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**Lecturer** - Department of Government and Public Policy  
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### **Area of Specialization**

Sociology; Internal security; Counterinsurgency, Counter-militancy and Counterterrorism; Socio-economic Development; Government and Public Policy, Regional Connectivity and Peace-building



### **Education**

1. **PhD Scholar (Government & Public Policy)** (2015-to date)  
National Defence University, Islamabad  
**Thesis Title:** Defence Expenditures, Socioeconomic Development and Security Nexus: A Trans-regional Analysis
2. **Masters of Philosophy (Government & Public Policy)** (2012-2014)  
National Defence University, Islamabad  
**Thesis Title:** Economic Growth and Military Effectiveness: An Empirical Study of Pakistan's Military From 1991-2010'
3. **Master of Science (Sociology)** (2010)  
Thesis Title: 'Compulsive and Voluntary Dependency in the Socioeconomic Development of Pakistan: An Exploratory Study into the Nature of Dependency Affecting Pakistan's Socioeconomic Development'
4. Bachelor of Science (Economics, Political Science, Arabic, and additionally Sociology)
5. Intermediate (English Literature, Fine Arts and Psychology)
6. Matriculation (Science)

### **Professional Experience**

- a). Lecturer , Dept of Government and Public Policy, NDU (2017-to-date)
- b). Research Associate (2012- Jan 2017)

- c). Visiting Lecturer(MSc Sociology) and Pioneer Member of Dept of Sociology,  
Mohiyuddin Islamic University, AJK (2010-2012 )
- d). Visiting Lecturer (MSc Sociology), Allama Iqbal Open University (2010-2012)
- e. Teacher Liberal Arts Girls High School (2008-2012)
- f. Teacher Lahore Grammar School (2006-2008)

### **Miscellaneous Institutional Services at NDU**

- a). Preparation of Concept Paper of IS Branch ISSRA
- b). Focal Person from NDU to NACTA, Govt. of Pakistan (2014)
- c). Focal person for JSHQ approved NDU-Royal Danish Defence College (Denmark) collaboration since 2013-2018 and **author** of NDU's *first ever international Joint publication* (2<sup>nd</sup> Book in process of publication and awaiting launch)
- d). Co-Focal Person for NDU's project on MPhil/PhD GPP E-Learning Programs
- e). Personally Organized Joint International Seminar in collaboration with Royal Danish Defence College (RDDC) 'Exploring Opportunities for Regional Security Cooperation' 24-25 October 2018 at Serena Hotels, Islamabad on behalf of NDU
- f). BS Program Coordinator 2018
- g). Conceived, organized and personally financed NDU's *first-ever* Husn-e-Qirat and Naat Competition, December 2018
- h). Member Organizing team National Harmony workshop

### **List of Research Publications**

#### **Books**

- (a) 'Stability in Afghanistan – Building Stability through Security Cooperation' **Jointly authored Book with Royal Danish Defence College , Denmark** (currently in process of Publication, **2020**)

- (b) “Counterinsurgency and Counter-Terrorism: Sharing Experiences in Afghanistan and Pakistan.” **Jointly authored /published Book with Royal Danish Defence College , Denmark** in 2015.
- (c) “Pakistan’s Role in Building Connectivity for Regional Integration: Turning Dreams Into Reality.” Chapter in the NDU-SASSI jointly published book *Pakistan: Building Connectivity for Enhanced Economic Integration in the Region* in 2013.
- (d) ‘The Nature of Dependency in the Socio-Economic Development of Pakistan.’Germany, December 2010.

### **Research Articles**

- (a) “On War By Deception—Mind Control—Propaganda: From Theory To Practice.” ISSRA Paper 2012.
- (b) “An Analytical View of Pakistan’s Continued Socio-Economic Underdevelopment & Suggested Way Forward.” Pakistan Army Green Book 2012.
- (c) “Priority Areas In The Parliamentary Legislation (2008-2013): An Appraisal.” ISSRA Paper 2013.
- (d) “Employing Counterpropaganda Tools in COIN Operations-Lessons for Pakistan.” Pakistan Army Green Book, 2014.
- (e) “A Recourse to the Analysis of Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan-Borrowing Sociological Narratives in Contemporary Era.” ISSRA Paper Vol 2 2014.
- (f) “The Rise of Islamic State (IS) Phenomenon Lessons for COIN Practitioners at Home.” ISSRA Paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2015.
- (g) “On the Debate on Footprints of ISIS in Pakistan: Possibilities and Challenges.” ISSRA Paper, First half 2016.
- (h) “On Radicalization Mantra” Pakistan Army Green Book 2015.
- (i) “Strategic Expediency or Sway: Analysing Pakistan’s Case for Joining the Islamic Military Alliance”(Co-author) IPRI Journal Summer 2017 Volume XVII, Number 2
- (j) Primacy of Offence over Defence: Pakistan’s Strategic Options in Wake of India’s Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) (Co-author) Journal of Contemporary Studies, FCS, NDU. Vol. Winter 17.

### **Position Papers**

- (k) ISPR release of COAS Statement (shared with JSHQ by ISSRA, 2014)
- (l) Local Government System in Pakistan (March 2015)
- (m) Review of SSN working group paper on 'Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region' on request from NESAI. (March 15)
- (n) Policy Paper on "Kashmir Issue: Identifying policy options" prepared on request of Dte Gen ISI
- (o) Counterterrorism challenges and opportunities in the Asia Pacific (position paper for JSHQ (2015)

### **Editorship and Compilation of NDU Books and NDU Monographs**

- (a) "Selected Reading In Military History: Napoleonic Art Of Warfare, Battles Of Tannenberg & Masurian Lakes – 1914." NDU Book by National and Military History Cell.
- (b) "Evolution of Military Thought." NDU Book by National and Military History Cell.
- (c) "Non-Kinetic Challenges To The State Of Pakistan." National Security Papers 2012.
- (d) "Sino-Pak Anti-Terrorism Collaboration." NDU Monograph Vol: IV, Issue I, 2013.
- (e) "National Security Policy of Pakistan" 2012/13 'Comprehensive National Security Policy.' NDU Monograph Vol: IV, Issue II, 2013.
- (f) "Rejuvenating Pakistan's Standing: Benefitting From China's Rise." NDU Monograph 2013.
- (g) NDU Coffee Table Book, published in 2013.

### **International Published Post-seminar/Roundtable Reports**

- (a) Royal Danish Defence College Policy Brief 'Opportunities For Enhanced Security Cooperation Between Afghanistan And Pakistan' Authored By Mahroona Hussain Syed And Dea Andersen, November 2018
- (b) Post-Seminar Report of NDU-RDDC Two-Day seminar titled 'Carving out a Vision for a Brighter Tomorrow' held at NDU on 2-3 February 2017 jointly prep with Mr. David Vestenskov (RDDC)

- (c) Post Seminar Report On NDU –RDDC Joint Seminar On ‘Counterinsurgency In Afghanistan And Counterterrorism In Pakistan: Sharing Experiences.’ Co-Authored with David Vestenskov, 2016.

**Published National post-seminar/roundtable reports**

- (a) “Balochistan Situation: Perceptions and Realities-The Way Forward (17-18 July, 2012).” National Workshop held in 2012.
- (b) “Evolving Dynamics of FATA: Linkages With Internal Security Challenges.” Post-Roundtable Report 2014.
- (c) “Reappraisal of Internal Security Challenges to Pakistan.” Post-Seminar Report 2014
- (d) “Local Government System in Pakistan”. (2015)

**Presentations to International and National Delegations/NDU Events on behalf of NDU**

- a. R/Table with Royal College of Defence Studies, UK. Presentation on “*Challenges to Understanding Human Security from a National Security Perspective*”(May 2014)
- b. R/Table and Presentation on ‘Evolving Dynamics of FATA and their Linkages with Internal Security Challenges’ (Sept 2014)
- c. Presentation in IHD on ‘Sharing Key Findings of FATA Roundtable’(Sept 2014)
- d. Two-Day National Seminar on Reappraisal of Internal Security Challenges to Pakistan
- e. R/Table with Arab Thought Forum and Presentation on ‘Evolving Situation in Middle East’ (Oct 2014)
- f. R/T with Nepalese Comd & Staff College delegation, Presentation on ‘Security Challenges of SAARC Countries’ on 07 Jan 2016.
- g. R/T with First Deputy Defence Minister and Chief of General Staff of Armed Forces of Kazakhstan & Delegation. Presentation on ‘Pakistan’s Efforts in Countering Terrorism’ on 11 Feb 2016
- h. Roundtable with Planning Commission of Pak on CPEC including signing of ACA b/w ISSRA & PCP by DG ISSRA & the Federal Minister. (Presentation on ‘China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Avenues of Cooperation and Challenges’ on 15 Apr 2015)

- i. Roundtable/IHD and Presentation on 'Kashmir Issue' as a prelude to formulating policy options on the subject issue upon request from ISI on Jan 2015
- j. R/T with Sri Lankan Defence Services Command & Staff College Delegation, Presentation on 'Cooperation & Collaboration Efforts to counter Modern Asymmetric Threats Faced by Indian Ocean Region' (August 2015)
- k. R/T with the Delegation of Chief of Malaysian Army. Presentation on 'Pakistan's Efforts to Combat Terror' in Oct 2015
- l. R/T with Scholars of Heritage Foundation, USA delegation: Presentation on 'Pakistan Progress in Counter Terrorism Operations and Implementation of National Action Plan' on 12 Feb 2016
- m. R/T with Zimbabwean National Defence College Delegation. Presentation on 'South Asian Security Dynamics and Pakistan Army's Role in Countering Terrorism' on 09 Mar 2016
- n. R/T with Turkish Chief of General Staff Gen Hulusi Akar & Delegation .Presentation on 'Pakistan's Efforts in Countering Terrorism' on 30 Mar 2016
- o. R/T with Egyptian C&SC Delegation. Presentation on "Security Challenges faced by Pakistan" on 19 Apr 2016
- p. R/T with Nigerian NDC Course FST Delegation. Presentation on "Counterinsurgency and National Security: Lessons from Pakistan" on 03 May 2016
- q. **Speaker at Seminars / IHDs/ RTs**
  1. NDU –RDDC Joint Seminar On 'Counterinsurgency In Afghanistan And Counterterrorism In Pakistan: Sharing Experiences.'" (2016)
  2. Roundtable Discussion with Dr Peter Topychakanov (Russian Scholar) on ' Place of Pakistan, India and Afghanistan in Russian Foreign and Defence Policy (Jan 2014)
  3. R/Table with Royal College of Defence Studies , UK on *Challenges to Understanding Human Security from a National Security Perspective'*(May 2014)
  4. R/Table on ' Evolving Dynamics of FATA and their Linkages with Internal Security Challenges' (Sept 2014)
  5. IHD on ' Sharing Key Findings of FATA Roundtable"(Sept 2014)
  6. Two-Day National Seminar on Reappraisal of Internal Security Challenges to Pakistan (2014)
  7. R/Table with Arab Thought Forum on 'Evolving Situation in Middle East' (Oct 2014)

8. 6<sup>th</sup> Pak-Turkey Security Seminar ‘Evolving Situation in Middle East: Pak’s Perception’(December 2014)

### **Mphil Thesis Supervision**

- a). An Analysis of Pakistan’s Trade Potential with Central Asian Republics  
MPhil Scholar: Salman Ali Rana ( in process of submission 2020)
- b). Private Secondary Education Schools In Rawalpindi City: Challenges For Parents  
MPhil Scholar : Tahreem Rauf Butt (Awaiting Viva 2020)
- c). CPEC in the Age of Hybrid Warfare  
Mphil Scholar: Brig Usman (ongoing 2020)
- d). Empirical Analysis of Parental Investment and Education Production Function: A Case Study of Faisalabad  
MPhil Scholar: Muhammad Osamah Warraich (2019)
- e). Emergence of Social Media And Its Impact On Public Policy Making In Pakistan  
MPhil Scholar: Hina Kokab (2017)