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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Sociology

June 2008

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK

Master of Arts in Economics

May 1999

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

Bachelor of Arts in Economics with Honours

June 1997

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA

International Baccalaureate Diploma

May 1994

Armand Hammer United World College of the American West, Montezuma, NM, USA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

Current

National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad

- Teach political economy and sociology
- Research on identity formation, social movements and informal economy

Teaching Faculty

Mar 03-Jun 09

Dept. of Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore

- Taught colonial history, contemporary global political economy, Pakistan Studies
- Research on devolution, post-colonial states, imperialism and capitalism
- Aided and supported various student research and activist initiatives

Advocacy and Research Associate

Sep 2000-Mar 2003

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

- Advocacy on landlessness, livelihoods, ecology, militarisation
- Research on devolution, land reforms, urban planning, democracy
- Engagement with political parties, legal fraternity, public interest groups

Senior Policy Analyst

Jul 1999-Aug 2000

Mahbub ul Haq Human Development Centre, Islamabad

- Co-author of Human Development in South Asia 2000 on gender issues
- Secretary for the SACAC, a policy group comprising leading South Asian academics
- Research on contemporary South Asian society including sectoral work on labour

Development Analyst

Jan 1998-Aug 1998

Enterprise & Development Consulting, Inc. (EDC), Islamabad

- Monitoring & Evaluation of World-Bank funded Social Action Programme (SAP)
- Appraisals of Aga Khan & National Rural Support Programs (AKRSP, NRSP)
- Feasibility studies for Northern Areas Transport Corporation (NATCO)

Research Associate

Jul 1997-Dec1997

National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

- Research on informal credit and insurance markets in rural Thailand
- Development of surveys on public crowding out of private transfers
- Comparative writing on Ghana, Thailand, Pakistan

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

S. R. Khan and A. S. Akhtar, 2002, "Using Theater as a Research Tool: Bench-Marking and Trouble-Shooting the Devolution Plan in Pakistan," *Labore Journal of Economics*, Vol. 7, No. 1.

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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (*Selected*)

Institute of South Asian Studies Annual Conference, 2015

York University/Toronto University/Ryerson University Joint Conference on Pakistan, 2014

Harvard Business School Faculty Conference, 2013

Pakistan after the 18th amendment, Lahore University of Management Sciences, 2012

Special Conference on Pakistan and Bangladesh, Columbia University, 2011

South Asian Diaspora Conference, Institute of South Asian Studies Singapore, 2011

Emerging Asia Conference, Australian National University, 2010

Remembering Andre Gunder Frank, University of Pittsburgh, 2009

British Association of South Asian Studies Conference, London, 2006

LUMS Annual Social Science Conference, Lahore, 2005; 2006

10th Annual Karl Polanyi Conference, Istanbul, 2005

Workshop on Comparative Modern Urban Landscapes and their Subaltern Citizen-Subjects in the Middle East and South Asia, Lahore, 2004

"The Works of Karl Marx and the Challenges of the 21st Century", Institute of Philosophy, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Media, Havana, 2006

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Visiting Research Fellow, *Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore* 2014-6

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