Azhar Waqar

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Qualifications:

Degree	Field of Study	Year	Institution
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	International Relations	2026	National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad, Pakistan
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)	International Development Studies	2017	Iqra University Islamabad, Pakistan
Master of Political Science	Political Science	2013	University of Gujrat, Pakistan
Master of Sociology	Sociology	2009	University of Gujrat, Pakistan

Professional Working Experience:

Lecturer IR Department, National Defene University, Islamabad (2026-Present)
Summary of Activities:

- Responsible to teach courses of International Relations including Energy Politics and contemporary world, International Law etc.
- Responsible to be a focal person for organizing events/seminars

Lecturer IR Department, NUML Rawalpindi (2021-2026)
Summary of Activities:

- Responsible to teach courses of International Relations including Foreign Policy, Human Rights, Development Studies,Political Philosophy, Asia-Pacific etc.
- Responsible to organize events/seminars on the multiple themes such as Academic writing, personal development etc
- Responsible to serve as an exam Superintendent

Visiting Faculty/ Resource Person, AIOU Islamabad (2018-2021)
Summary of Activities:

Social Science Subjects

- Responsible to teach courses; Introduction to Sociology, Research Methodology, Sociology of Development in Sociology Department
- Responsible to teach courses; Introduction to Sociology to the students of Mathematics Department

Research Associate, Pakistan Institute of Conflict and Security Studies (Jun2019-May 2020)
Summary of Activities:

- Assisted the research director in developing the work plan, strategy and executing a research project on CPEC
- Responsible for leading, managing, developing the proposals
- Developing research tools and conducted IDIs with experts
- Designed the baseline research for quantitative data
- Analyzing the content /narrative of CPEC on electronic and print media
- Analyzing the content/narrative in Social media focusing on Blogs, facebook
- Responsible for writing the final report

Researcher, GNN News Channel (April 2017- March 2019)
Summary of Activities:

- Responsible for assessing the social political situation of the country
- Analyzing and managing the relevant content for the Program with the consultation of Anchors
- Writing the intro and extro for the program along with the critical questions

- Organizing and highlighting the social issues focusing on child and women issues
- Strategizing the work plan and writing the minutes meeting
- Coordinating with the relevant guests and speakers for the program

Project Officer- IDRAK Development Society, (February 2013- April 2016)
Summary of Activities:

- Provided assistance to the program manager in strategizing and implementing the projects
- Responsible for writing concept notes and proposals with the coordination of the Program Manager
- Responsible for developing the work plan and strategizing the baseline studies
- Developing research tools including IDI, FGD and structured questionnaires
- Conducted training sessions/group sessions with the communities, students, teachers and youth for the promotion of hygiene practices
- Responsible for writing the activity reports, event reports, progress and final report of the projects

Worked as an Independent Researcher

Numbers of consultancies were carried out;

- **Evaluation of School Eye Health Program in AJ&K-Brien Holden Foundation (Australia)**
- **Social Media Campaign on Engaging Men to Promote Gender Equality**
- **Review of the existing Pre-service Teachers' Training Curriculum of Public Universities**
- **Impact of Benazir Income Support Program, (BISP) on the sources of livelihood in Punjab- Oxford Policy Management**
- **School Counsel Capacity Building Program-PRSP**

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Publications: Journals

Research papers published in some journals and Newspapers, given below;

No.	Title	Journal	Year	Category	Recognized-HEC
1	Between the Balancing and Hedging? Pakistan's Foreign Policy Behaviour amid the US-China Power Struggle.	Global Foreign Policies Review,	2025	Y	HEC
2	Book Review " The Asian Twenty 1st Century" by Kishore MAHBUBANI	Uluslararasi Ilişkiler | International Relations	2025	W	Social Sciences Citation Index , Q3 quartile
3	Book Review "Do Morals Matter? Presidents and Foreign Policy from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Trump" by Joseph Nye	Journal of Professional Research in Social Sciences	2024	Y	HEC
4	Rational Choice Model and Social Capital viz-a-viz Employment: A Quantitative Analysis of Perceptions of Employees	The Journal of Law and Development	Fall 2024	N/A	N/A
5	Western Concept of Nationalism and Islamic Concept of Nationalism: An Ideological and Philosophical Critique and Analysis	GUMAN Journal	2023	Y	HEC
6	Multi-Level Analysis of India's Revocation of Article 370 and Implications for Indo-Pak Relations	Asian Journal of International Peace and Security (AJIPS)	Summer 2021	Y	HEC
7	Failure of Ashraf Ghani's Rapprochement Policy towards Pakistan (2014-2020): An Anatomization in Neoclassical Realist Perspective	Asian journal of International Peace and Security (AJIPS)	Summer 2021	Y	HEC
8	India's Quest to Establish Surgical Strikes as a New-Normal against Nuclear Pakistan: A Self-Deception or New-Reality?	Global Strategic and Security Studies Review	2021	Y	HEC

9	People's Behavior and Belief System about the Oblation Rituals at the Shrine of Shah Daulah in Gujrat, Pakistan	Journal of Asian Civilizations	Summer 2021	X	HEC
10	Projection of CPEC in Print Media of Pakistan from 2014-2019	Global Strategic and Security Studies Review	Winter-2020	Y	HEC
11	The Role of International Non-governmental Organizations in International Politics	Global Sociological Review (GSR)	2019	Y	HEC
12	Differential Association In Learning Religious Extremism: A Case Study of Central jail Rawalpindi	Pakistan Journal of Criminology	July-2019	Y	HEC

Publications: Newspapers

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- **Waqar, Azhar.** "What Went Wrong with the Emergence of Corona?" *Geopolitika.ru*, April 14, 2020. https://www.geopolitika.ru/en/article/what-went-wrong-emergence-corona.
- **Waqar, Azhar.** "Postmodernism and Collective Apathy." *Geopolitika.ru*, April 24, 2025. https://www.geopolitika.ru/en/article/postmodernism-and-collective-apathy.
- **Waqar, Azhar.** "Oscillating World Order and Politics in Pakistan." *Daily Times*, January 11, 2019. https://dailytimes.com.pk/342840/oscillating-world-order-and-politics-in-pakistan/
- **Waqar, Azhar.** "Pakistan in Orwellian Age?" *Daily Times*, November 29, 2018. https://dailytimes.com.pk/327252/pakistan-in-orwellian-age/
- **Waqar, Azhar.** "Populism in Power and Democracy's Fate in Pakistan." *Daily Times*, August 16, 2018. https://dailytimes.com.pk/283973/populism-in-power-and-democracys-fate-in-pakistan/

Seminars/Workshops organized and attended

- *Organized* a session titled **"Integrating Conscious and Unconscious Minds to Excel as a Statesman"**, featuring Dr. Sultan Maqsood, Assistant Professor- 27 March 2025
- *Participated* in the session **"Tracing the Trajectory of Nuclear Weapons Development and Their Role in World Politics"**, featuring Major General (Retd.) Ausaf Ali- 6th March 2025
- *Organized* a book review session on **"The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy"** by John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, held at the departmental level for IR students- 4th March 2025
- *Participated* in the academic session titled **"Navigating Academic Research"**- 26 February 2025
- *Organized* a Faculty Development Program workshop titled **"Using NVivo in Social Sciences"**, led by Dr. Ayaz ul Haq, a renowned academic and corporate trainer- 2nd February 2025
- *Organized* a Faculty Development Program workshop titled **"Data Analysis with Stata"**, conducted by Prof. Dr. Mujtaba Isani-4th December 2024
- *Organized* a seminar titled **"Ethics and Soul Searching to Induce Critical Thinking and Moral Reasoning"**, featuring Dr. Sultan Maqsood, Assistant Professor-2nd October 2024
- *Attended* a seminar on **"Essentials of Academic Writing and Publications in Reputed Journals"**, conducted by Ms. Salma Malik-1st October 2024
- *Attended* a Faculty Development Session on **"Research in Social Sciences"**, led by Dr. Munawar Hussain, Assistant Professor-17 October 2023
- *Organized and supervised* a departmental-level book review session on **"The Great Delusion: Liberal Dreams and International Realities"** by John J. Mearsheimer

Philosophical, Analytical and Computer related Skills:

- Philosophizing and theorizing the research
- Proposal writing, Devising Research Tools (FGD, IDI, KII, Survey Questionnaire)
- Designing Methodology, Familiar with Qualitative and Quantitative approaches in research
- Familiar with SPSS, NVIVO Thematic Analysis
- Excellent computer skills, rich experience of MS word, Excel and Power Point. Familiar with basic Photoshop software and highly expertise with internet browsing

Personal Qualities:

- Capacity to work under the horizontal as well as vertical authority
- Capacity to work as independent as well as a team player
- Strongly believe in diversity
- Believe in the respect and dignity of colleagues
- Flexible behavior
- Committed with the self-imposed deadlines and the external instructed deadlines

References:

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