab ki Baar Modi Sarkar: Implications for Indian Political Frame of Rule*" May 26, 2014.
- "*Arvind Kejriwal, Aam Admi Party and Modern Middle Class in India*" May 19, 2014.
- "*Looking at Post Colonial India*" May 12, 2014.
- "*British Raj and Political Development in Undivided India*" April 28, 2014
- "*State and Society: A Critical Appraisal of Indian Political Culture*" April 21, 2014
- "*Restructuring of Middle Class in Liberalized India*" April 14, 2014
- "*Indian Middle Class and Coming Elections*" April 7, 2014.
- "*Politics, State and Democracy in India*" March 31, 2014.
- "*Dial-Aag and Imran Khan*" February 24, 2014.
- "*Judicio-Politico Nexus in Pakistan*" November 18, 2013.
- "*Minoritarianism vs Majoritarianism in Pakistan*" September 9, 2013
- "*Bloodbath Continues in Egypt*" August 26, 2013.
- "*Pakistan: A Religio-Political State*" July 29, 2013.

- "Why Khan did not Lose it All?" May 17, 2013.
- "India-Pakistan Relations: Haunting Legacy, Bleak future" April 12, 2013.
- "Epitomizing Five Years of civilian rule" March 29, 2013.
- "Democracy Under Threat" January 18, 2013.
- "Neocolonialism and Pakistan: A Way Forward" December 28, 2012.
- "Glimpse from American History: 10th Federalist Paper" December 7, 2012.
- "Shia Revival: A Critical Appraisal" November 23, 2012.
- "Evaluating India's Foreign Policy" November 9, 2012.
- "The Discourse of Progressivism" September 7, 2012.
- "Egypt: The Resurgence of Political Islam" July 20, 2012.
- "Anachronistic Foreign Policy and Emerging Challenges" June 8, 2012.
- "The Flimflam Democracy" May 18, 2012.
- "India's Rampant Growth – Between the Myth and Reality" April 13, 2012.
- "Western Partisanship in Syrian Crises" April 13, 2012.
- "Indian Rising Metropolitan Bourgeoisie" March 23, 2012.
- "Baluchistan Issue or Issue of Baluchis" February 24, 2012.
- "Evanescing UN" February 17, 2012.
- "A Song of Despair and Self Immolation" March 04, 2011.

Articles can be accessed at http://weeklypulse.org/authors_stories.aspx?contentID=67

The Rationale

Lahore

- "No Way Out in Balochistan" Article published in the volume 1, Issue 5, May, 2012.
- "The Rise of Political Islam" Article Published in the volume 1, Issue 8, August, 2012.

Articles can be accessed at <http://therationale.org>

The Daily Mail

Islamabad

- *Dilemma of Democracy in Developing Countries*, Article, Published on August 14, 2010.
- *Talking to India – The Myth of Composite Dialogue*, Article published on July 15, 2010.
- *Flood Plays Havoc with Pakistanis*, Article analyzing the destruction caused by floods of 2010 with facts and figures.
- Series of articles regarding the instability of political setup in Azad Kashmir.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Member Academic Board, Politics & International Affairs Unit, Athens Institute of Research, Greece
- Member Review Board Journal of South Asian Studies
- Program Incharge Undergraduate Program School of Politics & IR, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad
- Member Council of Social Sciences Islamabad
- Senior Resident Warden, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad
- Member Executive Council, Academic Staff Association Quaid I Azam University Islamabad
- External Examiner Islamia University Bahawalpur
- ORIC Representative at DDS, Fatima Jinnah Women University
- Academic Distinction MSc IR, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad.
- Coordinator International Relations Society, Quaid I Azam University Islamabad.

COUNTRIES VISITED

- Austria
- Italy
- Switzerland
- Netherlands
- Germany
- Italy
- Belgium

EDUCATION

- 2014- onwards **School of Politics & IR**
Quaid I Azam University **Islamabad**
PHD in International Relations
Title: "Pakistan Factor in Indian Foreign Policy"
Supervisor: Dr. Muhammad Mujeeb Afzal
- 2012-2014 **Quaid I Azam University** **Islamabad**
M.Phil. in International Relations
Title: "Current Wave of Democracy: Implications for Political Transition in Pakistan"
Supervisor: Dr. Muhammad Mujeeb Afzal
External Evaluator: Dr. Pervez Iqbal Cheema
Percentage: 83%
CGPA: 4.2/5
- 2010-2012 **Quaid I Azam University** **Islamabad**
Msc in International Relations **(1st Position)**
Percentage: 80 %

REFERENCES

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