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***Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists:
The Grand Trunk Road to Confidence Building Measures between Pakistan and India
(National Defence University, Islamabad: 2018)***

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1. Professional Experience

- a. Associate Professor, Strategic Studies, National Defence University, Islamabad. (2019)
- b. Asst Prof, Peace and Conflict Studies, National Defence University, Islamabad.(2008)
Job Description: Administration, Management, Supervision of more Research Theses of MSc, MPhil and PhD (supervised more than Fifty). Job duties include Teaching, research, management, administration, Acting Head of the Department, generating academic activities, capacity building, In charge Research and Publications, Course Coordinator, In charge Students Affairs, and Member of Board of Studies (PCS-NDU). I have taught academic courses on Conflict and Conflict Resolution, Energy Politics-Resource Wars and Conflict, Gender and Armed Conflict, Introduction to Warfare, Theories of International Relations, Media and Conflict, Traditional non-Traditional Security Paradigms, International Politics of Central Asia, Conflict and Cooperation in Central Asia, Conflict and Cooperation in South Asia, International Humanitarian Law, Conflict and Crisis Management, Post Nuclear Conflict and Peace Education.
- c. Deputy Director BS Programme-Social Sciences NDU.(July 2014-July 2016). Job Duties included Curriculum Designing, Administration, Quality monitoring, Co-Curricular Activities, Student Advisor and Teaching.
- d. Research Officer, at “Islamabad Policy Research Institute,” Islamabad, (IPRI) from 2002 - 2008. Areas of Research are Conflict and Conflict Resolution, Peacebuilding, Energy Issues, Pipeline Politics, Issues of Perceptions, East, South and Central Asia.
- e. Teacher, (for MA classes) “Institute of South Asian Studies, Halle, Germany” from 2006-2007

2. Education

- a. **Ph.D**, from Institute of South Asian Studies, **Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany**.
- b. MSc & M.Phil, in Defence & Strategic Studies, from **Quaid-I-Azam University Islamabad**, Pakistan.
- c. M A, Pakistan Studies, Sind University Jamshoro, Pakistan.
- d. MA, Political Science, Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan.

3. Honors and Awards

1. Invited by Queen Mary University, London, to deliver a Lecture on, "Human Rights Violations in Kashmir," 4th December, 2019.
2. Invited by Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway. (PRIO), for Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," on 23 Sep, 2019.
3. Invited by Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden, for Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," on 24 Sep, 2019
4. Invited by V-Dem Institute and Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, for Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," on 25 Sep, 2019.
5. Invited by Institute for Security and Development Policy, Stockholm, for Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," on 26 September 2019
6. Invited by Stimson Center and Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, for talk on my Book, "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," August 26, 2019.
7. Book Launch at Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, USA. 22 August, 2019. First Ever Female Speaker from Pakistan to be invited by NPS.
8. General *Zubair Mahmood Hayat* NI(m), Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, launched my book "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," on November 9th 2018, as a Keynote Speaker.
9. "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," is the first ever book by any FCS-NDU faculty, published and launched by National Defence University. September, 2018.
10. Received "**Letter of Appreciation,**" by President NDU, Lt. Gen Majid Ehsan for Authoring outstanding book "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists." July 6th 2018.
11. Merit based "**Outstanding Delegate Award**" in recognition of my services *with* reference to my participation, achievements and academic contributions during and after the "Comprehensive Crisis Management Course (CCM) 17-1, at Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, from February 9th-March 15th, 2017. In a ceremony on 9th May, 2018 the US Ambassador to Pakistan Mr. David Hale presented this award. It is a privilege for the individual and the institution that among thousands of APCSS alumni till to-date, I was among those selected for this merit based award. Moreover I am the only one among my course mates to receive this award for the year of 2017-2018.
12. Received "**Letter of Appreciation,**" by "President National Defence University,"(2017) for outstanding performance at "Comprehensive Crisis Management Course (CCM) 17-1, at Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, February 9th-March 15th, 2017.
13. Received **Letter of Appreciation** by the Dean of APCSS for Outstanding Performance at "Comprehensive Crisis Management Course (CCM) 17-1, at Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, April 2017.

14. First ever Pakistani to be Elected as **Commencement Day Speaker** among 110 Participants from 37 Countries at “Comprehensive Crisis Management Course (CCM) 17-1, at Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, February 9th-March 15th, 2017.
 15. Selected as **Ambassador Global Peace Index** (2016), by Institute for Economics & Peace. As ambassador Global Peace Index I will seek advance knowledge about the drivers of peace as well as give Rotary clubs concrete tools to help build peace.
 16. Selected as Only Rotary Peace Alumni from Pakistan to Represent “Women Voices in Security Policy Making in Pakistan at “International Global Innovating Peacebuilding Conference” on Nov 24-28 2015, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.
 17. Represented Pakistan in **Rotary Peace Fellowship**, at Chulalongkorn University Bangkok 2013 as First Pakistani Female Fellow.
 18. Received **PhD Scholarship** by German Government.
 19. First Pakistani Female to Complete PhD from Institute of South Asian Studies, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany.
 20. First Pakistani to Conduct PhD Research Studies on “Issue of Perceptions as a Factor in Decision-making: The Discussion on Gas Pipelines in Selected English and Urdu Pakistani Newspapers.”
 21. Only Representative of South Asia (to Measure indicators of democracy) in V-Dem Project.
 22. Honor of **Establishing Faculty of Contemporary Studies & Department of Peace and Conflict Studies** for the First Time in Pakistan at National Defence University, Islamabad in September 2008.
 23. Received **President’s Gold Medal of Merit** for Securing First Position in BA (Mass Communication) all Over Pakistan.
 24. Secured **First Position** in All Pakistan Essay Writing Competition by Daily Mashriq Peshawar (1998).
4. **Capacity Building Workshops/Courses Attended**
1. Participated in Workshop on, “Counter Violent Extremism and the Insider Threat in the Nuclear Sector,” London, UK, 3-5 December 2019.
 2. Certificate Course on “Comprehensive Crisis Management Course (CCM) 17-1, at Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, February 9th-March 15th, 2017.
 3. Certificate Course on “Peace and Conflict Studies: Curriculum Development in Pakistan”, by Co-Sponsored by University of Austin, Texas, United States Institute of Peace and American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Pakistan, March 5-10, 2014, Lahore.
 4. Workshop on “Research Methods,” 21-25 October 2013, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
 5. Certificate, Professional Development Course on “Peace and Conflict Resolution” on Rotary Peace Scholarship from Chulalongkorn University Bangkok 2013.

6. International Visitors Leadership Programme on Security and Foreign Policy-2012, conducted by the Government of USA.
7. 7-10 February, 2012, Defence and Security Management Course, Organized by Cranfield University and Defence Academy of UK at National Defence University Islamabad.
8. 18th South Asian Teaching Session (SATS), Workshop on “Humanitarian Law: Law of Armed Conflict,” Dhulikhel, Nepal April 18-29, 2011, Organized By International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
9. “International Law and Terrorism,” organized by Research Society of International Law, Lahore on May 2003.

5. Research Publications

1. Asma Shakir Khawaja, *Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists: The Grand Trunk Road to Confidence Building Measures between Pakistan and India* (National Defence University, Islamabad: 2018) **(HEC has evaluated it as “X” category publication.)**
2. Pakistan in War on Terror: Ally with Conflicting Interests, *The Dialogue*, Volume 15, Issue 2 April-June 2020, PP. 105-114. (As per HEC it is Journal of Y Category)
3. Policy Guidance for Pakistan’s Oscillation Response to COVID-19, DK1 APCSS Security Nexus, Volume: 21 – 2020, https://apcss.org/nexus_articles/policy-guidance-for-pakistans-oscillation-response-to-covid-19/
4. Democracy and Freedom During Covid-19, Version 1.0. V-Dem Institute. Sweden, July, 2020, [https:// www.v-dem.net/en/our-work/research-projects/pandemic-backsliding/](https://www.v-dem.net/en/our-work/research-projects/pandemic-backsliding/)
5. Impact Of Service Quality On Students Satisfaction In Higher Education Institutions, *Journal of Business and Tourism*, Volume 06 Number 01 January – June, 2020. PP 1-18. (HEC recognized “Z” Category)
6. Sufism in Medieval Sub-continent and Contribution in Human Development, *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS)* Vol. 39, No. 4 (2019), pp. 1475-1485. (As per HEC it is Journal of Y Category)
7. Idyllic Styles of Peace restoration: A Critical Appraisal of Counter Insurgency in Waziristan, *PAKISTAN - Annual Research Journal*, Vol. No 55, 2019. 77-95. (As per HEC it is Journal of X Category)
8. Reasons and Victims of Honour Killing in Pakistan: An Analysis, *Journal of Political Studies*, Vol. 26, Issue - 2, 2019, pp. 111-126. (As per HEC it is Journal of X Category)
9. China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Geo-political Implications, Regional Constraints and Benefits of CPEC, *South Asian Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 2, July – December, 2019, pp. 591 – 601. (As per HEC it is Journal of X Category)
10. An Insight into Rohingya: The Unwanted People, *NDU Journal*, 2019. (As per HEC it is Journal of X Category)

11. China's Middle East Policy: Implications for Pakistan, *Journal of South Asian Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1, January – June **2018**, pp.291 – 304. (As per HEC it is Journal of **X** Category)
12. "Women in Security Policy Making: A Case Study of Pakistan," *Strategic Studies*, Vol. 37, Spring **2017**, Number 1, PP. 90-107. (As per HEC it is Journal of **Y** Category)
13. "Implementing Biomateric Voting System In Pakistan: An Analytical Review," *Journal of Research Society of Pakistan*, Issue No 1, Vol. 53, July-Dec **2016**. (As per HEC it is Journal of **X** Category)
14. "Media Strategy of ISIS: An Analysis," *Strategic Studies*, Vol. 36, Summer **2016**, Number 2, PP. 104-121. (As per HEC it is Journal of **Y** Category)
15. Energy Security for Pakistan: An Analysis, *Journal of Political Studies*, Vol, 23, Issue-2, Winter **2016**, PP 503-523. (As per HEC it is Journal of **X** Category)
16. "Understanding Influence of Media," *Pakistan Journal of American Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 2, Fall **2015**, Area Study Centre for Africa, North & South America, Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan.
17. "Iran-India-Pakistan Gas Pipeline: A Critical Analysis," *IPRI Journal*, Volume VI, Number 1, Winter **2006**. PP 116-136. (As per HEC it is Journal of **X** Category)
18. **Book Monograph**, "Pakistan and the New Great Game," *IPRI Paper* 5, No 5, **2003**. (It is available worldwide in all famous libraries of the world)
19. "Afghanistan: A factor in Pak-Iran Relations," *Pakistan Defence Review*, Vol 18, Winter **2004**, GHQ, Rawalpindi.
20. "Afghanistan: A factor in Pak-Iran Relations," *Turkish Review of Middle East Studies*, Istanbul, Annual **2004**.
21. "Iran-Pakistan-India Gas Pipeline for Peace: An Analysis," *National Development and Security*, Serial No. 45, Volume XII, Number 1, Autumn **2003**.
22. "Indian Interests in Central Asia: A Critical Analysis," *National Development and Security*, Serial No. 43, Volume XI, Number 3, Spring **2003**.
23. "Preemptive Strike: An Analysis," *Pakistan Army Journal*, GHQ, Rawalpindi. Vol, 46, Number 1, **2003**.
24. "UN Peacekeeping in Somalia," *Pakistan Defence Review*, Rawalpindi: Volume 14, Number 1, Summer **2000**.
25. "Cost Effectiveness of weapons of Mass Destruction in Strategic Scenario of India & Pakistan," *Pakistan Defence Review*, Volume 4, Number 2, Winter **2000**.
26. "Dynamics of Pakistan's Nuclear Strategy", *The Citadel*, Volume XVI, Number. 3/99, The Command & Staff College Quetta. **1999**.
27. Asma Shakir Khawaja, *Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists: The Grand Trunk Road to Confidence Building Measures between Pakistan and India* (National Defence University, Islamabad: 2018)
28. Book, "A Contribution to the Issue of Perceptions as a Factor in Decision-making: The Discussion on Gas Pipelines in Selected English and Urdu Pakistani Newspapers," (Faisal Publishers, Lahore: 2014) (It is available in all libraries of EU Universities.)
29. Book Review: Matthias Weinreich, *We Are Here to Stay: Pashtun Migrants in the Northern Areas of Pakistan*, *IslamkundlicheUntersuchungen Band* 285,

- Klaus Schwarz Verlag, 2. verbess. Auflage (2010), zahlr.Abb., 120 Seiten, ISBN 9783879973569.http://www.klaus-schwarz-verlag.com/index.php?title=Matthias+Weinreich:+%C2%BBWe+Are+Here+to+Stay%C2%AB&art_no=IU285
30. The Geo-Strategic Dimension of India and Central Asia Bilateral Relations: An Analysis, FPRC Journal-10, 2012 (2), Foreign Policy Research Center, New Delhi.
 31. Samir Amin, Beyond US Hegemony? Assessing the Prospects for Multipolar World, (Book Review), IPRI Journal, Winter 2008, Volume VIII, Number1.
 32. "Talibanisation of Pakistan: Myth or Reality," Society and Culture in Motion, Diffusion Experiment Institution, 2007, http://www.scm.uni-halle.de/gsscm/online_papers/online_papers_2007/talibanisation_of_pakistan/
 33. "Iran-Pakistan Trade Relations," Chapter in a book Iran Pakistan Relations in Historical Perspective published by Iranian Cultural Center and Peshawar University. 2004.
 34. "Uzbek President Karimov Visits Pakistan," Analyst, May 31, 2006, SAIS, John Hopkins University, Washington DC, USA.
 35. "The Changing Dynamics of Pakistan's Relations with Central Asia," Analyst, February 23, 2005, SAIS, John Hopkins University, Washington DC, USA.
 36. "Reactivating ECO: A Myth?," Analyst, November 03, 2004, SAIS, John Hopkins University, Washington DC, USA.
 37. "President Musharraf's Visit To Azerbaijan: An Effort To Build Pakistani Regional Leadership," Analyst, July 28, 2004, SAIS, John Hopkins University, Washington DC, USA.
 38. "Postponing Afghanistan's Election: A missed Blessing," Analyst, April 21, 2004, SAIS, John Hopkins University, Washington DC, USA.
 39. "Reasons and Implications of Pakistan-Afghan Border Clashes," Analyst, September 10, 2003, SAIS, John Hopkins University, Washington DC, USA.

7. Research Papers Presented in National and International Seminars

1. Presented Lecture on Autonomous Weapons, Implications for Regional Security, at a Seminar on "Stop the Future Pandemic of Killer Robots," organized by SPADO on 3/9/20.
2. Presented Lecture on Modi's Religion based Policies in Kashmir in a seminar on International day for Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion & Belief, organized by Kashmir Committee, Islamabad, 22/8/20
3. Presented Research Paper on "One Year of Kashmir Lockdown: The Future Options and Way Forward," at International Webinar Roundtable on "Kashmir, re-Annexation and Status Quo Ante; Challenges & Opetion-Post 5th August 2019," Organized by RIPHAH Institute of Public Policy and Institute of Dialogue, Development & Diplomatic Studies on 5/8/20
4. Presented Research Paper on "Kashmir: Abrogation of article 370 and Hindutva," at round table conference on "India's Assault on Identity of Jammu and Kashmir," organized by All Parties Hurriyat Conference at Press Club Islamabad, 25/7/20

5. Presented Research on “Hindutva and Regional Stability,” at *India’s Aggression towards its Neighbors: A Threat to Regional Stability*, at Institute for Strategic Studies, Islamabad. 12 June, 2020
6. Presented Paper on “Deciphering Kashmir Conflict: A Review and Analysis of CBMs on Kashmir,” in a Seminar on “Deciphering Kashmir Conflict,” Strategic Studies, NDU, Islamabad. 25 Feb, 2020.
7. Presented paper on “Hindutva and its Manifestation in Kashmir,” in National Seminar on "Decoding Hindu Mindset and India's Strat Motives", ISSRA, NDU, Islamabad. 6 Feb, 2020.
8. Lecture on, “Human Rights Violations in Kashmir,” Queen Mary University, London, 4th December, 2019.
9. Lecture on, “Kashmir: The Way Forward, Challenges and Opportunities,” “Kashmir Issue, Global Dynamics and Policy Imperatives by Institute of Policy Studies & Kashmir Research Center, Muzaffarabad, 27 November, 2019.
10. Presented Research Study on, “Kashmir: Deciphering Hindutva Mindset,” “Kashmir Issue, Global Dynamics and Policy Imperatives by Institute of Policy Studies, Islamabad, 26 November, 2019.
11. Lecture on ‘New Approaches for Social Peace - Exploring Challenges and Finding Common Ground (South Asian Perspective)’. at Peace Lab: Promoting Regional Peace and Stability, PAUN, 17th November, 2019, Serena Hotel Islamabad.
12. Presented Paper on “Role of Women in Sustainable Development,” at Seminar on National STEM Day, by WAPDA – Women In Power Team, November 8, 2019.
13. Presented Research Study, Conflict Reporting by Indian Media: Feeding the War Hysteria, at International Seminar on, POST 5 AUGUST REPORTING OF KASHMIR ISSUE, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Islamabad, October 23, 2019, at Margala Hotel, Islamabad.
14. Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," at Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway. (PRIO), 23 Sep, 2019.
15. Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," at Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden, 24 Sep, 2019.
16. Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," at V-Dem Institute and Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 25 Sep, 2019.
17. Book Talk on "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists," at Institute for Security and Development Policy, Stockholm, 26 September 2019.
18. Presented Lecture on “Is Peace Possible between Pakistan and India?”, at School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), Virginia International University (VIU) USA.
19. Book Talk on Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists, Co-Hosted by Stimson Center and Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC
20. Book Talk on Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists, Co-Hosted by The Middlebury Institute of International Studies, and The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey, USA. August 23, 2019.

21. Lecture at the Launch of Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists, at Naval Post Graduate School (NPS), Department of National Security Affairs, Monterey, California, 22 August, 2019.
22. Presented Research Paper on Women, Peace and Security-Pakistan at an International Seminar, Women Peace and Security: A Perspective from Pakistan, April 3, 2019, National Defence University, Islamabad.
23. Discussant, Book Launching, Kashmir Conflict: Changing Dynamics and the Prospects for Peace, (NUST, Islamabad: 2019), 26 March 2019.
24. Presented Research paper on "Conflict Resolution Tools in Social and Family Setup," at a Conference "Women: Envoy of Peace," by Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, 19 March, 2019.
25. Moderated session at International Seminar Hindutva Policies and the State of Minorities in India, by Institute of Policy Studies, 19 February 2019, Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.
26. Presented Research Study on "Women, Peace and Security in the Context of Pakistan," at Round Table Conference "Localizing Women Peace and Security Agenda in Pakistan," Serena Hotel, 23 January, 2019.
27. Presented Lecture on "Tools of Conflict Resolution," at "Paigham-e-Pakistan, Capacity Building for Peace Initiative," at Islamic Research Center, International Islamic University, 22 January, 2019.
28. Presented Research Study "Failed Coercion and Hedged Hegemony: Dynamics of Indo-Pakistan Strategic Competition," at a Seminar "Compulsions, Challenges and Opportunities of Coerced States," by Global Think Tank Network, on, December 20th, 2018.
29. Presented Research Study on "Abrogation of Article 35-A in IOK: Challenges and Way Forward," at Conference on "Karwan-e-Haq-e-Khud-Iradiyah," by University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad, October 24, 2018
30. Guest Speaker at the Book Launch "Nation Building Paradoxes in India and Pakistan," by Center for Global & Strategic Studies, Islamabad, 17 October, 2018.
31. Chaired a Session at, CIPS-HEC International Conference on Kashmir Conflict, 8-9 Oct, 2018, National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad.
32. Presented Research Study on "Track II Diplomacy and Regional Engagement," at 2018 PUAN New Alumni Conference for Senior Professionals on September 29, 2018.
33. Presented Research Study on "Women, Peace and Security: A Perspective from Pakistan," at International Conference on Threats to Security in the 21st Century, University of Lahore on 5th and 6th May, 2018.
34. Presented Critical Review of Proposed National Security Policy, 2018-2023, organized by Ministry of Interior and Planning Commission of Pakistan. March 2018. Paper title, "Deradicalisation, Disengagement and Reintegration."

35. Jury Member at Agahi Media Awards: Shaping the Future of Journalism- 2017-2018.
36. Presented Lecture at International Islamic University, Islamabad on "Women De-radicalisation and Peaceful Coexistence," March 2018.
37. Presented Lecture at Police Academy Sihala on "Peaceful Conflict Resolution." 2017.
38. Presented Lecture on "Peace and Conflict: Theory and Practice," at "4th International Summer School, on "Governance, Conflict and Peace Building" at Bara Gali Campus, University of Peshawar, August 7-22, 2017.
39. "Women, Peace & Security in Pakistan," at Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, March 8th, 2017.
40. "Audibility of Female Voices in Pakistan-Afghanistan Borderland Areas: Evaluation and Analysis," at 5th International Conference, The Dynamics of Change in Pakistan – Afghanistan Region: Politics on Borderland, 29-31 August 2016, Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Islamabad.
41. "Peace and Conflict: Theory and Concepts," International Summer School for Pak-Afghan Graduate Students, "Governance, Conflict and Peacebuilding," August 22 to September 05, 2016, Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Islamabad.
42. "Women Decision Makers in Policy Making: A Case Study of Pakistan" in International Conference on Gender, Social Sciences and Humanities: New Directions in Scholarship, on January 14-16, 2016, by Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan in collaboration with The University of Texas, Austin, USA.
43. "Role of Shale Gas for Energy Security of Pakistan and its comparative analysis with the import of LNG," at the panel Energy Security of Pakistan in the Eighteenth Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) 'Securing Peace and Prosperity' from 8 to 10 December 2015 Organised by Sustainable Policy Development Institute.
44. "ISIS Media Policy and Its Projection in International Media: An Analysis," at International Conference on Emergence of ISIS in Middle East and its Implications for South Asia, on 8th – 9th December 2015, organized by National University of Modern Languages (NUML).
45. "Peace and Conflict Resolution: Building Societies and Generations," PUAN International Peace Conference: Engaging Communities for a Better Tomorrow Leaders Talk: Peace and Conflict Resolution: Building Societies and Generations, November 27-29, 2015, Marriott Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan
46. "Women Voices in Security Policy Making in Pakistan" at "International Global Innovating Peacebuilding Conference" Rotary Peace Center, on Nov 24-28 2015, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.
47. "Peacebuilding in Pakistan-Afghanistan Border Areas," at International Summer School "Governance, Conflict and Peacebuilding," for Pak-Afghan

- Graduate Students (June 1st to June 15, 2015) Organised by Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar in Collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad.
48. "Regional Approaches to Peacebuilding in Afghanistan" on April 29, 2013 in "Exchange Visit of Afghan Youth Civil Society Leaders," Organized by "Sustainable Peace & Development Organization (SPADO)" in collaboration with USAID, at Margalla Hotel Islamabad.
 49. "TAPI: Economic opportunities and geopolitical impediments," in Conference on "Geopolitical and Economic Imperatives of IP and TAPI Gas Pipelines," by Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Islamabad. April 18, 2013.
 50. "Relevance, Evaluation and Development of Peace and Conflict Studies in Pakistan," AtIn-House Discussion with a Delegation "Afghanistan Peace Study Delegation 2011," Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, on November 15, 2011.
 51. "Application of IHL in Pakistan." At Workshop on "Humanitarian: Law of Armed Conflict," Dhulikhel, Nepal, April 18-29, 2011, Organised by International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
 52. "Energy Security: Potential and Opportunities for Pakistan," in Pakistan-Turkey Security Dialogue, at National Defence University, Islamabad on 23 December 2010.
 53. Lecture, Feasibility of IPI Pipeline, at Department of Oriental Sciences at University of Cologne, Germany. (June 2007)
 54. Lecture, Talibanisation of Pakistan: Myths and Realities, Institute of South Asian Studies, Halle, Germany (Occasionally) (2006-2007)
 55. Lecture, Media and Conflict, Allied Forces War College, National Defence University, Islamabad. (December 2008)
 56. "Avenues of Cooperation between Pakistan and Uzbekistan," in a roundtable conference on Pak-Uzbek Relations organized by Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore on April 27, 2006.
 57. "Trans-Afghan Gas Pipeline," in International Conference Central Asian Energy Market: Trends and Prospects, Tashkent, Uzbekistan Organized by Center for Political Studies, on December 6-7, 2005.
 58. "Human Security: A Regional Perspective," International Conference Organized by UNESCO and OSCE on Human Security and Peace in Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 8 and 9 September 2005.
 59. "Military – Security doctrine of the US in the Post-war Iraq (its application in the Persian Gulf region)," at 15th International Conference on the Persian Gulf, Tehran, Organized by IPIS, on March 1-2, 2005.
 60. "Iran-Pakistan Trade Relations: Future Prospects," in the seminar on "Pakistan-Iran Relations: Historical Perspective," Organized by Iranian Cultural Center Peshawar and History Department Peshawar University on 3-4 January 2003, Peshawar.
 61. Security Issues in Caucasus and Central Asia, International Seminar by IPIS, Tehran, 2003.

8. Occasional Lectures and Talks

1. Subject Expert in "Changing Times," on "Situation in Gaza," at PTV World on August 3, 2014.
2. Subject Expert in "Changing Times," on "Fluid Situation of Afghan Elections" at PTV World on July 13, 2014.
3. Subject Expert in "Changing Times," on "Pak-Iran Relations," at PTV World on May 17, 2014.
4. Participated as Subject Expert in "Analysed," on "National Security," at PTV World on May 16, 2014.
5. Contributed Analysis on PTV News "Mukalma" as Subject Specialist on Peace Talks with Taliban, Iran-US Relations, Elections in Afghanistan, on February 3, 2014.
6. Lecture on "Media as Perception-Builder," at Arms Control and Disarmament, Strategic Planning Division (SPD), Rawalpindi on December 24, 2013.
7. Lecture on "Approaches to Terrorism," at Academy of Intelligence Bureau, Islamabad on April 12, 2013.
8. Lecture "Media and Conflict Prevention," at National Media Workshop ISSRA-NDU on July 3, 2012.
9. Lecture at "Allied Forces War Collage-National Defence University," on "Conflict Prevention: Protection of Civilians and Human Rights," March 15, 2012.
10. Occasional Lectures at Graduate School of Asia and Africa at World Reference System, Halle, Germany. (2006-2007)
11. Contributed Analysis on Pakistan Television (PTV) on "9th ECO Summit held in Baku, May 2006" on May 5, 2006.
12. Contributed Analysis on Pakistan Television (PTV) on "Iran-Pakistan-India gas Pipeline: Moving Ahead?" in a Talk show "South Asia watch" on July 14, 2005.
13. Contributed Analysis on the Visit of President Gen. Pervaiz Musharraf to Central Asian States Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan in PTV Talk Show "News Morning."
14. Contributed Analysis on the Visit of Afghan President Hamid Karazai to Pakistan in PTV Talk Show "News Morning."
15. Contributed Analysis on the visit of Kyrgyz President AskarAkeav to Pakistan, on Jan 20, 2005, in a PTV Talk Show "News Morning."
16. "Iran-Pakistan-India Gas Pipeline," Presented in an in house discussion with IPIS, Iran.

9. Research Consultancies

1. Research Consultant (Regional Manager) for India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Iran from June 2012-todate for Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project. V-Dem project is collaboration between the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden; the Kellogg Institute at the University of Notre Dame, USA; the Department of Political Science at Lund University, Sweden; and the Department of Political Science at Boston University, USA. The project is about to collect

data on over 400 indicators of various aspects democracy tied to seven core Principles of Democracy, which are: electoral, liberal, majoritarian, consensual, participatory, deliberative and egalitarian.

2. Monitoring and Evaluation: A Project "Youth Peace Network" by PEACE DIRECT, London.
3. Research Consultant for "Impact study and evaluation of Radio for Peacebuilding Project" 2011.A project of Search for Common Ground (SFCG).
4. Member Board of Studies for Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Swabi, Swabi, 2015-To-date.
5. Member HEC Academic Audit Team for Department of International Relations, NUML, Islamabad, 2015.
6. Peer Reviewer for "International Journal of Behavioral Sciences," Behavioral Science Research Institute, Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand.

10. Book Reviews

1. "The Afghanistan Crisis, Issues and Perspectives," (Book review), IPRI Journal, Volume IV, Number 1, Summer 2004
2. "Pakistan and the Afghan Conflict 1979-1985," (Book Review), IPRI Journal, Volume III, Number 2, Summer 2003.
3. "Technological Change and the Future of Warfare," (Book Review), IPRI Journal, Volume 2, Number 1, Winter 2003.

11. Publications as Editor

1. Pakistan's War on Terror, FACT FILE, (Vol VIII, No 2, Feb- 2006), Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Islamabad.
2. US President George W. Bush's. FACT FILE, (Vol VIII, No 3, Mar- 2006) Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Islamabad.
3. US-India Nuclear Deal, FACT FILE, (Vol VIII, No 4, April-2006), Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Islamabad.
4. Pakistan-Central Asia, FACT FILE, (Vol VIII, No 5, April-2006) May-2006), Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Islamabad.
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Comments by the Esteemed Scholars of International Relations and Security on my Book, "Shaking Hands with Clenched Fists":

1. Prof. Dr. Parvaiz Iqbal Cheema (late), Dean, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University, Islamabad.

Not only is it a cogent and incisive history of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) from 1947-to-date but the powerful and comprehensive analysis evolve the reader to fully grasp the contributions could be made by the CBMs. Anyone seriously interested in improving Pakistan-India relations could greatly benefit from this intense, timely, articulated and well researched study.

2. Prof. Dr. Rahul Peter Das, Professor of South Asian Studies, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany.

This detailed overview and analysis of confidence building measures between Pakistan and India also serves to highlight the importance of such measures and the necessity to nurture and increase them for mutual benefit. Though a scholarly study, it is not dispassionate, but serves to highlight, *mutatis mutandis*, the aptness of Benjamin Franklin's famous saying: "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

3. Prof. Dr. Hans Harder, Head of Department of Modern South Asian Languages and Literatures, Heidelberg University, Germany.

Seventy (70) years after Partition, Pakistan-India's bilateral relations have not lost any of their complex and tense nature. Separated by a fierce border and "Line of Control," both states have a long record of conflicts with each other. Nevertheless, as neighbours, they interact in manifold ways and have time and again attempted to move towards a constructive partnership. Asma Shakir's book looks into these interactions in various fields, ranging from the Kashmir issue to water distribution. The effort is laudable indeed and also timely, given the urgency to redefine the relationship between these two states in terms departing from the divisive logic of 1947.

4. Dr. Akis Kalaitzidis, Professor of Political Science, University of Central Missouri, USA.

Shaking hands with clenched fists takes aim at reviewing the process of confidence building measures between Pakistan and India. It is sorely needed discussion on peacemaking between countries that have already gone to war several times since their independence, have nuclear weaponry vast military resources and problems with terrorism. The book could not come at more prescient time in South Asian politics, it is sorely needed in order to provide the intellectual fertile ground for additional attempts at exploring prospective avenues of peace.

5. Miki Jacevic, Vice Chair, Inclusive Security, Washington DC.

Dr. Asma Khawaja, an accomplished researcher and a respected colleague in international relations circles, in her new book puts an emphasis on the need to focus on sustainable peace for the well-being of their own people in both South Asian powers. This book is an

authentic and relevant source of information regarding the CBM initiatives, Processes, Success and Failures between India and Pakistan. The most interesting aspect of the book is the effort by author to identify "spoilers" through academic deliberations based on factual realities. While analyzing history and offering critical lessons, the book also sheds a futuristic perspective. It does not disappoint the reader, but rather forges hope in the better tomorrow for both nations. Moreover, this book is narration of Pakistan's side of story which is not audible in larger academic circles and narratives. As we know Peace Starts with story sharing, and Dr. Khawaja does that exceptionally well.

6. Dr. Moeed Yusuf, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on National Security

Any effort to find ways to bring the two South Asian nuclear powers together is laudable for there can be no peace for one-fifth of humanity unless India and Pakistan get along. This is perhaps one of the most holistic examinations of the importance and potential of CBMs between the two sides. Coverage of 'soft' security areas is fascinating. It is a series scholarly effort that merits great attention by the leadership on both sides.

7. Dr. Noman O. Sattar, Professor Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad

The complexity of Pak-India relations has baffled policymakers and academics alike. There is a continuous quest to understand this complexity that points to a resolution of multiple chronic issues. Dr. Khawaja's work is a timely contribution and an attempt to untangle the underlying problems through an ever-pragmatic perspective of building confidence among the two regional giants.

8. Professor Dr. Staffan I. Lindberg, Dept. of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Director, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, University of Gothenburg.

This book is an important contribution to the study of intra- and interstate conflict with a focus on South Asia. Its attention to the opportunities, and potential pitfalls, of Confidence-Building Measures across a range of issues from "core" areas such as the military and nuclear threats, to related but increasingly important areas such as water conflicts, economic competition, and the role of civil society and the media. Dr. Asma Khawaja should be commended for such an encompassing and essential study.

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