



GULANDAM MIAN

Policy Analyst and Researcher

I am passionate about exploring the political processes to explain the complex realities of contemporary global politics. I have over four years of research experience in the field. I have written on different aspects of European politics starting with Russia and its near abroad and presently on EU and Belarus. My research interests has a focus on international security (NATO and European Strategic Culture), diplomacy, analysis of power in international relations, and European Neighborhood Policy.

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SKILLSET:

Leadership, Diplomacy, Research, Teaching, Academic Writing.

EDUCATION

Linköping University Sweden Spring 2019 – autumn 2021

Master in Political Science with a specialization in International and European Relations.

Master Thesis:

Neoclassical Realist Reasons for European Union's Pragmatic Approach to its Eastern Neighbor: Belarus

National Defense University, Pakistan 2013 – 2015

MPhil in International Relations

MPhil Thesis: Resurgent Russia: Challenges and Prospects in the Near Abroad

University of Peshawar, Pakistan 1996-1998

Master in Economics

Federal Government College for Women Peshawar, Pakistan 1995-1996 Bachelors

Political Science and Economics

List of Publications:

- Mian, G. (2015). Challenges and prospects for Pak-Russia relations in

WORK EXPERIENCE

Buds School System Volunteer Teacher Trainer 2016–2019

I worked on redesigning the school's English language curriculum by introducing integrated and interactive learning methodologies, to improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills of the students. Some of the strategies adopted included phonemic awareness, theme-based class decorations, the use of flashcards for sight vocabulary, interactive storytelling, and art-based activities. This helped in achieving conceptual clarity among the students, boosted their confidence, and made education a joyful venture.

Since boredom was a normal observation among the students due to the lack of a school playground. As a facilitator and member of the board of Governors of the school, I along with other friends furnished the school with a library along with a virtual section, that was previously restricted to a few locked cabinets, not accessible to the children, and arranged for volunteers who conducted teacher training workshops that devised strategies for art and room-based exercises, for children. This helped in creating enthusiasm among the primary students for learning, who now started looking forward to book reading, and also increased the school enrolment by 10 percent.

Buds School System (Volunteer Teacher Trainer) September 2012–May 2013

As a teacher trainer for a short duration at Buds School system, I helped changing the traditional teacher-focused approach to student-based learning, where the teachers acted as facilitators working to guide the students learning. This was achieved through teaching workshops focused on pre-reading strategies such as picture walk, storytelling, creating alphabet tables, songs and role-play, etc. in the classrooms.

Mazmoon-i-Shauq School, (Primary School Teacher) 2006–2010

I taught English and world studies (history and geography) to Kindergarten, Grade 2, 3 & 5. I contributed to the development of the world studies curriculum by designing interactive and hands-on activities. These included simplification of complex ideas like 'apartheid' in South Africa, Indus Valley civilization, American history, Renaissance in Europe, etc through thematically tailored art activities to bring conceptual clarity.

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- Mian, G. 2015. Robert Kaplan, Asia's Cauldron: The South China Sea and the end of a stable Pacific. *CISS Insight*. 3 (1,2), pp. 100-102. Available at: <http://journal.ciss.org.pk/index.php/ciss-insight/article/view/160/154>
- Mian, G. 2021. *Neoclassical realist reasons for EU's pragmatic approach to its Eastern neighbor: Belarus*. Master's thesis, Linköping University. Available at: <http://liu.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2:1597282>
- Muhammad, S, and Mian, G (2015). State of Indian minorities: Impact on domestic politics and the country's standing abroad. *Margalla Papers*, 19(1), 81-104.

Hobbies: Traveling and exploring other cultures

Languages:

Fluent in Urdu and English

Oral Fluency in Pashto basic knowledge in reading and writing.

Basic knowledge: French, Swedish.

Beaconhouse School System, Gulabad, Phase III Chowk, Peshawar, +92915700147 (Primary School Teacher) 1998-1999.

During the first year, I was entrusted with the responsibility of class teaching for kindergarten. This was my first exposure to teaching the English language. I implemented the oracy activities and main lessons from the school curriculum based on achieving the specified speaking, listening, reading, and writing targets.

Beaconhouse School System, Gulabad, Phase III Chowk, Peshawar (Primary School Teacher) 2001-2006

My focus during the period was centered around curriculum implementation to achieve excellence in the student's comprehension of the various concepts in teaching English and social studies. I implemented the methods of historical inquiry through interactive activities such as creating class museums, conducting interviews, picture study, making timelines, watching documentaries and performing role plays, etc. the use of interactive and hands-on methodologies in teaching was highly appreciated by the school administration.

Research Experience:

Center for International and Strategic Studies Suite # 506, 5th Floor Evacuee Trust Complex, Agha Khan Road, F-51 Islamabad, Pakistan Internship April 2015-August 2015 (6 months)

During my internship, I worked on the organization's Russia desk. My main tasks were focused on writing, research, minute taking, organizing and attending seminars, interacting with the diplomatic community. I published a 2000 words paper on Pakistan-Russia relations in *CISS Journal*, a book review of Robert Kaplan's "Asia's Cauldron" and attended in-house lectures on "Dimensions of Pakistan's Nuclear Policy" by Brig(Rtd) Naeem Salik.

Institute for Strategic Studies Research and Analysis, National Defense University, Sector E-9, Islamabad +92519260651 Internship Jan 2014-June 2014

As an intern, I helped organize international workshop on "Kashmir: Looking beyond the Peril", 27-28 Jan 2014, and wrote part of the post-seminar report. I also prepared a presentation for President NDU before his departure for participating in the ASEAN meeting in Singapore. I also wrote on various international issues. My article "Crises in Ukraine: A Backgrounder" was published on the NDU website. I also co-authored a paper titled: "state of Indian Minorities: Impact on domestic Politics and the country's standing abroad" for *Margalla Journal HEC approved*). I also presented the problems of my fellow interns before president NDU without hesitation. My communication with foreign dignitaries and witnesses made me win many associations in diplomatic circles.