CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1. Assistant Professor of International Relations, National Defence University Islamabad, Pakistan, September 2026 to present
2. Lecturer & In-Charge, Department of Political Science, Rawalpindi Women University, August 2022 to 2026
3. Visiting lecturer, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bahria University, Islamabad, 2022-2023
4. Visiting lecturer, Department of Political Science and International Relations, UMT, Lahore, 2019-2021

EDUCATION

1. Ph.D. in International Relations (IR), Bahria University, Islamabad, Pakistan, 2026
   Thesis title: *India's Fifth Generation Warfare against Pakistan and Its Implications on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)*
2. M.Phil., Political Science, University of the Punjab Lahore, Pakistan, 2019
   Thesis title: *Social Origins of Ethno-Nationalism in Pakistan: A Case Study of Sindh (1971-2016)*
3. M.A., Political Science, University of Sargodha, Pakistan, 2016

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Ethno-nationalism and identity politics in Pakistan (Sindh, Pashtun movements, sectarianism)
- Strategic communication, narratives, media, and information warfare
- Hybrid and fifth-generation warfare (5GW)
- China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the political economy of connectivity
- South Asian security and nuclear deterrence (Pakistan-India relations, stability-instability paradox)
- Pakistan's foreign policy (relations with the US, China, and the Middle East)

Service and Affiliations

- QEC Departmental Incharge in the department of International Relations, FCS, NDU Islamabad, September 2026 to present.
- Social Media Committee Incharge in the department of International Relations, FCS, NDU Islamabad, September 2026 to present.
- Prepared Scheme of Studies and Curriculum for the BS Political Science and BS International Relations (IR), Rawalpindi Women University, Pakistan, September 2022 to August 2026.
- Conducted 4 International Conferences on Contemporary World: Challenges and Transformations (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) as Departmental Focal Person, 2022 to 2026.

- QEC Coordinator in the department of Political Science, Rawalpindi Women University, Pakistan, September 2022 to August 2026.
- ORIC Coordinator in the department of Political Science, Rawalpindi Women University, Pakistan, September 2022 to August 2026.
- Student Aid and Scholarship Coordinator in the department of Political Science, Rawalpindi Women University, Pakistan, September 2022 to August 2026.
- External member in the Department of Political Science, University of Sargodha, Pakistan, 2025 to present.

AWARDS

- Gold medalist in M.A., Political Science, University of Sargodha, (2014-2016)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Pitafi, Ghulam Murtaza. 2026. "Structure-Agency Interaction and Emergence of Hybrid Electoral Culture Post 2023 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan." *Jurnal Ilmu Pemerintahan* 1-16.
2. Pitafi, Ghulam Murtaza. 2025. "India's Fifth-Generation Warfare against Pakistan and the Role of Indian Media in Shaping Public Perceptions of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)." *Journal of Social Sciences Review* 249–256.
3. Pitafi, Ghulam Murtaza, Syed Umair Jalal, Younas Khan. 2023. "Saudi-Iran Relationship: The Beginning of a New Era." *QLANTIC Journal of Social Sciences* 1–12.
4. Pitafi, Ghulam Murtaza. 2023. "Post 9/11 Diplomatic Reunification of Pakistan and the U.S." *Journal of Social Sciences Review (JSSR)* 29–37.
5. Pitafi, Ghulam Murtaza. 2022. "Otto Von Bismarck: The Chief Architect of Germany." *The Regional Tribune* 1–11.
6. Pitafi, Ghulam Murtaza. 2022. "India, the US, and China as a Geopolitical Triangle." *Journal of Regional Studies* 2–11.
7. Pitafi, Ghulam Murtaza. 2020. "Stability-instability Paradox and Pakistan-India Relations under Prime Minister Narendra Modi (2014-2020)." *Journal of Indian Studies* 63–72

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

1. 2026, ‘’ Media Narratives of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and their Influence on National Identity Formation in Pakistan’’ organized by the Government College University (GCU) Lahore.
2. 2026, delivered a guest talk on, ‘’Civic Space, Identity Politics, and Minority Rights in Contemporary India: From Domestic Strains to Regional Perceptions’’ organized by the South Asian Times (SAT), Pakistan.
3. 2025, ‘’India’s Fifth Generation Warfare against Pakistan and the Role of Indian Media in Shaping Public Perception of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)’’ organized by the 2025 ANPOR-APCA Annual International Conference, Pattaya, Thailand.
4. 2025, delivered a keynote talk on, ‘’Political Awareness and Academic Spaces: Importance of Civic and Political Literacy in Pakistan’’ organized by the Accountability Lab, Pakistan.
5. 2024, delivered a keynote speech on ‘’The role of Youth in Curbing Corruption in Pakistan.’’ in Government College Rawalpindi.
6. 2023, delivered a keynote speech on ‘’The role of Youth in Pakistan.’’ in Government Associate College for Girls, Rawalpindi.

7. 2023, 2024 and 2025, organized three International Conferences of Social Sciences: Trends and Transformations in 2023, 2024 and 2025 in Rawalpindi Women University.
8. 2023, The Indo-USA Maritime Cooperation in the Indian Ocean its Implications on Pakistan, National Conference organized by Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan.
9. 2023, Major Powers' Politics in the Indian Ocean and its Implications on Pakistan, International Conference organized by Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan.
10. 2023, USA-Indo Strategic Alliance and its Implications on Pakistan, National Conference organized by Hazara University, KPK, Pakistan.
11. 2019, Politics of Ethnicity in Pakistan: A Case Study of Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM), International Conference organized by University of the Punjab, Lahore in Collaboration with University of Leeds, UK.
12. 2019, Doing Comparative Research Methods in Political Science, One Day Workshop organized by the Department of Political Science, University of the Punjab Lahore, Pakistan.
13. 2018, Voting Behavior of Rural Sindh in 2020 General Elections, Two Days Symposium organized by the Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Management and Technology (UMT) Lahore, Pakistan.
14. 2018, Worked as Assistant Researcher in HEC Project on Sectarianism in Punjab under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Rehana Saeed Hashmi, University of the Punjab Lahore, Pakistan.

Media Appearances:

- Appeared as analyst on Kohinoor TV, April 12, 2026
- Appeared as an expert on Suno FM Network, January 18, 2026

LANGUAGES

English, Urdu, Sindhi and Saraiki