

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Qualifications:

Institution	Degree/Course/Training	Year
Centre for International Peace and Security (CIPS), National University of Sciences and Technology , Pakistan	PhD (Peace & Conflict Studies)	2022
Autumn School at University of Augsburg , Germany	Sociology of Knowledge Approach to Discourse (SKAD)	2022
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland , USA	Course on Novel Approaches to Mixed-Methods P/CVE Research and Practice	2021
Nijmegen School of Management, Radboud University , Netherlands	PhD Research Fellowship	2018
School of International Service (SIS), American University , USA	Training on The New Frontiers of Peacebuilding	2018
National Defence University , Pakistan	MPhil Government & Public Policy	2013
Defence Academy , United Kingdom	Defence and Security Management Course	2012
School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University , USA	Course on Conflict Prevention, Resolution, and Reconciliation	2010
National Defence University , Pakistan	MSc Government & Public Policy	2010

Experience:

Assistant Professor (2022 to date): Serving as Assistant Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University.

Lecturer (2017 to 2022): Served as a Lecturer of Public Policy in the Department of Government and Public Policy, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University.

Research Associate (2012-2015): Served as an officer (Research Associate) in Pakistan military's premier think tank "**Institute for Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA)**, National Defence University", Islamabad.

Research Grants:

- Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan research grant for “**International Research and Support Initiative Program**” for PhD research at **Radboud University**, Netherlands.
- Research Grant for project titled “**Critical Discourse Analysis of ‘Narratives’ in Religious Rhetoric (Fatwas) in Pakistan: Strategizing Local Solutions and Policy Options for Community Resilience to Violent Extremism**” under Community Resilience Research Network, funded by Creative Learning, USA in collaboration with Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI).

Publications:

Research Papers (International Journals):

- Choudary, S., Asghar, M.U., Ibrahim, A.G. (2021). CBRN events and crisis communication: Analysis of training needs and development of curriculum for communication personnel. *International Journal of Safety and Security Engineering*, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp. 337-343. <https://doi.org/10.18280/ijssse.110406> (HEC “Y” category).
- Saad, A., Ijaz, M., Asghar, M. and Yamin, L., (2020). China-Pakistan economic corridor and its impact on rural development and human life sustainability. Observations from rural women. *PLOS ONE*, 15(10), p.e0239546 (HEC “W” category).

Research Papers (Local Journals):

- Asghar, M. (2020). Critical Discourse Analysis of Paigham-e-Pakistan (Unanimous Fatwa): Counter-narrative to Religious Extremism in Pakistan. *NDU Journal*, XXXIV, 31-45. Retrieved from <https://ndu.edu.pk/ndu-journal/03-CRITICAL-DISCOURSE-ANALYSIS.php> (HEC “Y” category).
- Asghar, M., Hussain, D. and Khan, D., (2018). The Case of Libya’s WMD: Analysis of Key Factors for Nuclear Turnaround. *Margalla Papers*, XXII (1), pp.90-102. https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/margalla-paper/Margalla-Papers-2018/08-The-Case-of-Libya's-WMD.pdf (HEC “X” category).
- Asghar, M. U. (2013). Governance Issues in Pakistan: Suggested Action Strategy. *ISSRA Papers*, V(I), 113-134. https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol5_Issue1_2013/06-Governance-Issues-Mr-Usman-Asghar.pdf (HEC “Y” category)
- Asghar, M. U. (2013). Periodic Socio-economic Development in Balochistan: Perceptions and Realities. *ISSRA Papers*, VI (II), 125-144. https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol5_IssueII_2013/ISSRA-PAPERS-VOL-V,-ISSUE-II,-2013.pdf (HEC “Y” category)
- Asghar, M. U. (2012). Demand for New Provinces in Pakistan. *ISSRA Papers*, IV(II), 59-78. https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol4_Issue1_2012/03-Creation-of-More-Provinces-Usman.pdf (HEC “Y” category)
- Asghar, M. U. (2012). Food Security in Pakistan. *ISSRA Papers*, IV(II), 75-98. https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol4_IssueII_2012/04-Food-Security-in-Pakistan-Muhammad-Usman.pdf (HEC “Y” category)

Conference Papers (International Conferences):

Asghar, M. (2022). Critical Discourse Analysis of 'Religious Narratives' in Political Rhetoric in South Asia: Manifestation of Authoritarianism in the name of Capitalism. In *DiscourseNet Winterschool #7 "Capitalism in Global Crisis: economic transformations, new authoritarianism, and resistance"*. Valencia, Spain.

Asghar, M. (2020). *ANALYSIS OF CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK IN CHINA: CRISIS COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES AND LESSONS FOR A SAFE FUTURE*. In 2nd Scientific International Conference on CBRNe SICC Series. Rome: University of Rome Tor Vergata. Retrieved from <http://www.sicc-series.com>

Asghar, M., 2020. Critical Discourse Analysis of Religious Extremist Narratives and their use (abuse) on Social Media in Pakistan. In: *International Conference on Media and Conflict*. Islamabad: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan. <http://icmc.pk>

Academic Contributions and Participation:

Contributed a memoir on the topic of "**Countering Violent Extremism**" in the report titled "2018 DC SYMPOSIUM on the New Frontiers of Peacebuilding" published by Creative Learning, Washington D.C. USA.

Attended an Autumn School on "**Sociology of Knowledge Approach to Discourse (SKAD)**" at University of Augsburg, Germany (2022).

Academic Membership:

Member of International body on Discourse Studies "DiscourseNet Association".