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Educational qualification

- PhD in International Relations at SPIR QAU Islamabad (2026)
- M.Phil in International Relations from National Defense University, Islamabad (2011)
- Master's in International Relations from Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. (2009)

Areas of Interest

- Feminist Politics, South Asian Politics, Role of Gender in IR, Conflict Resolution and conflict Management, peace studies, contemporary debates in International Relations, socio-political and socio cultural debates.

Dissertations

- PhD dissertation entitled, "A comparative study of women's political participation in Bangladesh and Pakistan post UNSCR 1325: A feminist institutional analysis."
- M Phil thesis entitled, "Iran's Nuclear Programme: Its implications on the Persian Gulf."
- MA thesis entitled, " Indo-Pak CBMs(Confidence Building Measures): A case study of why they are not effective."

Publications

Number of Research Publications

1. **Bridging Global Norms and Local Realities: Feminist Foreign Policy in Pakistan** in Research Consortium Archive, Islamabad, Pakistan (Volume 3, Issue 4, December 2025) access link *https://rcresearcharchive.com/index.php/Journal/article/view/460*

2. **Blood Lines and Barriers: Political Dynasties and Woman's Political Participation in South Asia** in Dialogue Social Science Review, Islamabad, Pakistan (Volume 3, Issue 9, September 2025) access link https://dialoguessr.com/index.php/2/article/view/991

3. **Impact of International Conventions on Women's Political Participation in Pakistan and Bangladesh (2000-2020)** in Insights of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan (Volume 4, Issue 2, May 2025) access link http://ipics.rmrpublishers.org/index.php/primarycontent/article/view/99

4. **Engendering Violence: An Analysis of the Women Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda in Pakistan** in Insights of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan (Volume 3, Issue 4, November 2024) (access link)

   http://ipics.rmrpublishers.org/index.php/primarycontent/article/view/77

5. **Trans-boundary Energy and Water Security nexus in South Asia: (in) Action of Pakistan** in Insights of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan (Volume 3, Issue 4, November 2024) (access link) http://ipics.rmrpublishers.org/index.php/primarycontent/article/view/80
6. **The Case of Institutionalizing Women's Political Participation in Pakistan** in Pakistan Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan, (Volume 11, Issue 4, October 2023) (access link)

   https://journals.internationalrasd.org/index.php/pjhss/article/view/1958
   DOI: https://doi.org/10.52131/pjhss.2023.v11i4.1958

7. **Climate Change and its Effects on Agriculture in Pakistan, published** in Insights of Pakistan, Iran and the Caucasus Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan (Volume 1, Issue 1, September 2022. (access Link)
   http://ipics.rmrpublishers.org/index.php/primarycontent/article/view/5
8. **Islam and Environment: Time for Green Jihad** published in Pakistan Journal of Islamic Research, Islamic Research Center, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan (Volume 20, Issue 2, December 2019, **ISSN (online) - 2618-0820**) (access Link)
   http://pjir.bzu.edu.pk/upload/Vol%2020,%20Issue%202_10%20eng%20Yasir%20Khan,%20Muna,%20Munazza%2020-05-2019_19.pdf
9. **Gandhism&Bacha Khan; Relevance of non-violence in Contemporary South Asia** Published in Ghandhi Study Center Wadha, India 4, January 2018 ISBN:978-93-85162-80-0 (access link)
   https://www.academia.edu/36421719/Gandhism_and_Bacha_Khan_Relevance_of_non_violence_in_contemporary_South_Asia
10. **Asserting Self Through Ahimsa; Intrinsic Thought of Mohan Das Karamchand Ghandhi and Influence on Nelson Mandela (Ideology that transcends Time and Boundaries)** published in research chronicler May, 2018 ISSN: 2347-503X (access link)
    http://research-chronicler.com/reschro/arcmay2018.html
11. **A Study of Counter Social Structure in Multan Shines** published in Kanpur Historiographer Volume 4, Issue 2, June 2017, ISSN 2348-3814 (access link) https://www.academia.edu/36130054/Kanpur_Historiographers_ISSN_2348_3814_v

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Edited Book Chapters

1) Book chapter contributed, entitled **"Strategic Importance of OBOR and CPEC"** in an edited book entitled "Democratic Values:Issues and Challenges in South Asia" published by Shashwat Publication,New Delhi,India ISBN:978-93-9532-38-2

2) Book chapter contributed entitled "Resurrection **of Ahimsa: Malala the Heroine**" in an edited book entitled "Mahatma Gandhi: Life,Work,Vision and Mission" published by Yashoda Publications,Nagpur, India

Conference Papers

1. **Beyond Quotas: Gender-Responsive Policy Design in Pakistan,** presented at the 5th International Conference of Interdisciplinary Approach in Social Sciences (ICOIASS-2025), Governance, Identity, and Empowerment: Pathways to Inclusive Societies, held at IUB on 4-6 November 2025.
2. **Unfulfilled Promises: Underrepresentation of women in parliament and the implementation of the WPS agenda** presented at the 1st International Conference of Women, Peace and Security held at Punjab University, Lahore, on 10-11 October 2024.
3. **Patriarchy, Political Parties and Women Political Participation in Pakistan,** presented at 4th International Conference of Political Science (ICPS-2024) on Issues and Prospects of Democracy in the Contemporary Age held at IUB on 5-6 November 2024**.**
4. **Breaking the Glass Ceiling: How Patriarchy stifles female leadership in Pakistani Political Parties,** presented at 3rd International Conference of Social Sciences on Contemporary World: Challenges and Transformations,2024, held at RWU on 13th November 2024
5. **Trans-boundary Energy and Water Security nexus in South Asia: (in)Action of Pakistan** presented at the 8th International Conference on "Valuing Water for Sustainability" in Riphah University, Islamabad, 6-7 March 2024
6. **Transforming Masculinistic Politics in Pakistan: The state of the Art** presented at The International Conference titled "Transformation of Ideas in Pakistan's Political Culture (ICTIPPC-24) in the University of Karachi, 20-21 February 2024
7. **Pakistan's Parliament as a Gendered Workplace: A Feminist Institutional Analysis** presented at the 3rd International conference on Gender Studies in University of Punjab Lahore, 13-14 December 2023
8. **Counter Terrorism Policies in Pakistan: Gender Gap Analysis** presented at an International Conference titled " Contemporary issues in law" in Gillani Law College, BZU Multan,7-8 December 2023

9. **Legislative initiatives for Gender Equality in Pakistan: Prospects and Challenges presented at an International Conference titled "**International Conference on Sustainable Development in Pakistan: Exploring Local Discourses and Seeking Solutions" at Women Development Centre, University of Home Economics Lahore on 14-15 March 2023.
10. **Gender mainstreaming and Securitization of Gender in Pakistan: A WPS (Women, Peace and Security Perspective),** Presented in the 3rd International Conference titled "Public Policy and Good Governance in the Contemporary Age" at the Department of Political Science, The Islamia University, Bahawalpur on 14-15 February 2023.

11. **The Case of Institutionalizing the Political Participation of Women in Legislature in Pakistan: Progress and Challenges**, Presented in an International Conference titled "Federalism, State and Society" at the Department of Political Science, The Islamia University, Bahawalpur, on 25-26 March 2021.

Foreign Conferences

1. **"Institutions, Power and Gender: A Feminist Institutional Analysis of Women's Substantive Representation in Bangladesh and Pakistan",** Presented at the World Democracy Conference 2025 held by the Political and Policy Science Research Foundation, hosted by the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh on 30 December 2025.
2. **Gender Security International Failure: A feminist Analysis of the WPS agenda in Afghanistan,** Presented at the ICWA-CAS Conference held by Centre for Afghanistan Studies Jindal School of International Affairs, India in collaboration with Indian Council of World Affairs on 11-12 March 2026.

Work Experience

Working as a Lecturer, International Relations at Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan since November 2017 to date

Responsibilities

- Preparing lectures for the assigned courses
- Setting and marking the exam papers
- Training student to understand the field of International Relations
- Providing basic readings and suggesting books, articles etc to work on the subject related topics
- Organizing seminars and urging the students to participate in them

Worked as a Coordinator in BloomField Hall School, Abdul Hakim from September 2012 till November 2017

Responsibilities

- Maintaining the academic related data of the students and discussing it with the parents
- Recognizing the weak and strong areas of students as well as helping them for being efficient in weak areas
- Analyzing teaching material for the positive results and creating study material according to the ages of the students
- Selecting the teaching material and planning lessons for the students
- Delivering lessons to the students and clearing the doubts of the students regarding the subjects
- Providing the course material to the students and giving them a proper feedback

Worked as a teacher and Coordinator in The Educators School, Jahanian from August 2010 to September 2012

Responsibilities

- Supporting students in their academic as well as personal difficulties
- Controlling the students behavior in the classroom as well as on playground
- Maintaining the dignified relationship with students for the desired effects
- Delivering the lessons
- Helping students to accomplish their assigned work
- Developing a teaching material for students and guiding them for the better results

Awards and Achievements

- Secured Doctoral Fellowship at Uppsala University, Sweden **(2024)**
- Secured Third position and bona fide status in MPhil in International Relations at NDU Islamabad (**2011**)
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- Secured second position in Master's in International Relations from Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. (**2009**)
- Lead Ambassador of Youth Development Society Pakistan (https://www.facebook.com/YouthDevelopmentSocietyPakistan/)
- Co-founder of a voluntary environmental organization named Spread Green (https://www.facebook.com//Spread-Green-468557260256432/)
- Won various declamation contests at graduation level

Core competence

- Profound knowledge of the related field and ability to maintain the teacher-student relationship
- Ability to use the new methods of teaching and motivating the students for better results
- Capability to interact with the parents regarding the progress of students
- Highly skilled in selecting a study material for students as well as instructing them on how to use that material
- Excellent communication and written skills as well as analytical approach
- Ability to keep self updated in the subject area
- Capability to provide a proper feedback to the students and guiding them for improvement in the subject
- Good organizational skills and ability to cope up with the students
- Ability to assess the performance of students

Other Interests

- Active participant of PIPS (Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies)
- Active member of the Faculty of Peace initiative by HWRAP
- Active member of Youth Development Foundation
- Active member of various Reading Circles
- Casual contributor in English daily newspapers

Personal Details

- Official Address
- Permanent Address: Chak#5410/R,Tehsil:Jahanian,District:Khanewal,P.O;5310/R
- Date of Birth: 13/11/1987
- Employment Status: Full Time