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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in International Studies. Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, Colorado, US, 1995.

Field: **South Asian Politics & History**

Ph.D. Dissertation: **Gender and Politics: Women Political Leaders in South Asia**

M.A. Political Science, Villanova University, Villanova Pennsylvania, US, 1981.

(Field: South Asian Politics)

M.A. History, Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan, 1978.

(Field: History of South Asia)

EXPERIENCE

Visiting Associate Professor: Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Aga Khan University Karachi (September 2023-February 2024)

Affiliated Faculty: History Department, Columbia University NY (2018-to-date)

Visiting Research Scholar: Center for Study of Muslim Societies (CSMS) Columbia University (2022-2023)

Lecturer in Discipline: Department of History, Columbia University 2022-2023

Lecturer in Discipline: Department of History, Columbia University 2018-2019

Faculty: South Asia Institute, Columbia University, Spring 2020

Visiting Research Scholar: Institute for Research on Women, Gender and Sexuality (IRWAGS) Columbia University (2016-2018)

Visiting Professor (International Politics and Gender Studies) Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Co. 2006-2010

Assistant Professor Political Science, Metropolitan State University of Denver Co. 2008-2010

Assistant Professor Gender Studies, Institute for Educational Development, Aga Khan University Karachi Pakistan, 2000-2002

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Karachi, Pakistan, 1988-1995.

Program Coordinator (Women Law and Status Program) Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Center, Karachi. 1997-to-September 1999

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Metropolitan State College, Denver, Co. USA. 1991-1993, 1995-1996.

Adjunct Professor, Department of Women's Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder Co. Spring Semester 1996.

Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, Colorado, Fall Quarter 1992.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science University of Karachi, 1988-1995
Senior Research Fellow, Area Study Center for Europe, University of Karachi, Pakistan, 1986-1988.

COURSES TAUGHT ON THE TOPIC OF POLITICS, HISTORY AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Grad/Undergrad Courses

Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Aga Khan University (Fall 2023)

- Gender, Islam and Politics: Historical Perspectives

South Asia Institute Columbia University, Spring 2020

- Gender and Religion in Postcolonial South Asia (1947-2020)

History Department Columbia University Fall 2018-Spring 2019. 2023

- Pakistan in Modern South Asia since (1900-to-date)
- Gender and Women in Islam: South Asia and Middle East since 1900

Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, January 2006-2010

- Religion and Politics in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan: Contemporary Issues
- South Asia: Politics of Mullah, Terror and Tigers
- Politics of Development: Global Issues
- Women and Islam: Theory and Practice
- Women in Politics: Theory and Practice
- Gender and Education: International Perspectives

Aga Khan University Karachi Pakistan: 2000-2002

- Gender and Education
 - Research Coordinator for Action Research Project on Girls' Elementary Education in Quetta (Balochistan)

University of Karachi, Department of Political Science, 1988-1990:

- Foreign Policies of India and Pakistan
- Foreign Policies of Superpowers (US, USSR., China)
- Major Constitutions in the World (US., USSR., China, U.K., France)
- Research Methodology: Introduction

University of Karachi, Department of International Relations, graduate courses, 1986-1987:

- History of European Diplomacy 1814-1914
- History of European Diplomacy 1914-1945

Undergraduate Courses

Metropolitan State College Denver, Department of Political Science 2008-to-2011, 1991-1992, 1995-1996

- Women in Power: An International Perspectives

- Women Prime Ministers in the World
- Women in Politics: Theory and Practice
- Women in the Developing World
- Introduction to International Relations
- Comparative Asian Politics
- Political Systems and Ideas

University of Colorado Boulder Women Studies Program, Spring 1996.

- Women and Society: Global Perspectives

Gender Studies Researcher and Trainer (Self-employed) for Workshops, 2002-to-2006
(workshops conducted on following topics in Nepal, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Pakistan)

- Gender and Development
- Gender and Politics
- Violence Against Women
- Gender and Law (Feminist Legal Theory and Human Rights Approaches)
- Human rights awareness
- Action Research trainings for girls' schools teachers

PUBLICATIONS (English)

Book

Beyond Religiosity and Secularity: Muslim Women's Activism in South Asia (Project in Progress, expected in January 2025)

Beyond Honour: A Historical Materialist Explanation of Honour Related Violence.
 Oxford University Press 2006

Articles/Chapters

"Policing, Law and Women's Rights in Pakistan," in Hassan Abbas (ed) *Stabilizing Pakistan Through Police Reforms* (New York: Asia Society) 2012

"Collation of Laws on Women's Political Participation: Pakistan Report" Published by Asia Pacific Women Law and Development Forum Thailand 2003

"Gender and Politics: Training Manual" General Contributor. Published in May 2002 by Asia Pacific Women Law and Development, Chiangmai, Thailand

"Honor Killings in Pakistan" in Forum Quarterly, published by Asia Pacific Women Law and Development March 2002, Chiangmai, Thailand (Available on Internet)

"Report of The Commission of Inquiry for Women, Pakistan 1997: An Evaluation" in Pakistan Perspectives (Research Journal) Vol. 4. No. 2 July December 2000, Pakistan Study Center University of Karachi, Karachi

"Honor Killings in Pakistan: A Definitional and Contextual Overview." Paper presented at the International Conference in Istanbul Turkey, March 9, 2000 (Available on Internet)

"Violence against women" article published in the Daily DAWN (English) Karachi

Pakistan on April 18, 1999

“Wedding Hells: Marriage-related Violence against young women and men in Pakistan” Research article published on March 8, 1999, International Women’s Day, in the Weekly Review Karachi Pakistan

“Pakistan-Belgium Economic Ties: A Historical Survey.” in A.A. Kadeer and N.A. Tahir (eds) Pakistan - Europe Ties in Contemporary Setting. University of Karachi Karachi: 1988.

“Religion and Politics in Nineteenth Century Europe.” in Journal of European Studies, Summer 1987, University of Karachi, Karachi.

“Leonardo Da Vinci: The Creator of Mona Lisa.” in Journal of European Studies, Winter 1986, University of Karachi, Karachi.

PUBLICATIONS (Urdu)

(Book) Beyond Honour: *Ghairat Ke Nam Par*, (Urdu translation of Beyond Honour) Oxford University Press 2009

“Impacts of Afghan War on Pakistan’s Society and Economy” (*Afghan Jang ke Pakistan ke Samaj or Maishat par Asrat*) In Irteqa : No 30 (September-December 2001) Research Journal published by the Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences, Karachi Pakistan

“Women and Knowledge” (*Aurat Aur Ilm*) In Irteqa No: 29 (July-September 2001) Research Journal published by the Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences, Karachi Pakistan

“Women and Peace” (*Aurat Aur Amn*) In Irteqa No: 28 (January-March 2001) Research Journal published by the Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences, Karachi Pakistan

“Why Democracy in Pakistan?” (*Pakistan mein jamhooriyat kyon?*) In Irteqa No. 31 (October-December 2002) Research Journal published by the Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences, Karachi Pakistan.

LIST OF THE LECUTURES AND RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

“Women and Islam in Post 9/11 World” Paper presented at Moscow State University Moscow Russia (September 26, 2019)

“Rligio-political Power of Imam of Mosque in Rural Pakistan” Paper presented at International Conference organized by American Council of Study of Islamic Societies (AC SIS) at Villanova University, Villanova Pa. (April 9, 2010)

“War in Afghanistan and its Impact on Pakistan” Presentation at Golden Church Community in Golden Co. (March 29, 2010)

“Women and peace building initiatives in Muslim Societies: Pakistan and South Asia Presentation at Symposium of Naropa University Boulder Co. (October 10, 2009)

“Women’s political participation in Pakistan after Benazir Bhutto” Presentation at Panel Discussion in NGO Parallel Events program and the UN Commission on Status of Women annual meeting in New York. (March 2, 2009)

“Love and Law: Legal Roots of Violence Against Women” Paper presented at the Annual Social Science History Conference (SSHA) Miami, Florida (October 24, 2008)

- “Feminist Critique of the UN Institutions and Working Groups”*** Presentation at International Workshop organized by the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) in **Chiangmai Thailand** (July 2-4, 2008)
- “From Holy War to War on Terrorism: An Overview”*** Paper presented at the annual dinner meeting of the United Nations Association (UNA) **Boulder Co.** (October 23, 2007)
- “Construction of Female Sexuality: Religious Roots”*** Paper presented at the International Workshop on Gender and Sexuality organized by the BRAC University **Dacca Bangladesh** (July 29, 2007)
- “Male Honour, Female Body”*** Paper presented at the panel organized by the Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD) and Women’s UN Network (WUNRN) in Church Center **New York** (March 1, 2007)
- “Subordination and Oppression of Women: Religious, Legal and Political Roots”*** Presentation at the Gender Research Center (CGR) National University of Malaysia **Kuala Lumpur** (December 6, 2006)
- “Gender and Education in Muslim Societies”*** Presentation at the Center For Teaching International Relations, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, **Denver Colorado** (November 15, 2006)
- “Challenge of Sexual Transgression: Ancient and Modern Legal Responses”*** Presentation made at the Expert Group Meeting with UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, **Geneva Switzerland** (November 3, 2006)
- “Impact of Son Preference culture on Women’s Reproductive Health in South Asia”*** Presentation at the Law School, University of Denver, **Denver Colorado** (October 23, 2006)
- “Women in South Asia: Cultural and Religious Issues”*** Paper presented at the Workshop organized by the El-Pomar Foudation, **Colorado Springs, Co** (January 23, 2006)
- “Honour Related Violence: A Historical Materialist Explanation”*** Paper presented as Keynote speaker at the Annual Convention of Women Lawyers Bar Association Colorado in **Denver Colorado US** (May 14, 2005)
- “Violence against girls in the rural areas of Pakistan: A Case Study”*** Paper presented at the International Conference on Violence Against Women organized by the Wellesley College, **Boston, US** (April 2004)
- “State Versus Women: Violation and Neglect of CEDAW Commitments by the State of Pakistan: A Critical Analysis”***. Paper presented at the Regional Consultation meeting on CEDAW organized by IWRAW in **Colombo Sri Lanka** (October 9-12, 2003)
- “Beyond Honor: Rethinking Role of Gender, economy, religion and Law in violence against women”*** Presentation of summary of the forthcoming book at the Annual Meeting of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, at **Colombo, Sri Lanka** (August 30, 2002)
- “Women’s Marital Rights in Islam: Theory and Practices”*** Paper presented at the seminar organized by the Working Group of Women Aga Khan University **Karachi**, (September 25, 2002)
- “Women and Islam: A Feminist Perspective”*** Lecture at the School of Nursing, Aga Khan University, **Karachi Pakistan** (June 21, 2002)
- “Democratic State Vs Non-Democratic State: A Comparative Analysis of India and***

- Pakistan***” Paper presented at the Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences, **Karachi Pakistan**. (June 16, 2002)
- “Women’s Issues in Islam”*** Lecture at the Medical College, Aga Khan University **Karachi Pakistan** (May 31, 2002)
- “Women and Technology: Gender Perspectives”***, Paper presented at the National Seminar organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology, **Karachi Pakistan** (April 27, 2002)
- “Why Democracy in Pakistan?”*** Paper presented at the Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences, , **Karachi Pakistan** (February 17, 2002)
- “Gender, Peace and Security”*** Paper presented at the International NGO Forum Seminar organized at the UN Commission on Status of Women annual session on **New York, US**. (March 10, 2002)
- “Women in Political Processes and Decision Making”*** at Annual Consultation meeting organized by Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD), **Chiangmai Thailand** (November 4-5, 2001)
- “Gender and Global Peace”*** Paper presented as Keynote Speaker at annual meeting of World March of Women on **Montreal Canada** (October 2, 2001)
- “Gender Issues and Literacy”***, at workshop organized by the British Council, , **London UK** (March 28-April 6, 2001)
- “Human Trafficking in South Asia”***, at National Conference organized by the Action Aid UK on **Islamabad, Pakistan** (December 10, 2000,)
- “Feminist Movements in Global Perspective”*** Paper presented at the Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences, **Karachi Pakistan** (October 17, 2000)
- “Feminism in Pakistan: Theoretical Underpinnings”*** Paper presented at the Amnesty International Guest Lecture series, , **Karachi Pakistan** (September 10, 2000)
- “Trafficking of Women and Children in South Asia”*** Paper presented by at International Seminar organized by the CARITAS International, **Karachi, Pakistan** (May 19, 2000)
- “Honor Killings in Pakistan”*** Paper presented at the International Conference on Violence Against Women, organized by the Istanbul Bar Council **Istanbul Turkey**. (March 9, 2000 March 9, 2000)
- “Women in Political Processes and Decision Making: Case Study of Pakistan”***: Keynote Speaker at the 2 days Workshop organized by the Asia Pacific Forum on Law and Development (APWLD) in **Chiangmai Thailand** (November 4-5, 1999)
- “Honor Killings and Parallel Judicial Systems in Pakistan”*** Presentation at the Law School, Columbia University **New York US** (October 28, 1999)
- “Politics and Women’s Issues in Pakistan”*** Presentation at the Texas Women’s University, **Denton Texas US** (October 24, 1999)
- “Mainstreaming Domestic Violence: Case Study of Pakistan”*** at International Seminar on Domestic violence in **Belfast Ireland** organized by the British Council (Sept 13-17, 1999)
- “Honor Crimes against women In Pakistan”*** Presentation at the 2 days consultation meeting in **Colombo Sri Lanka** with the United Nations Special Rapportuer on violence Against Women (August 21-22nd, 1999)
- “Women Political Leaders: Do They Make Difference?”*** Guest speaker at the Metropolitan State College, **Denver US** (March 3, 1999)
- “Neither Patriarchy nor Matriarchy”*** Guest speaker on the occasion of International

- Women's Day at the **University of Colorado, Boulder, US** (March 8, 1999)
- "Domestic Violence: North-South Monitoring"*** Participant in 3 days long workshop held in **Birmingham UK** (March 9-11, 1999)
- "Violence Against women: Ending Silence, Challenging Tolerance"***, presenter in one week long international seminar, organized by the British Council **London UK** (February, 21-27, 1999)
- "Shelters for victims of violence in Pakistan"***, presentation at the meeting in **Penang, Malaysia**, during the shelters exchange visit (November 29-Dec 4, 1998)
- "Women in political decision making in South Asia"***, presentation at 3 days seminar held in **Kathmandu, Nepal** (28-31 October, 1998)
- "State Policies and Domestic Violence"*** Case Study of Pakistan. Presentation at the meeting with the U.N. Rapporteur on Violence Against Women in Asia Pacific Region **Colombo Sri Lanka** (August 11-12, 1998)
- "Formal and Informal Shelters for Women in Sindh: A Comparative Analysis of Rural and Urban Scenario"***. Paper presented at an international workshop on "Shelters for Women in Islamic Societies" in **Islamabad Pakistan** sponsored by the British Council (February 9-11, 1998)
- "Women and Fundamentalism: Case study of Pakistan"*** Paper presented at the international seminar in **Copenhagen, Denmark** (November 25, 1997)
- "Gender Disparities as Socio-cultural Constraints on the Role of Women in Development in South Asia"*** Paper presented at the Institute of Business Administration in International Conference held in **Karachi Pakistan** (August 18, 1997)
- "South Asian perspectives of feminism"***, Paper presented at the **Texas Women's University US** (February 21, 1996)
- "Core themes in teaching American history"*** Presenter and Participant in **Salzburg Seminar in Austria** (February 12-18, 1995)

AFFILIATION WITH EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARDS OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

- Human Rights and Human Welfare** (International Review Newsletter) published by Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, US.
- Social Identities Journal** University of California, Riverside Department of Sociology
- Pakistan Perspectives** Quarterly Journal Published by Pakistan Study Center, University of Karachi, Karachi Pakistan.
- Oxford University Press Pakistan**: Member Review Board for Manuscripts.

AFFILITATION WITH THE NON/GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Convenor of Task Force on Women's Participation in Political Processes (WPPP) of Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD)** Chiangmai Thailand (1999-2005)
- Member of Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD)**, based in Chiangmai, Thailand. 1998-to-date.

Member Organizing Committee Women in Power Program at APWLD (2013)

Vice President Irteqa Institute of Social Sciences Karachi Pakistan, 2000-to-2004

Member Women's World March Network based in Montreal Canada 1999-to-date

Member National Working Committee, for the improvement of shelters for women in Pakistan sponsored by the Ministry of Social Welfare/Women and Development Islamabad. (1998-1999)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of the Akhtar Hamid Khan (AHK) Memorial Best Book of the Year Award (Beyond Honour: A Historical Materialist Explanation of Honour Related Violence: Oxford University Press 2006) Islamabad Pakistan.
- Recipient of International Women's Award for Doctoral Research, American Association of University Women (AAUW), 1992-1993.
- Recipient of "Star Women 1994," South Asian Publications Award, Karachi,
- Scholarship for M.A. Political Science, Villanova University, Pennsylvania, USA,

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English (speak, read, write)
- Urdu (speak, read, write)
- Punjabi (speak, read, write)
 - Persian (read and write)

PERSONAL

- Marital Status: Married with 3 children