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### EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy, Archaeology-Asian Studies**, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam

University, Islamabad, 2022.

- Thesis title: Musa Khel and the Indus Tradition of the Northern Punjab.

**Master of Philosophy, Archaeology-Asian Studies**, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam

University, Islamabad, 2015.

- Thesis title: Typological Studies of Pottery recovered from Mohra, District Rawalpindi.
- Chancellor Medal for securing 1st position in Faculty of Social Sciences.
- Vice-Chancellor Medal for securing 1st position.

**Master of Science, Archaeology**, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 2013.

- Thesis title: Discovery of a New Kot Dijian Site at Mohra, District Rawalpindi and its Comparison with other Prominent Kot Dijian Sites in Pakistan.
- Vice-Chancellor Medal for securing 1st position in Department of Archaeology.

**Bachelor of Science**, University of Punjab, 2010.

**Higher Secondary School Certificate**, Federal Board, 2008.

**Secondary School Certificate**, Federal Board, 2005.

### AREAS OF TEACHING & RESEARCH

- General Anthropology
- Archaeology
- History
- Pakistan Studies
- Cultural Tourism

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Assistant Professor (TVF)**, Department of Government and Public Policy, National Defense University (Feb, 2025 to date) and teaching following course to undergraduate program:
  1. World Civilizations
- **Assistant Professor (TVF)**, Department of Humanities, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, NUST (09 Sep, 2024 to 12 Jan 2025) and taught following courses to undergraduate program:
  2. Ideology & Constitution of Pakistan
  3. General Anthropology
- **Assistant Professor (IPFP Fellow HEC)**, Archaeology, University of Chakwal (04 Sep, 2023-03 Sep, 2024) and taught following courses to undergraduate program:
  1. Ideology & Constitution of Pakistan
  2. Research Methodology
  3. Geo-political Structure of the World
  4. Introduction to History

- **Lecturer (TVF)** at National Institute of Pakistan Studies- Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (Fall 2022) and taught following course to undergraduate program:
  1. Introduction to Archaeology.
- **Lecturer (TVF)** at Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (Spring 2020-Fall 2022) and taught following courses to undergraduate programs:
  1. History of Muslim South Asia.
  2. Ancient History of India & Pakistan.
  3. Cultural Tourism
  4. Indus Civilization
  5. Archaeological Heritage of Pakistan.
- **Lecturer (TVF)** at Islamic International University, Islamabad (Spring 2022) and taught following course to undergraduate program of biological sciences:
  1. Pakistani Society & Culture

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- **Researcher** at Gandhara Cultural Heritage Research Centre-Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation, Federal Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad (May 2022-August 2023).
- **Senior Researcher** at Sharda Centre of Learning, Archaeology & Heritage, King Abdullah Campus, The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (Project "Feasibility Study of Conservation and Preservation of Heritage Sites in AJK") (January 2022-June 2022).
- **Research Associate** at Federal Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad (Project "Mapping of Historical & Religious Sites and Monuments of Pakistan") (February 2020-June 2022).
- **Research Assistant** at Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University (Project "Threat to Cultural Heritage of Pakistan: Survey and Documentation of Tangible and Intangible Heritage of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan").
- **Field Supervisor**, Archaeological excavations season 2011-2013 conducted by Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, in Taxila Valley (Badalpur).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- **Program & Examination Coordinator** at Department of International Relations, University of Chakwal (September 2023-to September 2024).
- **Secretary**, Departmental Committee for Undergraduate Research Thesis, Department of International Relations, University of Chakwal (September 2023-to date).
- **Co-advisor**, Anwar Baig Awan Society for Culture & Heritage, University of Chakwal (19<sup>th</sup> October 2023-to date).

### **DISTINCTION AWARDS**

- **IPFP** (Interim Placement of Fresh PHDs) Fellowship, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
- **Chancellor Medal (Gold Medal)**; First position in Faculty of Social Sciences, M.Phil. Asian Studies (Archaeology) from, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.
- **Vice Chancellor Medal (Gold Medal)**; First position in Department of Asian Studies, M.Phil., Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

- **Vice Chancellor Medal (Gold Medal);** First position in M.Sc. Archaeology, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- **Unlocking the power of Scopus webinar 3: Navigating Scopus metrics to select journal for publication,** conducted by “**ELSEVIER**”, held on 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2024.
- **Grant Writing and Publishing Research,** conducted by “Continuous Professional development Center, University of Chakwal, held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.
- **One day training workshop on outcome based Education,** conducted by Department of Computer Sciences & Information Technology, University of Chakwal, held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.
- **Teaching as a profession and use of ICT in training and education,** conducted by “Continuous Professional development Center, University of Chakwal, held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2023
- **National Faculty Development Program,** conducted by “National Academy of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan” from 29 May-14 June 2023.
- **Code of Ethics for Conservation and Understanding of Conservation: Analysis for Cultural Heritage,** conducted by Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad, and Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation, from 15.06.2023-16.06.2023.
- **The training workshop on Conservation Science,** conducted by Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad, and Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation, from 22.11.202-26.11.2021.
- **Enhancing the educational role of Museums,** conducted by UNESCO, 24 February 2021.
- **ARCPIP Archaeological Database and Pottery Workshop,** 12-14 March 2014, held with collaboration of Hazara University, Mansehra and American Institute of Pakistan Studies.
- **Archaeological Survey and Documentation of District Shangla, Puran Valley 2012,** conducted by Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations with the collaboration of Higher Education Commission.
- **Archaeological Excavations in Swat Valley,** conducted by Italian Archaeological Mission in 2013.
- **Updating and Harmonizing National Tentative List of Cultural, Natural & Mixed Heritage Sites of Pakistan,** suitable for inscription on World Heritage List of UNESCO, 12-14 June 2013.
- **Archaeological Excavations in Swat Valley,** conducted by Italian Archaeological Mission in 2011 and 2012.
- **Two days’ Work Shop on Significance of pottery in Archaeological Studies,** Dec 19-20, 2011, Department of Archaeology, University of the Punjab and UNESCO.
- **Archaeological Survey of District Rawalpindi and Islamabad Territory 2011,** conducted by Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid- i-Azam University, Islamabad.

### **WORKSHOPS/EXHIBITIONS ORGANIZED**

- **Grant Writing and Publishing Research,** “Continuous Professional development Center, University of Chakwal, held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.
- **Culture and Heritage Exhibition,** at University of Chakwal, dated 11-01-2024.
- **The Archaeological Training Workshop,** at Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-I Azam University, dated 10-13 January 2022.

## **ACADEMIC TALKS**

- **Musa Khel and the Indus Tradition of the Northern Punjab**, International Conference on South Asia” from October 18-21, 2023, organized by Centre for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA (online).
- **Kot Diji Culture in Trans-Salt Range Zone, Northern Punjab, Pakistan**, in international Conference “Archaeology from Home: Connecting Things & Thoughts” from June 22-27, organized by Sharma Heritage Centre, Chennai, India (Online).
- **Discovery of a new Kot Dijian site at Mohra in Rawalpindi, Punjab**, in National Conference on “Field Archaeology” arranged by Lyallpur Museum, Faisalabad at Islamabad, 19-21 November 2013.
- **Afresh Reconnoitered Forts in Azad Jammu and Kashmir**, in one day seminar on “Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Azad Jammu & Kashmir”, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 (Thematic Research grant program, funded by HEC), held at Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations with the collaboration of Higher Education Commission.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- **2013:** Excavation at Badalpur Monastery, District Haripur (Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa): A Preliminary Report of season 2013, Journal of Asian Civilizations, Volume 36, Number 2, PP: 65-79 (**Co-author**).
- **2014:** Additional Note: Lotus stamped Ware, in “The Last Phases of the Urban Site of Bir-kot-ghwandai” by Luca Maria Olivieri ACT Field School Memoirs, Number 2, 2014, P.2015 (**Principal Author**).
- **2014:** Excavation at Badalpur Monastery, District Haripur (Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa): A Preliminary Report of season 2014, Journal of Asian Civilizations, Volume 37, Number 1, PP: 85-116 (**Co-author**).
- **2014:** Trench BKG 11: Preliminary Excavation Report, in “The Last Phases of the Urban Site of Bir-kot-ghwandai” by Luca Maria Olivieri, ACT Field School Memoirs, Number 2, 2014, PP: 13-67 (**Co-author**).
- **2014:**The Material Cultural Assemblage, in “The Last Phases of the Urban Site of Bir-kot-ghwandai” by Luca Maria Olivieri ACT Field School Memoirs, Number 2, 2014,PP:143-170 (**Co-author**).
- **2016:** Threat to Cultural Heritage of Pakistan: Survey and Documentation of Tangible and Intangible Heritage of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan (**Co-author**).
- **2017:**Mohra: A Newly Discovered Kot Dijian Site in Northern Punjab, Journal of Asian Civilizations, Volume 40, Number 2, PP.21-46 (**Principal Author**).
- **2020:** Explorations at Mohra in trans-Salt Range zone, northern Punjab, Pakistan: The evolution of Early Harappan phase, Ancient Asia, 11(9):1-12 (**Principal Author**).
- **2022:** Survey and Feasibility Study for Protection, Preservation, Conservation, Restoration and Development of Archaeological Assets in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K), Sharda Centre of Learning, Archaeology & Heritage, King Abdullah Campus, The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (**Co-author**).
- **2023:** Exploring the Mesopotamian Trade (C. 6000-539 BCE): Types, Organization, and Expansion. PalArch's Journal of Archaeology of Egypt/Egyptology, 20(1), 241-261(**Principal Author**).

- **2024:** Pre-historic Stone Tool Tradition at Musa Khel, Mianwali, Northern Punjab: A Preliminary Assessment. Pakistan Heritage, Vol. XV, 39-51 **(Principal Author)**.
- **2024:** Uncovering Ceramic Craft of Indus Tradition: Analysis of Flanged Vessels from the Salt Range Musa Khel, Northern-Western Region of Greater Indus Valley, Annals of Human and Social Sciences, Vol.V, No.3, 151-165 **(Principal Author)**.
- **2025:** Unlocking Human Imagination in South Asian Tangible Cultural Heritage: Analyzing Sahir Ludhianvi's "Taj Mahal". Social Science Review Archives, 3(1), 1086–1096 **(Co-author)**.
- **2025:** Festivals, Heritage, and Environment: A Decadal Review (2015–2025). Dialogue Global Social Sciences Review,3 (7), 215-229 **(Co-author)**.

## **REFERENCES**

1. **Dr. Ashraf Khan**, Professor (Retd./Ex-Director Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Ph# \_923055102426, email: [ashrafarchaeologist@hotmail.com](mailto:ashrafarchaeologist@hotmail.com)
2. **Dr. Ghani-u-Rahman**, Professor/(Ex-Director )Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Ph# +923013336394, email: [ghani@qau.edu.pk](mailto:ghani@qau.edu.pk).