

# **Curriculum Vitae**

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**Qualification**

- Columbia University in the City of New York, USA, Post-doc. (Philosophy), 2011-2012.
- University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, PhD (Philosophy), 1996.
- University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, M.A. (Philosophy), 1989.
- University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, B.A. (Philosophy & Political Science), 1985.

**Publications**

- Tahir Sobia, Maqbool, Mehak and Maqsood Sidra "Love as the Achievement of Mystical Experience by Bergson and Iqbal: A Critical Appraisal", UCP Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol. 3, No.1, 2024.
- "Free Will in the Era of Neuroscience: A philosophical Debate on Autonomy", Journal of Policy Research, Vol.10, No.3 (2024).

- Tahir, Sobia, Raza Majid, Maqsood, Sidra, "Is Charity a Solution to Poverty? A Critique of Peter Singer's Philosophy". International Journal of Contemporary Issues in Social Sciences, Vol.3, No.1 (2024).
- Tahir, Sobia, Ahmad, Rai Muhammad and Maqbool, Mehak Miss, "Neo-Liberal Policies and Environmental Upheaval: An Analysis of Subsequent Social and Economic Deterioration" International Journal of Contemporary Issues in Social Sciences, Vol.3, No.1 (2024).
- Tahir, Sobia, Maqbool, Mehak and Khan, Aneel Waqas, "Sufism in Attar's 'The Conference of the Birds' Selected Translation by Peter Avery: Representation of Mystical Experience in Islamic Literature" Al-Nasr, Vol.3, No.1 (2024).
- Jakhirani, Muhammad Haroon, Tahir, Sobia and Shafi, Mehwish, Psycholinguual "Analysis of the Narrator's Mental State in 'The Yellow Wallpaper' by Charlotte Perkins Gilman", Harf-o-Sukhan, Vol.3, No. 1, 2024.
- Jakhirani, Muhammad Haroon, Rafique, Momina, Tahir, Sobia," A Semantic Analysis of Hassan Sheikh's Poem 'Your Vivid Recollections", Jahan-e-Tehqeeq, Vol.7, No.1, 2024.
- Tahir, Sobia and Maqsood, Sidra, "Muhammad Iqbal and German Idealism: A Comparative Review", Review of Applied Management and Social Sciences, Volume 6, (2), 2023.
- Tahir, Sobia and Maqsood, Sidra, "Iqbal and Bergson on Mystical Experience: A Critique", UCP Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Volume 2 No.1, 2023.

- Tahir, Sobia and Maqsood, Sidra "Hassan Hanafi's Interpretation of Quran through Phenomenological Hermeneutics: An Analysis", The Pakistan Journal of Social Issues Vol. XIV, University of Gujarat, 2023.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Time: A Comparative Study of Creative Evolution and Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam", Al-Hikmat, Volume 42, 2022. University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Educational System of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: A Critical Analysis", Rekhta, Volume 3, Issue 1, 2022, University of Sargodha, Sargodha.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Impact of Phenomenology on Fiqh: A Philosophical Endeavour by Hassan Hanafi", Iqbal Review, Volume 62, January-June 2021.
- Tahir Sobia, "Impact of Modern Physics on Iqbal's Political Philosophy", The Journal of Political Science, Government College University Lahore, XXXVIII, 2020.
- Tahir Sobia, "Mysticism in the Light of Phenomenology: A Novel Approach by Hassan Hanafi", Hazara Islamicus, Volume 9, Issue II, July-December, 2020, Hazara University, Mansehra.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Philosophical Pessimism-A Question of Validity", Iqbal Review, Journal of the Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Volume 61, No.2, April-June 2020.

- Tahir, Sobia "Iqbal on Religion and Science: A Critique", Hamdard Islamicus, Volume XLII, No.4, October-December, 2019.
- Tahir, Sobia "Edward Said and Sharaq Shanasi", Tehqiq Nama, Government College University, Lahore, Volume 20, January-June, 2017.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Freud's Obsessional Neurosis, Origin of Slavery, Status of Women and Technology: Greek and Indian Civilizations Revisited", Pakistan Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology (PJSCP), GCU, Lahore. Volume 12, No. 2, 2014.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Tolstoy's Ideology of Non-violence – A Critical Appraisal", The Dialogue, Qurtaba University, Peshawar, Pakistan, Volume VII, Number 4, October-December, 2012, ISSN 1819-6462, Pp.347-363.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Lack of Enlightenment in the Muslim World: A Philosophical Analysis", Aligarh Journal of Muslim Philosophy, Aligarh Muslim University, UP, India, June 2012.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Islam and Modernity: A Selective Influence of Capitalistic Set-up", Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization, Vol. 1, No.1, 2011.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Philosophy and Peace: External and Internal", online Journal de la revue Sciences-Croisées : 7-8 Soin de l'âme (perspectives historiques et philosophiques), January, 2011. May be seen on the following link:

- Tahir, Sobia, "A Philosophical Review of Tolstoy's Earlier and Later Literary Trends", Quest, Government College University, Lahore, Pakistan. Volume 19-20, 2009-10.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Categorical Imperative, Super-Ego and Dharma: A Comparative Study of Kant, Freud and Bhagavad Gita", Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (JICPR), Volume 26, No.3, 2009. Impact Factor: 0.2334.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Critique of Arab Reason: A worthy Contribution of Mohammad Abed Al-Jabri to Contemporary Muslim Philosophy", Aligarh Journal of Islamic Philosophy, Aligarh Muslim University, India, October 2009.
- Tahir, Sobia, "What is Education Imbibing in You?" Iqbal, 2009-2010.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Truth: Self Evident or in need of Proof?" Ravi, 2009.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Divine Attributes-An Attempt to Reinterpret", The Historian, Vol. 6, Number 2, 2008.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Evil: A Problem of Philosophy of Religion", Al-Hikmat, Vol. 18, 1998.

- Tahir, Sobia, "Psychology of Indian Pessimism". Pakistan Philosophical Journal, Vol. xxxi-xxxiii, 1994-96.
- Tahir, Sobia, "Rabindranath Tagore: Poetry, Painting & Philosophy Personified", Al-Hikmat, Vol. 14, 1994.

**Books (Translated):**

- Fallen Leaves: Last Words on Life, Love, War and God by Will Duran **translated** into Urdu from English. Published by Nigharshat Publications Lahore, 2015.
- A Confession and other Religious Writings of Leo Tolstoy **translated** into Urdu from English. Published by Nigharshat Publications Lahore, 2005.
- Totem and Taboo and other essays of Sigmund Freud, **translated** into Urdu from English. Published by Nigarshat Publications Lahore, 2004.
- Jinnah & Gandhi (Book by Justice S.K. Maujamdar of West Bengal India), **translated** into Urdu from English. Published by Sarang Publishers Lahore, 1996.

*7Philosophers” by UNESCO, December-2009.*

*ii- Included in the UNESCO’s Community of Researchers for 2009-2010.*

*iii- Included in THE PHILOSOPHER’S INDEX, The Philosophers Information Centre, Ohio, USA.*

*iv- Won Fulbright Scholar Award for post-doctoral research in USA for the academic year 2011-12.*

*v- Declared HEC approved PhD supervisor, 2012.*

*vi- Subject Expert of Punjab Public Service Commission;*

*vi- Paper Setter and Examiner for PMS and CSS Examinations for Punjab Public Service Commission and Federal Public Service Commission;*

*Vii-Regular Resource Person of Professional Development and Management Department (PMDD);*

*viii- Regular Resource Person of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of GCU, Lahore;*

*Xi-External Expert and Supervisor of University of Peshawar;*

*x- Paper accepted by Journal of Islamic Philosophy, Harvard University, USA for a conference held on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April, 2019. Could not attend due to personal reasons.*

**Positions Held**

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to date**  
**Assistant Professor of**  
**Philosophy at Government**  
**College University, Lahore,**  
**Pakistan.**  
**Served as Head of the**  
**Department from 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**September, 2015-31<sup>st</sup>**  
**March, 2020.**

**Assignments**

- **Teaching;**
- **Courses Taught (B.A. Honours) :**
- *Classical Muslim Philosophy-I ( Theology and Mysticism);*
- *Classical Muslim Philosophy-II ( Muslim Philosophers: Al-Kindi, Al- Farabi, Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Rushd);*
- *Muhammad Iqbal :The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam;*
- *Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan- Special Philosopher;*
- *Bertrand Russell- Special Philosopher;*
- *Ludwig Wittgenstein, Special Philosopher;*
- *Philosophy of Religion;*
- *Epistemology and Metaphysics;*
- *Philosophy of History*
- *Medieval Philosophy*
- *Philosophy of Education;*
- *Philosophy of Law;*
- *Critical Theory;*
- *History of Modern Western Philosophy I (From Descartes to Hume);*
- *History of Modern Western Philosophy II (From Kant to Bergson);*
- *Contemporary Exposition of the Sufi Doctrine ( Rene Guenon, Frithjof Schuon, Martin Lings, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, M. Fethullah Gulen);*



- *Contemporary Muslim Thought ( Mammad Abdu, Jamal-ud- Din Afghani, Muhmmad Iqbal, Fazalur Rahman, Ali Shariati, Zia Gokalp);*
- **Courses Taught (M.Phil) :**
- *Indian Philosophy;*
- *Live Issues of the Contemporary Muslim Philosophy;*
- *Political Thought in the Classical Muslim Philosophy;*
- *Contemporary Arab/Muslim Philosophers;*
- *German Idealism*
- *Philosophy of Psychoanalysis*
- **Other Assignments;**
- *Adviser, Brett Philosophical Society, GCU, Lahore;*
- *Departmental Co-coordinator and founder of M. Phil Programme;*
- *Supervision of B.A. (Hons.) and M. Phil Research Theses;*
- *Coordinator Quality Enhancement Cell;*
- *Focal Person E-data bank;*
- *Focal Person of “De-radicalization Project” funded by Italian Ministry of Education.*
- *Departmental Focal Person for External Linkages (Universities, Research Institutions, on-Governmental Organizations).*

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2002 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006 as Director, “Planning, Programme Development and Monitoring Division”, Rahnuma-Family Planning Association of Pakistan.**

**On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006 the same post was converted into the Manager Knowledge Management/Annual Programme Budget (KM/APB) and the Division was renamed as “Programme, Planning Division (PPD)”. The post was retained till 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008.**

- Formulation of policy documents;
- Strategic Planning, (Prepared two Five-Year Strategic Plans);
- Developing various indicators( Quantitative, Qualitative, Effect , outcome and Impact etcetera);
- Overall planning for entire system according to the available resources and strategic guidelines;
- Business Planning;
- Preparation of Annual Work Plan / Budget including performance indicators and indicative planning figures;
- Regular contact & liaison with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and refurbishing of any information required;
- Resource Mobilization and Fund Raising;
- Regular contact & liaison with International Donors including: UNFPA, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNAIDS, OXFAM, The Asia Foundation, World Bank, KfW, BMZ, GTZ, Asian Development Bank, IWW, Bill Gates, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Price Foundation, West Wind Foundation, Buffet Foundation, Royal Netherlands Embassy, Embassy of Japan, Japan Trust Fund, JICA, Netherlands Trust Fund, John Hopkins University, CIDA and SDC, Action Aid, Population Council etcetera.
- Regular contact with local donors, government agencies and relevant ministries;
- Preparation of Annual Report;
- Preparation of Logical Frameworks of FPAP’s 5 Programme Priority Areas (As) and their translation into monitoring & Evaluation Plan;
- Preparation of Half Yearly Report;
- Appropriation and re-appropriation of funds;
- Programme Development;
- Concepts Papers/Monograph/Project Proposal Writing;
- Result Based Management Analysis;
- Quarterly/Half Yearly/Nine Monthly/Annual Macro Analysis Reports;
- System-wide remedial measures in the light of findings of analysis;
- Preparation and implementation of Monitoring Charts;
- Desk monitoring through performance /

*expenditure reports;*

- *Implementation and Management of projects;*
- *Report writing for various donor funded projects as per requirement of donors;*
- *Development of TORs for research proposals/consultancies;*
- *Review / analysis of projects before submission to donors;*
- *Coordination with entire system regarding various assignments;*
- *Preparation of agenda items for Management Group Meetings, National Executive Committee, National Council and National Technical Committee including presentations;*
- *Preparation / circulation of minutes and action taken reports;*
- *Facilitation in the arrangement of foreign tours of FPAP/IPPF delegates;*
- *Managing day-to-day affairs of PPD including correspondence with various stakeholders.*
- *Organizing Training Sessions and Workshops regarding Planning and Budgeting;*
- *Efficient and regular Knowledge Management;*
- *Sharing of Best Practices and Obstacles and Hurdles with Donors and Project Planners in the light of Implementation Reports;*
- *Asian Development Bank sponsored Restructuring and Change Management Exercise (member of the Team).*

**1996-2001 as Assistant Director “Planning, Programme Development and Monitoring Division” Rahnuma-Family Planning Association of Pakistan.**

- *Preparation of Annual Programme Budget of Rahnuma-FPAP in its co-relation with policy documents;*
- *Arrangements of meetings with the field functionaries;*
- *Allocations of funds as per Rahnuma-FPAP priorities/commitments;*
- *Preparation of Annual Report;*
- *Preparation of Half Yearly Report;*
- *Performance and Financial Monitoring, on quarterly basis (Macro Analysis);*
- *Preparation of papers for various important Meetings and Committees;*
- *Drafting Minutes and preparation of Action Taken Reports;*

- *Strategic Planning (Member of core team);*
  - *Monograph Writing;*
  - *Member of lead team for formation of Focus Areas programme of Rahnuma- FPAP;*
  - *Preparation of Fixed Three Year Plans Reports;*
- 1995-1996 as News Editor daily “Akhbar-e Lahore”**
- *Full Editorial responsibilities;*
  - *Complete coverage of Punjab under District Desk;*
  - *Writing essays on social issues;*
  - *Review writing.*
- 1992-1995 as Sub Editor “Daily Khabrain”**
- *Editing, subbing and translating news items for National and International Desks;*
  - *Translation and condensation of books for Friday Magazines;*
  - *Writing original articles for various colour pages;*
  - *Monitoring copy pasting and lay out;*
  - *Conducting interviews for Magazines;*
  - *Highlighting feminine and human right issues in editorial pages;*
  - *Regularly translating annual human rights reports of Amnesty International for editorial page;*
  - *Preparing Women’s Corner daily on page 2;*
  - *Reviewing Books, magazines, TV programmes;*
  - *Training of Trainee sub Editors.*
- 1990-1992 Trainee Sub Editor “Daily Pakistan”**
- *Editing, subbing and translating news-items for National and International Desks;*
  - *Preparing first out-station edition for 88 remote districts of Sindh, (the then) NWFP, Baluchistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and (the then) Northern Areas,*
  - *Regular translations for Friday Magazine and other colour pages;*
  - *Preparing weekly page of women.*

**Seminars (Attended and Organized)**

- ❖ Organized a Seminar on “Fikr-e-Iqbal: Theqiq ke Naye Zawiye” in connection with 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department of Philosophy, Government College Lahore on **22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018**
- ❖ Organized a Seminar on “Self and the Self-Actualization” on **15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017** in connection with the World Philosophy Day;.
- ❖ Organized Seminar on “What is Liberalism”? on **26<sup>th</sup> April, 2017** at Government College University, Lahore in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice;
- ❖ Organized a Seminar funded by Punjab Higher Education Commission on “Interdisciplinary Role of Philosophy in the Academic Space of a University” at Government College University, Lahore on **20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**.
- ❖ Organized a Seminar on “Human Dignity” on **23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016** in collaboration with Centre for Social Justice;
- ❖ Organized a Seminar on “Indigenous Philosophy” on **20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015** at Government College University, Lahore in connection with World Philosophy Day;
- ❖ Organized Seminar on “Sufism” on **14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014** on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Government College Lahore;

**Workshops**

- Attended Workshop on “Gender Integration” arranged by CIDA at Lahore from **12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005**.
- Attended Workshop on “Logical Framework Analysis (LFA)” arranged by IPPF SARO at **Dhaka, Bangladesh** from **25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2005**;
- Attended Workshop on “Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA)” arranged by

NGORC, Aga Khan Foundation at Lahore **from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2004;**

- Attended “Strategic Planning Workshop” arranged by IPPF SARO at **Colombo, Sri Lanka from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2003;**
- Attended South Asia Regional Workshop on “Sustainability and Cost Effectiveness” arranged by IPPF SARO at **New Delhi, India from 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December, 1997;**
- Attended Workshop on “MIS Development” arranged by IPPF SARO as observer at **New Delhi, India from 11<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> December, 1997.**

### **Trainings**

- Participated as Resource Person in Cascading Workshop of Master Trainers Faculty Professional Development Programme (MT-FPDP), Government College University, Lahore, **15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.**
- Attended Professional Competency Enhancement Programme for Teachers (PCEPT) NAHE Phase II at Government College University Lahore arranged by Continuous Professional Development Centre, Quality Enhancement Cell, Government College University, Lahore from **17<sup>th</sup> May- 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. (Copy Provided).**
- Attended HRDC Training Cycle III at Government College University Lahore, arranged by Quality Enhancement Cell from **21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008; (Copy provided).**
- Attended Training on “Advanced Electronic Integrated Management System (eIMS)” arranged by IPPF SARO at Lahore from **8<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> August 2006;**
- Attended Training on “Resource Mobilization Strategy” arranged by IPPF SARO at Lahore on **29<sup>th</sup> May 2006;**
- Attended Training on “Health Economics” arranged by Social Development Policy Institute Islamabad from **25<sup>th</sup> –27<sup>th</sup> January 2005;**
- Attended Training on “Integrated Management System” arranged by IPPF SARO at Lahore from **7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2001;**
- Attended 5-week training on “The Qualitative & Quantitative Research Techniques” arranged by Social Policy and Development Centre at Pakistan Administrative Staff College, Lahore from **15<sup>th</sup> April –19<sup>th</sup> May 2001;**

- *Attended 3- week short course on “Windows 95” (MS Word & Excel) from Informatics Gulberg , Lahore **from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 1997;***

**Community Service**

- *Occasional small-scale Fund-raising for various causes;*
- *Voluntary work with Pakistan Psychiatric Society;*
- *Organized and led a walk at GCU to show solidarity with Hazara Community **on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.***