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Lecturer in International Relations and former Young Parliamentary Associate at the Senate of Pakistan with experience in policy research, higher education, and student mentorship. Research interests include great power competition, foreign policy analysis, South Asian security, and emerging geopolitical dynamics in Asia. Actively engaged in educational outreach and career mentoring initiatives supporting students from underserved communities

EDUCATION

Quaid-I-Azam University | Islamabad, Pakistan

MPhil American Studies	CGPA 3.8/4	2021 - 2023
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Quaid-I-Azam University | Islamabad, Pakistan

BS (Hons) Political Science	CGPA 3.6/4	2017 - 2021
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences & Technology | Islamabad

Feb 2024 to date

Lecturer

- Deliver lectures on various subjects within International Relations, including foreign policy, international law, strategic studies, and contemporary global affairs.
- Conducted a Model United Nations (MUN) session, organized a joint academic session between students of Federal Urdu University and University of Warmia and Mazury, Poland, and engaged in an interactive Q&A session with the University of Lodz by addressing questions related to the Middle East and the role of Pakistan in regional and global affairs.
- Organized debates, seminars, and academic activities aimed at enhancing students' analytical, research, and policy-engagement skills.
- Supervised two undergraduate research theses, guiding research design, literature review, data collection, and academic writing.

Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad | Pakistan

Jan 2023 – Jan 2024

Young Parliamentary Associate

- Contributed to a program funded by the European Union and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS).
- Co-authored the first-ever quarterly report of the Education Parliamentarians' Caucus (EPC) and assisted in coordinating and executing the seminars on 'National Seminar on Education at PIPS' and 'International Literacy Day at Serena Quetta'.
- Prepared policy briefs, meeting minutes, research reports, analytical summaries, and talking points for the Convener of the Education Parliamentarians' Caucus.
- Assisted in coordinating and liaising between the EPC and other educational stakeholders, including JICA Japan, KnK Japan, Malala Fund, Turkish Embassy, British Embassy, Red Cross, and Arfa Karim Foundation.

Intern

- Engaged in research and policy analysis during a three-month internship.
- Conducted research on Indo-Pak relations and the strategic implications of the QUAD for South Asian security dynamics.

Future Stars International Summer Camp, Uludag | Turkey

August 2013

Exposure visit to Turkey

- Participated in a more than two-week-long 'Future Stars International Summer Camp' at Uludag, Turkey.
- Interacted with students from five Central Asian states, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Turkey; got an opportunity to learn from their cultures, ideas, and experiences.

PUBLICATIONS

- i. Navigating Geopolitics: Pakistan's Energy Solutions Through Central Asian Collaborations, *International Journal of Contemporary Issues in Social Sciences*, Vol. 03, Issue 03, July-September 2024, ISSN (P) 2959-3808 (HEC-Y Category) <https://ijciss.org/index.php/ijciss/article/view/1397>
- ii. Understanding the Quad's Influence: US Assistance to India and its Effects on Pakistan, *Journal of Pakistan Social Sciences Review*, Vol. 08, No. 02(S), 2024, P-ISSN 2664-0422 (HEC-Y Category) <https://ojs.pssr.org.pk/journal/article/view/608>
- iii. Populism And Democratic Decay: A Dialectic Analysis of Trump's Populism, *Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture*, Vol. 8.1, No. S3, 2024, P-ISSN 2472-9884 (HEC-X Category) <https://esiculture.com/index.php/esiculture/article/view/3011>
- iv. Sino-US Strategic Rivalry and Regional Security Dynamics in the South China Sea, *Liberal Arts and Social Sciences International Journal*, Vol. 08, No. 02, July-December 2024, eISSN 2664-8148 (HEC-Y Category) <https://ideapublishers.org/index.php/lassij/article/view/8.2.13/a>
- v. Balancing the Seas: India's Response to Geopolitical Shifts in the Indian Ocean Region, *Pakistan Research Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 03, No. 03, July-Sept. 2024, ISSN 2959-1996, (HEC-Y Category) <https://prjss.com/index.php/prjss/article/view/187>
- vi. Evolution of the two-party system in the United States, Research Article, *Paradigm Shift*, January 08, 2023, <https://www.paradigmshift.com.pk/author/syed-ehsan-ali/>

CONFERENCES

Presented my paper titled "Comparative Analysis of Music in Traditional and Asymmetric Warfare" at the 'Geopolitics From Below: Affect and Social Sciences in Pakistan', two-day international conference at the School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, in collaboration with **King's College London**, January 7–8, 2025. tinyurl.com/SPIRCfr

Presented my paper titled "Soft Balancing in a Polycentric Order: The Strategic Convergence of Russia and Pakistan" at the 2nd Russian-Pakistani International Conference, held under the XVII International Economic Forum *Russia – Islamic World: Kazan Forum*, conducted from 12–17 May 2026 in **Kazan, Russian Federation**. <https://kazanforum.ru/en/program/>