

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

April 2013–April 2017

Ph.D. in International Relations

Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), **University of Malaya**, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

Oct 14–March 15

Ph.D. Visiting Student

Centre of South Asian Studies, **University of Cambridge**, Cambridgeshire (UK)

M.Phil. in International Relations

Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad (Pakistan).

Thesis Title: Peace Process at State and Society Level: The Case of India and Pakistan

Major Courses: Theories of International Relations, Arms Control and Disarmament, Language and Politics in South Asia, International Politics in Afghanistan

M.Sc. International Relations

Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad (Pakistan).

FYP Title: Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) (Study of Organizational Structure & Performance).

Major Courses: Theories of International Relations, World Politics Since 1945, International Political Economy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Foreign Policy of Major Powers, Conflict and Conflict Resolution, International Politics in Southeast Asia, Politics in Third World, Foreign Policy of the United States with Special Reference to South Asia.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Jan 23- to-date **Chairperson**
 Department of International Relations, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan (Pakistan).
<https://profiles.bzu.edu.pk/home.php>
- July 22- to-date **Associate Professor**
 Department of International Relations, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan (Pakistan)
- April 17- July 22 **Assistant Professor**
 Department of International Relations, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan (Pakistan)
- April 13–April 17 **PhD Candidate**
 Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
- Feb 09–April 13 **Lecturer**
 Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan (Pakistan)
 Teaching graduate & post-graduate courses and research activities
- Aug 07–Feb 09 **Lecturer**
 International Islamic University, Islamabad (Pakistan)
 Teaching graduate courses and research activities
Lecturer (on Deputation 2005-2007)
 Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan
- Mar 2003- Dec 2005 **News Editor**
 Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation
 Islamabad, Pakistan.

Communication skills Good communication skills in English, gained through my teaching experience and oral presentations in conferences, colloquiums and seminars.

- Organisational / managerial skills**
- **In-charge Student Affairs** Department of International Relations, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Pakistan (www.bzu.edu.pk) **Duration:** Sep 2010 to June 2012.
 - In-charge Examinations, Department of International Relations, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Pakistan. **Duration:** Jan 2011 to June 2012.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Dissertations Supervised**
- Pakistan-Russia Bilateral Relations in the Twenty-First Century (2001-2018) **(M. Phil thesis completed)**
 - Modernization of Indian Armed Forces: Implications for Strategic Environment of South Asia **(M. Phil thesis completed)**
 - Pakistan-China Relationship and Its Impact on India (2013-2018) **(M. Phil thesis completed)**
 - Regionalism and Its Impact on Developing Countries: A Case Study of Pakistan

(M Phil thesis completed)

- American Foreign Policy towards the Muslim Countries: An Analysis of Perceptions and Images among the Muslim Countries **(M. Phil thesis completed)**
 - Impact of External Dynamics in Shaping of Foreign Policy: The Study of External Relations of France with the Middle Eastern Countries in the post 9/11 Era **(M. Phil thesis completed)**
 - Israel's Nationalist Designs and Statehood of Palestine: An Analysis of American Approach (2008-2016) **(M. Phil thesis completed)**
- Pakistan-Russia Bilateral Relations in the Twenty First Century (2001-2018)
(M. Phil thesis completed)

▪ **Research Interests for Further Research**

- ✓ Economic Cooperation in South Asia
- ✓ SAARC
- ✓ Pakistan-India Conflict
- ✓ Regionalism, Southeast Asian Regionalism
- ✓ Foreign Policy of USA towards South Asia
- ✓ ASEAN+3

Publications

1. **Tahir Ashraf**, Muqarrab Akbar, "Role of CPEC in Energy and Industrial Development of Pakistan", Global Political Review, Volume VI, no. I, pp. 74-90. 2021.
2. **Tahir Ashraf**, Bushra Fatima, "Terrorism as a Major Threat to Societal Peace: The Case of Pakistan", Journal of Business and Social Review in Emerging Economies, Volume 7, no. 2 (June Issue), pp. 443-452. 2021.
3. **Tahir Ashraf**, "Economic Relations between Pakistan and India: Impressions from the Past and Prospects for Future", Global Security and Strategic Studies Review, Volume V, no. III, pp. 22-33. 2020.
4. Dr. Sajjad ur Rehman, **Dr. Tahir Ashraf**, "Ethnicity and Pakistan Movement: An Analysis of the participation of Muslim Majority in Pakistan Movement", Journal of Historical Studies, Volume VI, no. II (July-Dec 2020), pp. 98-114.
5. Hammad Ahmad, **Tahir Ashraf**, "Islam and the West: A Critical Analysis for Peacebuilding between Muslims and the West", Zia-e-Tahqeeq, Volume 10, no.19, pp. 16-25. 2020.
6. M. Javed Akhtar, Shahla Gul, **Tahir Ashraf**, Imtiaz Ahmad Warraich "Socio-Economic Status of Female Brick Kiln Workers: A Study of District Multan", Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS), Volume 39, no.4, pp. 1531-1540. 2019
7. Javed Akhtar, **Tahir Ashraf**, Yasir Ali, Shahla Gul, "Reading of Pakistan's 2002 and 2008 Election: A Descriptive Analysis", Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS), Volume 39, no.1, pp. 213-227. 2019.
8. **Tahir Ashraf**, Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir, "Reinventing SAARC: A Perspective from Pakistan for the Way Forward", PAKISTAN HORIZON, Volume 71, no. Jan-April, pp. 95-114. 2018.
9. **Tahir Ashraf**, "The Antecedents of Pakistan-India Conflict: Prospects and Challenges for Solution," Journal of Pakistan Vision, Volume 19, No.2, pp.19-36. 2018.
10. Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir, Lee Chee Leong, **Hafiz Muhammad Tahir**, "Malaysia-China bilateral Relations, 1974-2018", The International Journal of East Asian Studies, Volume 7, no.1, pp. 1-26. 2018.
11. Aftab Gillani, **Tahir Ashraf**, "The Administration under the Umayyads: An Analysis", Pakistan Journal of Islamic Research, vol. 19, no. 1, pp. 77-87. 2018.
12. **Tahir Ashraf**, Dr. Md. Nasrudin Md Akhir, Dr. Javed Akhtar Salyana, "Mapping of Track Two Initiatives: A Case of Pakistan-India Conflict (1988-2001)", Pakistan Journal of

- Social Sciences (PJSS), vol.37, no. 1, pp.16-29. 2017.
13. M. Javed Akhtar, **Tahir Ashraf**, Shahla Gul, “Women under Patriarchy: Squeeze Space in Pakistan (A Comparative Study of Zia and Musharraf’s Regime,” Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS), vol.37, no. 2, pp. 481-493. 2017.
 14. **Tahir Ashraf**, Md. Nasrudin Md. Akhir, “SAARC as A Tool of Regionalism in South Asia: Lessons from ASEAN,” JATI-Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, Volume 21, December 2016-, pp.4-25. 2016.
 15. **M. M. Tahir Ashraf**, “The Pakistan-India Conundrum,” Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS), vol. 35, no. 1, pp. 309-320, 2015.
 16. M. Javed Akhtar, **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Asmat Naz, and Muhammad Farooq, “Politics of PPP in Post-Election 2008 Era: An Evaluation of Impact Policies,” Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS), vol. 35, no. 2, pp. 1133-1142, 2015.
 17. **M. M. Tahir Ashraf**, “The Clash of Civilizations? A Critique,” Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS), vol. 32, no. 2, pp. 525-532, 2012.
 18. **M. M. Tahir Ashraf**, “Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) as an Instrument of Peace Building: The Case of India and Pakistan-A Historical Analysis-I,” *Journal of Research (Humanities)*, vol. 27, pp.111-123, 2007.
 19. **Tahir Ashraf**, “India vs Pakistan: Why We Can’t We Just Be Friends” by Hussain Haqqani, (**Book Review**), *Journal of Historical of Historical Studies*, vol.5, No.11, pp. 128-131, 2019.
 20. **Tahir Ashraf**, *Pakistan-India Relations: Peace Initiatives, Negotiations and Constraints*, Multan: Centre for International Studies, Bahauddin Zakariya University, 2021. (**Book**)
 21. **Popular Writings**

List of Popular Writings

Some selected columns published in English dailies are as follows: -

A. Newspapers (English)

Daily Times

1. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “Re-setting Pak-Saudi Relations?” *Daily Times*, 11 May 2021.

Balochistan Times

1. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “How Sino-US rivalry will impact Pakistan” *Balochistan Times*, 20 June 2021.
2. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “Pak-US relationship need a new start” *Balochistan Times*, 08 June 2021.
3. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “Israel-Hamas ceasefire: Is there any lesson for the Arab world?” *Balochistan Times*, 23 May 2021.
4. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “Will Imran’s visit help re-set Pak-Saudi relations?” *Balochistan Times*, 12 May 2021.
5. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “Backchannel diplomacy is a prudent choice” *Balochistan Times*, 04 May 2021.

6. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Will Taliban attend peace parleys in Turkey?" *Balochistan Times*, 27 April 2021.
7. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Sergey Lavrov's visit to Pakistan" *Balochistan Times*, 15 April 2021.
8. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Pakistan-India conundrum and the way forward" *Balochistan Times*, 05 April 2021.
9. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Kashmir bleeds due to the passivity of the world powers" *Balochistan Times*, 05 February 2021.

Global Village Space

1. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Why Pakistan needs both US and China to secure its interests" *Global Village Space*, 22 June 2021.
2. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Re-engaging with the US: Should Pakistan be careful?" *Global Village Space*, 05 June 2021.
3. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Lessons learned from Israel's recent round of violence" *Global Village Space*, 26 May 2021.
4. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "PM Khan's visit re-boosting Pak-Saudi bilateral relations" *Global Village Space*, 17 May 2021.

Baaghi TV

1. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "Afghanistan after the American departure?" *Baaghi TV*, 24 April 2021.

B. Newspapers (Urdu)

Roznama 92 News

For detailed list of columns please visit the following link

<https://www.roznama92news.com/columnist/ڈاکٹر-طاہر-اشرف>

Some selected columns are listed as follows: -

1. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "پاکستان اور روس کے باہمی روابط" *Roznama 92 News*, 23 September 2024.

<https://www.roznama92news.com/post/پاکستان-اور-روس-کے-باہمی-روابط>

2. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "ایران کے نئے صدر کی ممکنہ خارجہ پالیسی" *Roznama 92 News*, 21 June 2021.
3. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "امریکہ-چین مخالفت: پاکستان کے لیے مضمرات" *Roznama 92 News*, 16 June 2021.
4. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "امریکی افواج کا انخلا اور افغانستان میں قیام امن"

- Roznama 92 News*, 07 June 2021.
5. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “پاک امریکہ تعلقات کا نیا آغاز” *Roznama 92 News*, 31 May 2021.
 6. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "اسرائیلی جنگ بندی اور مسلم دنیا" *Roznama 92 News*, 25 May 2021.
 7. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "اسرائیل کی تازہ جارحیت اور مسلم دنیا کی ذمہ داری" *Roznama 92 News*, 17 May 2021.
 8. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "عمران خان کا دورہ سعودی عرب" *Roznama 92 News*, 10 May 2021.
 9. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, "پاک بھارت بیک چینل ڈپلومیسی" *Roznama 92 News*, 03 May 2021.
 10. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “امریکی انخلا کے بعد افغانستان” *Roznama 92 News*, 28 April 2021.

11.

Roznama Khabrain

1. Dr. Tahir Ashraf, “روسی وزیر خارجہ کا دورہ پاکستان: ممکنہ مضمرات” *Khabrain*, 18 April 2021.

Conferences, Colloquium, and Seminars

1. **Dr. Mian Tahir Ashraf**, India-Pakistan Relations in the Age of Populism, presented as Seminar held at the Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Department of Political Science, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan, 13th November 2020.
2. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Problematics of Regional Economic Cooperation in South Asia and Reinventing SAARC: A Perspective from Pakistan for the Way Forward, **presented at the International Conference: Rethinking governance in an era of global insecurities, regional tensions and rising nationalism held at the University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, 17-19 July 2017.**
3. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Kashmir Issue: Origin, Causes and Prospects for Solution, presented as Seminar held in the Department of History, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12th April 2017.
4. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Economic Cooperation As An Instrument of Confidence Building: The Case of Pakistan and India, *presented in Asia-Europe Institute, Research Findings*

Seminar for the partial fulfilment of Ph.D. Candidature, 26th August 2016.

5. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Economic Relations Between Pakistan and India: Prospects and Challenges, *presented as Seminar held in Department of History, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan, 18th February 2016.*
6. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Economic Cooperation As An Instrument of Confidence Building: The Case of Pakistan and India, *presented in Asia-Europe Institute, Postgraduate Candidature Defence for the partial fulfilment of Ph.D. Candidature, 23rd October 2015.*
7. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Economic Cooperation as a Tool of Confidence Building: The Case of Pakistan and India, *presented as Seminar in the Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, UK, 11th February 2015.*
8. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Bilateral Trade Between Pakistan and India: Barriers and Prospects, *presented as Seminar held in Department of Pakistan Studies, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan, 3rd September 2014.*
9. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, Economic Cooperation As An Instrument of Confidence Building: A Case of Pakistan and India, *presented in Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Postgraduate Proposal Defence Seminar for the partial fulfilment of Ph.D. Candidature, 29th July 2013.*
10. **M. Tahir Ashraf**, “Indo-Pak Peace Process: Prospects for Conflict Resolution”, *International Roundtable Conference: A New Peace- A New Era” 20-21 May 2004, Hotel Serena, Islamabad, Pakistan, 2004.*
11. **International Conference on “21st Century Maritime Silk Road and Chinese Soft Power: Review and Prospect”** 25-26 November 2015, Kong Zi Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (Attended).
12. **International Conference on “Towards the Diamond Era Between ASEAN and China: Opportunities and Challenges”** 17 August 2015, Hilton Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia. (Attended)
13. **National Conference on “Socio-Economic Challenges Faced by Pakistan”** 2-3 June 2008, International Institute of Islamic Economics (IIIE), International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan. (Attended).

Workshops Attended

- One-Day Workshop on “Research Grant Application Writing” organized by Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), Bahauddin Zakariya University held at the Institute of Social Sciences, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan on 8th November 2017.
- International Workshop on “Great Fall Or New Normal? China’s Economic Restructuring & Its Impact on Southeast Asia” organized by Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya held at the Institute of Graduate Studies (IPS), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 28th July 2016.
- Workshop on “Reinventing America and Latin American Integration” jointly organized by the Embassy of the Bolivian Republic of Venezuela, Kuala Lumpur & University of Malaya held at the Centre for Latin American Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on October 27, 2015.
- Two-Day Workshop on “Critical Thinking Skills, Reading and Writing”, held at Institute of Graduate Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, organized by Institute of Graduate Studies (IPS), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 24-25 May 2015.
- One-Day Workshop on “Research Tools” held at Institute of Graduate Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 26 May 2015.
- Attended Workshop titled as Graduate on Time held at Institute of Graduate Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2014.

- Two-Days workshop on Education on Gender Equalities: A Case Study of South Punjab at Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan, organized by British Council, in May, 2011.
- Three-Months Intensive Training at Pakistan Broadcasting Academy (PBA) Islamabad, Pakistan, organized by Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), Islamabad, Pakistan in (March-June), 2003.

Reviewer of International Journals

Pakistan Journal of American Studies

Honours and awards

- Selected for attending the **4th International Summer School (Award-Winning) on Peace Education, and Child Rights** held at the University of Jaume-I in Castellón de la palma, Castellón, Spain, 2016.
- Selected for **Visiting PhD Research Fellow** at University of Cambridge, UK for 06 months (Oct 2014- March 2015).
- Fully Funded SYRG Scholarship for **PhD Research** at University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (**2013**).
1st Position holder of the **11th FPDP-Masters Training Course** held at Learning Innovation Division (LID), Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad, Pakistan, (April 2009- July 2009).
- Selected for **11th FPDP-Masters Training Course** held at Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad, Pakistan, (April 2009- July 2009).

Projects at Graduate Level

- Politics of Water Management in South Asia
- The Emergence of Taliban Phenomenon
- An Assessment of the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC)
- Project Paper on Urdu-Hindi Controversy: A Comparative Analysis on the Works of Farman Fatehpuri & Paul Brass
- Thought Paper on Nuclearization in South Asia

Professional Membership

- Member British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS), London, UK.
- Graduate Student Member AEI, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2013-2017).
- Member of Academic Staff Association (ASA) (National Organization), (2009- present)
- National Academy of Young Scientists, Pakistan

Extracurricular Activities and Hobbies

- Member UM Alumni, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Member of National Academy of Young Scientists (NAYS), Pakistan.
- Founding Member of Parveen Akhtar Welfare Society (working in education sector for needy students in rural areas of Southern Punjab, Pakistan) Chelay Wahin, Kahror Pakka (Lodhran), Pakistan.

Date of Birth 15-11-1975