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## APPOINTMENTS

**Visiting Scholar**, Center for International and Security Studies, University at Maryland (CISSM), USA, Jan 2024-Jan 2025.  
**HoD/Assistant Professor, Strategic Studies Department**, National Defence University (NDU), Pakistan, from July 2022 to January 2024 (**on one-year leave**).  
**Lecturer in the Department of Strategic Studies**, National Defence University (NDU), Pakistan, 2011-2015.  
**Assistant Director (Academics)**, Foreign Service Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Pakistan, 2009- 2010.

## EDUCATION

**PhD Politics & International Relations**, University of Reading, UK, (2020).  
**MPhil Defence & Strategic Studies**, Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan, (2009).  
**MSc Defence & Strategic Studies**, Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan, (2007).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My principal areas of interest include: arms control & non-proliferation; military doctrine/strategy; and strategic stability.

## FELLOWSHIP/TRAINING

**International Visiting Fellow**, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, US, 2021.  
**Living at the Nuclear Brink**, Stanford University (Online), April, 2024.  
**Conflict Analysis (Micro)**, United States Institute of Peace, US, 2021.  
**Missiles (Introductory)**, The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, 2021.  
**Public Policy and Nuclear Threat (2020)**, Virtual Mini-Series by UC Institute on Global Conflict & Cooperation, USA.  
**Great Power Competition in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (2020)**, Virtual Mini-Series by UC Institute on Global Conflict & Cooperation, USA.

**Training Course on International Nuclear Law (2013)**, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority.  
**International Humanitarian Law Course for Practitioners (2010)**, ICRC, Pakistan.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Book *Political Conflict and Arms Control: Pakistan-India Policy Analysis, 1988-2008*, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, April, 2023.

A book chapter “Behavioural Arms Control in the Exclusive Economic Zone: India-Pakistan Focus” in book *The Future of Borders and Geo-Politics in South Asia: Beyond a Statist Discourse*, Palgrave Macmillan, October-2024.

Article “Iran’s Aerial Strikes: Motivations and Pakistan’s Measured Response,” *Margalla Papers: A Journal of International Affairs*, Summer-2024.

Article “Over-Politicization of Russian Battlefield Strategy in Ukraine” *Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, Summer-2024.

Article “Hypersonic Weapon Systems: A New Wave of Arms Race in Indian Ocean” *Margalla Papers: A Journal of International Affairs*, 2023.

“Understanding India’s Surgical Strike Special Operations and Pakistan’s Response” *JSSA*, 8, no. 1 (2022).

A Chapter “The Multidimensional Culture of Inter-Services Intelligence” in *A Handbook on Intelligence Culture in Asia*, ed. Ryan Shaffer (Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022).

“Transforming Strategic Cultural Equation between India and Pakistan” *Journal of Security and Strategic Analysis*, VI, no. 2 (Winter 2020): 7-37.

“On Concept of Arms Control” *Journal of Contemporary Studies*, IX, no. 2 (Winter 2020): 1-17.

“Deterrence Value of Pakistan’s Nuclear Weapons: An Empirical Account,” *Journal of Contemporary Studies* I, no. 2 (2012): 96-112.

## **OP-EDS/COMMENTARIES**

“Why India and Pakistan Need to Leverage their Cultural rituals to Kick-start Arms Control Talks,” *Foreign Policy News*, September 02, 2022.

## TEACHING

PhD-Strategic Thought and Practice (Convener).

MPhil-Arms Control and International Security (Convener).

BS-Evolution and Development of Strategic Thought (Convener).

## PROFESSIONAL ROLES

**Post Graduate Coordinator**, *British International Studies Association* Working Group on “Global Nuclear Order”, 2017-2018.

**Convener and Co-Convener**, Seminars, National/International Conferences, Department of Strategic Studies, NDU, Pakistan, 2020.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

I presented a paper titled “Assessing the Efficacy of India-Pakistan Agreement on Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations,” International Studies Association (ISA) Virtual Conference, August, 2024.

I chaired a session of the workshop titled “The Past, Present, and Future of US-Russia Security Cooperation,” Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), July 2024.

I presented a paper titled “Expanding Arms Control Structures in the Exclusive Economic Zone: India-Pakistan Focus” at an international workshop “Future of Borders and Geo-politics in South Asia: Beyond a Statist Discourse” University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, 30-31 March 2022.

I presented a paper titled “Viability of India’s No First Use Doctrine after Force Modernization Investment” at Strategic Vision Institute (SVI), on February 10, 2022.

I presented a paper titled “Technology for Peace: Rethinking

Global Conflicts” at the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum, Head of Defence University Colleges and Institutions Meeting (ARF HDUCIM), October 4, 2021.

I presented a paper titled “Understanding Pakistan’s Policy on CTBT” at James Martin Centre for Nonproliferation, USA, on May 13, 2021.

I presented a paper titled “Cyber Security in Global Arena: An Assessment” at a national webinar arranged by Strategic Vision Institute (SVI), Islamabad, Pakistan, on January 28, 2021.

I moderated an international webinar on “International Security Environment & Arms Control Crisis” arranged by the Department of IR, NUML University, Islamabad, Pakistan, on January 14, 2021.

I presented a paper titled “The Role of China as a Third Party and Pakistan-India Arms Control Talks from 2004 to 2008” at the Seventh Annual Conference of the British International Studies Association Working Group on Global Nuclear Order, on December 16, 2020.

## **REFEREE**

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