

SHAHZADI FATIMA ALI

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

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OBJECTIVE

As a postgraduate in Government and Public Policy, I am driven to apply my education towards effecting meaningful change and advocating for inventive resolutions to society's most pressing challenges. Through the application of critical thinking, informed by social science methodologies and policy analysis, I am committed to addressing practical governmental, community, regional, and global concerns.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- Proficient in research methodologies, data analysis, and report writing
- Familiar with academic databases, citation tools, and research protocols
- Skilled in quantitative research and data handling through SPSS.
- Skilled in organizing seminars, workshops and conferences.
- Skilled in strategic planning, policy development, and team coordination
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook

EXPERIENCE

Jan 2024 – Present

JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

ROADS Initiative, Islamabad

- Conducted and curated the ROADS Initiative Winter School, managing 9 International academics and 42 participants.
- As a junior research fellow, my role revolves around advancing the institution's research agenda and policy initiatives.
- Conducting literature reviews, analyzing data, and assisting in designing and executing research projects in collaboration with research fellows.
- Playing a crucial role in developing research proposals, securing funding, and ensuring project timelines and deliverables are met.
- Provide administrative support including scheduling meetings and appointments, preparing agendas, taking minutes, handouts, briefs, and maintaining records.
- Manage the organization's social media accounts and website, regularly update with its activities.

Jul 2023 – Dec 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Centre of Excellence for Population and Wellbeing (CePwS) | NUST, Islamabad

- Worked closely with the Director, Core team, and Research Associates in the smooth operations of all initiatives organized by the Centre
- Managed the Centre's social media accounts and website, regularly updated with centre's activities.
- Provided administrative support to management staff, including scheduling meetings and appointments, preparing agendas, taking minutes, handouts, briefs, and maintaining records.
- Assisted the Research Associates in the management and organization of day-to-day affairs, as well as review of research products of the Centre.
- Served as a primary point of contact for facilitating operational and administrative inquiries.
- Monitored daily operations of the Centre to ensure efficient workflow processes were being followed. Facilitated communication between different departments within the institution.

Jul 2021 - Aug 2022

RESEARCH INTERN

Research Society of International Law (RSIL) | Islamabad

- Conducted legal research on International and domestic laws about the trade regulations of Pakistan and regional trade connectivity with neighboring and Central Asian states.
- Conducted extensive research on the Indus Water Treaty 1960, its mechanisms, and dispute between Pakistan and India.
- Organized workshops, seminars, panel discussion, formulated reports, conducted administrative tasks and managed day-to-day affairs.

Jul 2021 - July 2022

RESEARCH INTERN

Centre of Excellence for International Law (CEIL) | ISSRA, NDU | Islamabad

- During my internship, I have worked on several issues of international law, including global and regional trade law regimes, Kashmir conflict.
- Organized and assisted the staff in management and coordination for National seminar on "Pakistan's Legal Framework for Regional Economic Cooperation".
- Developed policy document, briefs and other strategic paper/materials for the use in the development and presentation of innovative and coherent policy and programmatic positions.
- Assisted development of strategic plans, strategic notes and their alignment with civil and military priorities.
- Assisted in coordination with key partners, military and government counterparts for program implementation, and building strategic partnerships.

Dec 2021 - Dec 2021

MODERATOR

UNFPA - STEP GBV & WWDS Program | Islamabad

- Promoted cordial interaction among the members of the audience/discussion group and various civil and political stakeholders on the topic of Gender Based Violence and Women With Disabilities.

Dec 2021 - Dec 2021

TRAINING REPORTER

Help Age Community-led Advocacy ToT | Islamabad

- Reported capacity building TOT activities of GIZ, Helpage, Partner Organizations, Youth, OPA and marginalized.

Mar 2021 – Apr 2021

INTERN

The Gender Guardian| Rawalpindi

- Conducted research-based interviews of transgender, government stakeholders, and civil society to devise a strategy for the liberation and rights of transgender in Pakistan.
- Assisted in making a documentary for advocacy of transgender rights in collaboration with various stakeholders.

Jul 2018 – Aug 2018

INTERN

Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) | Rawalpindi

- Conducted research on the extremist effects of social media among youth of Pakistan and presented it before all the participants and military officials.
- Compiled and presented research data for review by senior researchers.
- Performed administrative duties such as organization of conferences, meetings, and formal events.

EDUCATION

Sep 2022 – Sep 2024

MS – GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

National University of Science and Technology (NUST) | Islamabad

Sep 2017 – Feb 2022

BS – GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

National Defence University (NDU) | Islamabad

PUBLICATIONS

- Ali, Shahzadi F. and Ahmed W. Waheed, (submitted to editor). Elite Capture and Captive Minds: Exploring Coloniality in Pakistani Public Policy, in *Elite Capture and Public Policy in Asia: Safeguarding Democratic Governance*, Springer.
- Ali, Shahzadi F. and Ahmed W. Waheed, (submitted to editor). What's in a Label?: The International Politics of Labeling, *Journal of Contemporary Studies*, National Defense University.
- Ali, Shahzadi F. and Uzair Hashmi, (in progress). Coloniality of Knowledge and Pakistani Public Policy.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Appreciation Certificate – National Defence University (NDU)
- Participation Certificate – Hult Prize Foundation
- International Law Course Certification – Research Society of International Law (RSIL)
- Certification of Appreciation for organizing a Panel Discussion on “World Population Day” (CePwS)
- Certification of Appreciation for organizing a Seminar on “Pakistan @ 76” (CePwS)
- Certificate of Completion for a Two-Day Workshop on Handling Survey Data for Population Analysis (CePwS)
- Certificate of Completion for a One-Day Workshop on Integrating Equity in Research Methodology (CePwS)
- Certificate of Participation at Young Researchers’ Convention 2024 ON “Redefining Pakistan’s Perspective on National Interest by CSCR

COMMUNICATION

- Proficient in conveying complex technical concepts in clear and understandable terms.
- Experience in writing detailed research reports, briefs, and policy memos to effectively convey research findings and recommendations.
- Ability to effectively communicate with both technical and non-technical audiences.
- Strong interpersonal skills for collaborating with fellow researchers, advisors, and team members.
- Expertise in presenting research findings at conferences, seminars, and academic gatherings.

LEADERSHIP

- Proven ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously and deliver results within tight deadlines.
- Demonstrated capacity to uphold high standards of quality and excellence in project execution.
- Experience in effectively prioritizing tasks and allocating resources to optimize project efficiency.
- Skilled in fostering teamwork and collaboration to achieve project goals.
- Adaptability in navigating challenges and proactively finding solutions to meet project objectives.