

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Qualifications:

Institution	Degree/Course/Training	Year
Centre for International Peace and Security (CIPS), <b>National University of Sciences and Technology</b> , Pakistan	<b>PhD</b> Peace and Conflict Studies	2022
Autumn School at <b>University of Augsburg</b> , Germany	Sociology of Knowledge Approach to Discourse (SKAD)	2022
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), <b>University of Maryland</b> , USA	Course on Novel Approaches to Mixed-Methods P/CVE Research and Practice	2021
Nijmegen School of Management, <b>Radboud University</b> , Netherlands	PhD Research Fellowship	2018
School of International Service (SIS), <b>American University</b> , USA	Training on The New Frontiers of Peacebuilding	2018
<b>National Defence University</b> , Pakistan	<b>MPhil</b> Government & Public Policy	2013
<b>Defence Academy</b> , United Kingdom	Defence and Security Management Course	2012
School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), <b>Johns Hopkins University</b> , USA	Course on Conflict Prevention, Resolution, and Reconciliation	2010
<b>National Defence University</b> , Pakistan	<b>MSc</b> Government & Public Policy	2010
<b>University of the Punjab</b> , Pakistan	<b>BBA (HONS)</b>	2006

## Experience:

**Assistant Professor – BPS 19 (2023 to date):** Serving as Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Policy and Governance, Government College University, Lahore.

**Assistant Professor - TTS (2022 to 2023):** Served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University.

**Lecturer (2017 to 2022):** Served as a Lecturer of Public Policy in the Department of Government and Public Policy, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University.

**Research Associate (2012-2015):** Served as an officer (Research Associate) in Pakistan military's think tank "Institute for Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA)", at National Defence University.

## **Research Grants:**

- Research Grant for project titled “**Critical Discourse Analysis of ‘Narratives’ in Religious Rhetoric (Fatwas) in Pakistan: Strategizing Local Solutions and Policy Options for Community Resilience to Violent Extremism**” under Community Resilience Research Network, funded by Creative Learning, USA in collaboration with Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI).

## **Publications:**

### **Research Papers (International Journals):**

Choudary, S., Asghar, M.U., Ibrahim, A.G. (2021). CBRN events and crisis communication: Analysis of training needs and development of curriculum for communication personnel. *International Journal of Safety and Security Engineering*, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp. 337-343. <https://doi.org/10.18280/ijse.110406> (HEC “Y” category).

Saad, A., Ijaz, M., Asghar, M. and Yamin, L., (2020). China-Pakistan economic corridor and its impact on rural development and human life sustainability. Observations from rural women. *PLOS ONE*, 15(10), <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0239546> (HEC “W” category).

### **Research Papers (Local Journals):**

Choudary, S., & Asghar, M. U. (2025). Development of Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Response Capability in South Asia: Current Status & Future Prospects. *Margalla Papers*, 29(1), 96–112. <https://margallapapers.ndu.edu.pk/site/article/view/315> (HEC “Y” category).

Asghar, M. (2020). Critical Discourse Analysis of Paigham-e-Pakistan (Unanimous Fatwa): Counter-narrative to Religious Extremism in Pakistan. *NDU Journal*, XXXIV, 31-45. Retrieved from <https://ndu.edu.pk/ndu-journal/03-CRITICAL-DISCOURSE-ANALYSIS.php> (HEC “Y” category).

Asghar, M., Hussain, D. and Khan, D., (2018). The Case of Libya’s WMD: Analysis of Key Factors for Nuclear Turnaround. *Margalla Papers*, XXII (1), pp.90-102. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/margalla-paper/Margalla-Papers-2018/08-The-Case-of-Libya's-WMD.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/margalla-paper/Margalla-Papers-2018/08-The-Case-of-Libya's-WMD.pdf) (HEC “X” category).

Asghar, M. U. (2013). Governance Issues in Pakistan: Suggested Action Strategy. *ISSRA Papers*, V(I), 113-134. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol5\\_Issuel\\_2013/06-Governance-Issues-Mr-Usman-Asghar.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol5_Issuel_2013/06-Governance-Issues-Mr-Usman-Asghar.pdf)

Asghar, M. U. (2013). Periodic Socio-economic Development in Balochistan: Perceptions and Realities. *ISSRA Papers*, VI (II), 125-144. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol5\\_Issuel\\_2013/ISSRA-PAPERS-VOL-V,-ISSUE-II,-2013.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol5_Issuel_2013/ISSRA-PAPERS-VOL-V,-ISSUE-II,-2013.pdf)

Asghar, M. U. (2012). Demand for New Provinces in Pakistan. *ISSRA Papers*, IV(II), 59-78. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol4\\_Issuel\\_2012/03-Creation-of-More-Provinces-Usman.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol4_Issuel_2012/03-Creation-of-More-Provinces-Usman.pdf)

Asghar, M. U. (2012). Food Security in Pakistan. *ISSRA Papers*, IV(II), 75-98. [https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra\\_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA\\_Papers\\_Vol4\\_Issuel\\_2012/04-Food-Security-in-Pakistan-Muhammad-Usman.pdf](https://ndu.edu.pk/issra/issra_pub/articles/issra-paper/ISSRA_Papers_Vol4_Issuel_2012/04-Food-Security-in-Pakistan-Muhammad-Usman.pdf)

### **Book Chapter:**

Choudary, S., & Asghar, M. (in press). Public health communication during COVID-19 pandemic in Pakistan: Practices, perceptions, and reflections of healthcare professionals. In Bamezai, G., Sopory, P., & Dutta, U. (eds). *Handbook of Health Communication in South Asia: Voices from Academia and Beyond*. Routledge.

### **Conference Papers (International Conferences):**

Asghar, M., Choudary, S. (2023) *Analysis of Journalistic Role Performance for News Coverage of Religio-political Discourses in Pakistan's Politics*. In IAMCR Lyon 23. Lyon. Retrieved from <https://iamcr.org/lyon2023>

Asghar, M. (2023). *Analyzing Paradoxes of Populist Religious Rhetoric during COVID-19 in Pakistan: Drivers of Public Perceptions and Behaviors*. In PANCOPOP Symposium 2023 – Pandemic Communication and Populism. Loughborough: University of Loughborough, United Kingdom. Retrieved from <https://www.pancopop.net/pancopop-symposium-2023/>

Asghar, M. (2020). *ANALYSIS OF CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK IN CHINA: CRISIS COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES AND LESSONS FOR A SAFE FUTURE*. In 2nd Scientific International Conference on CBRNe SICC Series. Rome: University of Rome Tor Vergata. Retrieved from <http://www.sicc-series.com>

Asghar, M., 2020. Critical Discourse Analysis of Religious Extremist Narratives and their use (abuse) on Social Media in Pakistan. In: *International Conference on Media and Conflict*. Islamabad: Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan. <http://icmc.pk>

### **Academic Membership:**

- Member of International body on Discourse Studies “DiscourseNet Association” .
- Member of International body “International Association for Media and Communication Research”.