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CORE COMPETENCIES

- Peace Research, Theories of Conflict
- International Security and development
- Terrorism and Counter Terrorism
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Competency in R, Nvivo and STATA
- Fluencies in Turkish, Urdu and Punjabi
- Strategic communication, writing, and editing
- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and SharePoint

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Jan 2017 – Oct 2018

University of Bath, Bath, United Kingdom

- Co-created and collaboratively executed an online course, "From State Control to Remote Control- Warfare in 21st Century" plan, including developing structure and course content for maximum utility in terms of the participants. Identifying communications opportunities and drafting course reports for academic use.
- Did field research for this course in the United States and made liaisons with government and public stake holders to the issue of drones and their use as a remote weapon of choice.
- Improved the existing course structure by squeezing the course length from 7 weeks to 4 four weeks without effecting the quality of content. Along with that whole graphics, off-site and on-site content was reorganized and written to further elevate the quality of the course.
- Wrote related articles for an audience of 6000+ subscribers by interfacing with staff at various levels as well as applying communication techniques to review, synthesize, and translate data and technical information gather during the research.
- Strengthened collaboration between local and on-site teams by supporting knowledge capture activities for meetings, seminars, and workshops, including the videos to become part of the online lectures given by the course mentors.
- Drafted program factsheets and work plans to continually improve web content on both offsite and onsite course content on the website by responding to the course participants as the student mentor on daily basis.
- Developed and drafted weekly reports for management on course participant's comments and activities during the course

Research Assistant

Jan – Sep 2016

Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO, Oslo, Norway

- Read, analyzed and processed reports on ethnic cleaning in the war zones all over the world. Moreover, did a paper in order to understand the conflict patterns across the globe.
- Wrote a comparative analysis on select multilateral peace agreements examining trends within governance arrangements, non-compliance triggers, best practices, key features, and lessons learned.
- Researched case studies by setting the pedestals for research. The case studies included Crimean crises, Kashmir issue, and Arab spring, conflict in DRC, Iraq and Syria.

EDUCATION

Master of International Security

Dec 2017

University of Bath– Bath, United Kingdom

- Worked on interdisciplinary teams to research, write, and present analyses on war economy, conflict and security plus policy recommendations for improved strategy to counter threats of war, terrorism and economic turmoil as a result of war.
- Developed and executed a study of speech analysis of Pakistani leaders which questioned state security vs. human security. Discourse analysis through positioning theory and securitization theory was used to shed light on politics of fear that can also be very well seen in the US politics as interplay of media and politics.
- Enhanced research and analytical skills through training in policy analysis and research methods using STATA, Nvivo and Excel.

Postgraduate Course in Peace Research

August 2016

University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

- Developed strong understanding of peace and conflict through daily exercises. Different case studies allowed us to do the data analysis of economic losses. War statistics like number of casualties each year was taken for PRIO and Lund University in Sweden for the purpose of research.
- Completed a final project using the multi-causal role model, tracing the roots of Kashmir issue which was critiqued by neo-realist theory of anarchy.

Forman Christian College University, Lahore, Pakistan

- Developed strong writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills by studying the economic and politics of world powers. I also studies political philosophy in depth as well which gave me a thinking capability.
- Designed, implemented, and presented a 2 year-long Senior Project on the political and economic contributions of religions in development of socio-economic sector in the sub-continent by consulting with professors across programs.
- Developed in-depth qualitative research skills using the inter-university library system and open-source databases including, LexisNexis, ProQuest, and WorldCat.

Conference Presentations

- **Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR):** Presented a paper at the conference that held 17-21 Feb, 2017 at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
- **ISIS Forced Migration and European Demographic Decline: A time bomb about to explode:** paper presented at International Summer School on 19th July, 2016, University of Oslo, Norway.
- **Geo-Politics of South Asia- What New Regionalists have to Say:** paper presented in the 13th Annual Conference on International Relations, 25 – 27 June, 2014, at Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University Ankara, Turkey
- **Security Vacuum: Sustaining Bipolar-Power Structure in South Asia and Nuclear Proliferation,** paper co-presented at Workshop On Strategic Issues: Pakistan and South Asia and Beyond Agenda, organized by Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) and Stimson Center-Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, at LUMS, Lahore February 5, 2011

Scholarships and Awards

- **HPAIR (Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations)**
HPAIR Scholar and Permanent Delegate on the track of International Security
- **Atlas Corps Fellow**
Semi-finalist at Atlas Service Corps, Inc. International Fellows Program at Washington DC, USA
- **World Wildlife Fund, WWF**
Eco-Ambassador
- **University of Bath, United Kingdom**
Merit Scholarship, Department of Politics and International Studies
Graduate Scholarship, University of Bath
- **University of Oslo, Norway**
Full Scholarship, In collaboration with University of Oslo and Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Certifications

- **Graduate Record Examination:** 325/340
- **IELTs (International English Language Testing System):** Band (7.5/9.0)
- **Professional Communicational Training Certificate,** University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway