

Asif Ali

Archaeologist (Pre-Historian)/Anthropologist

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To enhance my working abilities, skills, and knowledge by working in a dynamic organization that prides itself in giving substantial responsibility to new and emerging talent.

Professional Summary

Dedicated Archaeologist with extensive experience in pre-historical research and anthropology. Proficient in conducting surveys, artifact analysis, team management, and museum curation. Skilled educator with a passion for imparting knowledge to students. Excels in research, documentation, and project management. Seeking opportunities to contribute expertise to a dynamic organization.

Work Experience:

Research Assistant

From Dec-2024, I started as the Research assistant, regarding the 3 research institutes, Taxila Institute of Archaeology & Civilizations, Uddiyana Study Center, Humanistic Buddhism Research Center, at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

Teaching Assistant/Assistant to Director

I have been working with Prof. Dr. Ghani ur Rahaman from October 2024, for this, I have been helping him to have a smooth work flow, overseeing classes, new projects, functioning of department, event organizing like conferences, workshops and seminars. Additionally assisting him in establishing new research institutes.

Archaeologist

From March 2024, I have been working for Citizens Archive of Pakistan, as Archaeological Analyst/Data Entry Operator for a PTEGP project which is titled as "Digital Curation of Taxila Museum". For this, I have been conducting the detailed analysis, identification, description, condition, and cataloging of museum artifacts.

VS-British Counsel

From May-2024, I have been working for British as Venue Staff, for this, I managed the team of staff and we were tasked to supervise the students.

Pre-Historical Archaeologist

Taxila Institute of Asian Civilization, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (2019 to continue)

For this, I have been doing research work regarding various academic aspects

Research Assistant/Assistant Project Manager

Assisted Project Manager which is titled as **Naupura-Kargah Archaeological Research Project**, which is a HEC funded project, for a period of more than two years starting from Jan-2022 and still working. The duties, I have been performing for this job, were conducting the research work, archaeological survey, data collection, documentation, cataloguing, excavation & team management.

Organizer Member of 1st International Winter School on Gandharan Buddhism

This was from 9th to 19th January, 2025, this was organized by the multiple organizations, we hosted them for 3 days. I was in charge of all management and communications. The Scholars from 14 different countries and big universities as Harvard, MIT, participated in this.

Organizer of A Seminar on Paleographic research in Pakistan

This was a one-day lecture by the Stefan Baums from Ludwig Maximilians universitat Munich. I was among one organizer.

Organizer of 3 Day Workshop: Early Buddhist Manuscripts and Inscriptions from Gandhara

This was a three-day teaching workshop, Mark Allon (University of Sydney) and Jason Nelis (Wilfrid Laurier University). This lasted from 13th to 15th December 2024.

Organizer of BHP24

I have worked for Buddhist Heritage of Pakistan 2024, which is an international conference held on 3-4 March was hosted by TIAC, QAU. I worked for almost 3 months, I was incharge of Hospitality and Transport. I was given teams, I played these roles effectively along with that I also played a few others roles as well like stage and venue management.

Teaching Assistant

Assisted Dr. Mueezuddin Hakal, to teach the courses of Archaeology and Tourism Management for a period of a year.

- Prehistory of South Asia to MSc students
- Tourism in Pakistan to BS students
- Ancient History India/south Asia to BS students
- Art and Architecture of Indus valley civilizations to BS students
- Anthropology of South Asia to BS students
- Research Methodology to BS students

For almost 5 years have been teaching the kids of O level and A level. All courses of social sciences and other sciences.

Tasks:

- Conducting Surveys, Documentation, Object Analysis, Redesigning Labels of Exhibits of Museum, Museum Reports
- Explain museum's history and its exhibited material to some Foreigner delegations, embassies, universities, and schools.
- Conducting Surveys, Documentation of Artifacts, their analysis, sketching, identification, and other relevant assistances specifically expert in stone tools.
- Management of Some Art Exhibitions.
- Making Archeological photography and documentaries.
- Making Proposal, Report making of different projects
- Guiding new Internees.
- Expertise in research work
- Teaching the courses to BS students
- Writing research and survey reports

Tour Guide

- Took tours to Gandhara Civilization and Mughal Monumental Sites of Pakistan.
- Arrange and take tour to Taxila Archaeological sites for Americans (2021)
- Took tours to Katas Raj Temples (Second Holy Land of Hinduism), Peshawar valley, Mardan Archaeological sites, Mughal Ancient Monuments at Lahore, and different cities museums (2020-still)

International/ National Workshops and Seminars, Courses, Achievements, Research Projects:

- Taught the students at TIAC, about stone tool making techniques during annual workshop.
- Detailed surveys conducted in Potohar valley for Palaeolithic stone tools collection.
- Sketching and drawing of tools.
- Korea Training workshop for the preservation and conservation of Cultural material, by using most modern techniques and technology.
- Introduction to Museology online course by Save Cultural Heritage Group, Instructor Ms. Emily Scott (2021).
- Introduction to Ancient Civilizations online course by SCHG, Instructor Mr. Zahir Hussain (2021).
- Discovered Lithic Age site in Salt Range and also collected fossilized bones (2021).
- Survey conducted in Zafarwal-Punjab and identified three Hindu Temples, mound, *baoli* and remains of some monumental structure (2021).
- Conducted group survey and discovered Paleolithic sites (2021).
- Research thesis on Palaeolithic sites in Potohar, Himalaya. (2022).
- Attended Archaeological Training Workshop about Arabic calligraphy, sculpture making, pottery making, ancient bead making techniques and digital microscopy of ancient artefacts (2019).

- Attended Archaeological Training Workshop about cataloging, pottery drawing and pottery making (2018).

Podcast

I was invited by a Podcast named “How Does It Work?”, which is a project of Propakistani, an online publisher to talk about the Mohenjo-daro, main city of Indus Valley Civilization. The video was published on Youtube and their other social media platforms as well.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyDUPcaNzww&t=411s&ab_channel=ProPakistani

Research Publications:

- Waqas Uzair, Li Yingfu a, Li Yuniu, Asif Ali, Anwar Kamal khan. (2024). Ancient Metals Of Pakistan: A Review Of The Analysis Of Metal Collection From Mohenjo-Daro And Taxila. *Migration Letters*, 21(S10), 1224–1231. Retrieved from <https://migrationletters.com/index.php/ml/article/view/11653>
- Ali, Asif and Gohar, Sirat (2023), Bibliography of Dr Salim, a Pakistani pre-historian, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 46, No.1, pp. 105-107, TIAC, QAU
- Ali, Asif (2022), Human remains of the Palaeolithic man in the Potohar (unpublished thesis), TIAC, QAU
- Ali, Asif (2024), Prehistoric Studies conducted in Northern Pakistan: A Historiographic Study (unpublished thesis), TIAC, QAU
- Ali, Asif & Punjrush (2024), Human Migration from Upper Indus Zone to Lower Indus during Prehistoric Periods: A Review along with feminist perspective (submitted for an international conference)
- Ali, Asif (2024), Prehistoric studies conducted in Sub-continent during colonial period: A historiographic study (submitted for an international conference)
- Survey and Documentation of Palaeolithic Sites of Korang valley (working)
- Stone age rock shelters of Korang valley (working)
- Stone age factories and terraces around the tributaries of Korang (working)
- Activities of Glaciation and Post Glaciation period of Pre-historic man in Northern Pakistan (Under process)

Skills:

- Archaeological Surveys
- Archaeological landscaping
- Archaeological Artifacts Drawing
- Site Photography
- Research work
- Map Making
- Archaeological Documentation
- Reporting Skills
- Creative Writing
- Marketing
- Microsoft office
- Critical Analysis

- Teaching

Qualification;

- MPhil-Asian Studies from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (2024).
- MSc (Archaeology) from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (2021).
- BSc from University of Gujrat (2018).
- FSc from BISE Gujranwala (2016).

Positions:

- First position throughout the school education
- Distinction in research thesis.
- Distinction in essay writing in whole Division
- Distinction in MSc
- Distinction in MPhil

Hobbies/Interests:

Exploring, Photography, Experimental Archaeology, Learning, Reading Books, Philosophy, Natural philosopher, Modern philosophies, and Theories.

Reference:

- Prof. Dr Ghani-ur-Rehman, Director, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilization, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. ghani@qau.edu.pk
- Dr. Mueezuddin Hakal, Assistant Professor at Taxila Institute of Asian Civilization, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. Mueez.hakal@gmail.com
- Prof. Dr. Ashraf Khan, ex-Director of Islamabad Museum / ex-Director of Taxila Institute of Asian Civilization, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. ashrafarchaeologist@hotmail.com