

# Irfan Waheed Usmani

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## EDUCATION

| Board / University                                                                                   | Graduation year |
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| <b>Postdoc (History)</b><br>Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville | 2024            |
| <b>PhD (History)</b><br>South Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore              | 2016            |
| <b>M Phil (History)</b><br>University of the Punjab, Lahore                                          | 2006            |
| <b>MA (History)</b><br>GC Lahore/University of the Punjab, Lahore                                    | 1995            |
| <b>BA</b><br>GC Lahore/University of the Punjab, Lahore                                              | 1992            |
| <b>Intermediate</b><br>GC Lahore/Lahore Board                                                        | 1990            |
| <b>SSC</b><br>Lahore Board                                                                           | 1988            |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Role

#### Teaching

- Assistant Professor, Department of History, Government College University Lahore, Pakistan, 25 October 2016–Present.
- Lecturer (Regular), Department of History, Government College University Lahore, Pakistan, 2 July 2007–25 October 2016.
- Lecturer (Contract), Department of History, Government College University Lahore, Pakistan, 23 August 1999–2 July 2007.

#### Journalistic

- Magazine Reporter in Daily Azad
- Assistant Editor, Monthly Namakdan (A Periodical of Liberty Papers Ltd.)
- Article writer and member of Editorial Board in weekly Taqazay, Lahore
- I wrote more than 150 articles, which were published in various newspapers and magazines.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### Level

#### PhD

- Research Methodology for Archive Studies.
- Post-Colonial Pakistan.

#### M.Phil.

- India and the Colonial Interception in the 19th Century
- History Writing Workshop
- Research Methodology
- Specialized course on Indus Valley Civilization
- Economic History of India

#### M.A.

- International Relations
- History of the Freedom Movement
- Historiography
- Islamic History (from Pre-Islamic Arabia to the Pious caliphate)

#### B.A. (Hons)

- Key Concepts in Social Sciences
- Discourse of History
- Philosophy of History
- Historical Method and Writing Skills
- World History/Global History
- Islam and West
- Introduction to History
- Colonial Punjab
- Modern Middle East
- History of Modern Europe c.1870–1945

#### B.A. (two years programme)

- History of Civilizations
- History of Medieval India (Sultanate Period c.712–526)
- History of Medieval India (Mughal Period c.526–707)
- History of Freedom Movement (1857–1947)
- History of Pakistan (1947–1988)
- Pakistan Studies

#### Intermediate

- Islamic History (from Pre-Islamic Arabia to the Pious caliphate)

- Islamic History: The Umayyad Period
- Islamic History: The Abbasides Period
- History of Ancient India
- Pakistan Studies

#### **Courses developed for M.Phil. and PhD**

- Research Methodology for Archives Studies
- India and the Colonial Interception in the 19th century
- Specialized course on Indus Valley Civilization
- History Writing Workshop
- International Political Economy with specific reference to Pakistan
- Post-Colonial Pakistan

#### **Courses developed for B.A Hons**

- World History/Global History
- Philosophy of History
- Research Methodology
- Islam and West
- Historical Method and Writing Skills
- Key Concepts in Social Sciences
- Introduction to History
- History of Civilizations
- Discourse of History in the 19th and 20th centuries

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Research Areas**

- Leftist Movement in Pakistan,
- Print Culture and Literary Radicalism in South Asia,
- Kashmir, Political History of Pakistan (Since 1947),
- Colonialism in South Asia,
- History of Freedom Movement,
- History of Civilizations,
- New Trends in History and Historiography,
- Islam and the West.
- Discourse of History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century
- World History.

### **Research Publications**

1. Muhammad Hassan Rai and Irfan Waheed Usmani. "The Role of Majlis-e-Shah Hussain in Promoting Punjabi Literary and Lingual Activism during 1964–1996." *Sadiq Journal of Pakistan Studies (SJPS)* 6, no. 1 (January–June 2026): 58–79.

2. Adeeba Akram and Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Literary Resistance in the Progressive Tradition: The Fiction of Saeeda Gazdar." *Himalayan Politics Journal* 2, no. 1 (2026): 39–50.
3. Mohsin Nadeem Khawaja and Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Jamia Fathia (1875–2008): A Historical Study of Pluralism in a Madrasa in Lahore." *Dyal Singh Journal of Humanities and Social Science (DSJHSS)* 4, no. 1 (January–June 2026): 1–12.
4. Adeeba Akram and Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Sultana's Dream as a Utopian Imagination of Feminist Resistance in Twentieth-Century India." *UOS Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities (UOSJSSH)* 10, no. 1 (June 2026): 113–131.
5. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "The Anatomy of CPEC: Economic Opportunities Versus Structural Challenges." *Research Journal for Social Affairs* 3, no. 6(a) (2025): 427–438.
6. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "CPEC 2.0: Strategies to Maximize the Project's Economic Dividends." *ACADEMIA International Journal for Social Sciences* 4, no. 4 (November 2025).
7. Mohsin Nadeem Khawaja and Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Majlis Siyanatul Muslimeen: Ashraf Ali Thanvi's Vision of Muslim Communal Life in Colonial India and Its Legacy in Pakistan (1930–1970)." *Perennial Journal of History (PJH)* 6, no. 1 (January–June 2025): 30–43.
8. Shahbaz Ahmad and Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Mohammad Sarwar as a Biographer and Disseminator of Obaid Ullah Sindhi's Ideology: A Historical Study." *Social Science Review Archives* 3, no. 1 (January–March 2025).
9. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Framing the Focus: Crafting an Impressive Statement of the Problem." *The Critical Review of Social Sciences Studies* 3, no. 1 (2025).
10. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Comparing the New Left: American and Western European Radical Movements, 1955–1975, from the Lens of World History." *Advance Social Science Archive Journal* 2, no. 3 (October–December 2024).
11. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "State of Press Freedom in Pakistan, c. 1947–59: A Historical Survey." *Journal of Historical Studies* 9, no. 1 (January–June 2023): 391–434.
12. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Literature Review kay Jadid Rujhanat aur Urdu Maqala Nigari: Aik Tanqidi Mahakma." *Majallah-e-Tahqiq: Research Journal of the Faculty of Oriental Learning* 44, no. 132 (July–September 2023): 7–77.
13. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Literary Radicalism and the Tools of Its Articulation: Examining the Role of the Progressive Writers Association (PWA) between 1948 and 1954 in Pakistan." *Journal of Punjab University Historical Society* 34 (July–December 2021): 1–30.
14. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Literary Radicalism and the Tools of Its Articulation: A Case Study of the Progressive Ventures in Films (1953–1971) in Pakistan." *Journal of Punjab University Historical Society* 34 (January–June 2021): 17–29.
15. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Definition of the 'Left' and the Problematic of Fixing/Determining the Typologies of 'Leftist Parties' in Pakistan." *Journal of Punjab University Historical Society* 33 (July–December 2020): 1–17.
16. Irfan Waheed Usmani and Tahir Jamil. "The Leftist Movement in West Punjab, 1947." *The Historian* 15 (Winter 2017): 1–20.
17. Irfan Waheed Usmani and Tahir Jamil. "Rawalpindi Conspiracy and the Leftist Movement." *The*

*Historian* 15 (Summer 2017): 1–74.

18. Irfan Waheed Usmani and Tahir Jamil. "Conceptualizing Decolonization." *The Historian* 14 (Winter 2016): 1–20.
19. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "The Major Developments Affecting the Leftist Movement in Pakistan." *The Historian* 14 (Summer 2016): 1–20.
20. Irfan Waheed Usmani and Tahir Jamil. "Imperialism and Territoriality." *The Historian* 13 (Summer 2015): 29–60.
21. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "History and Postmodern Challenges." *The Historian* 8, no. 1 (January–June 2010): 3–38.
22. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "A Litany of Errors: Pakistan's Kashmir Policy (1996–99)." *The Historian* 7, no. 2 (July–December 2009): 23–42.
23. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Bleeding Wound: Analyzing Pakistan's Kashmir Policy (1989–95)." *The Historian* 7, no. 1 (January–June 2009): 25–62.
24. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "An Inglorious End to a Glorious Adventure: Conceiving and Executing the Kargil Operation (1999)." *The Historian* 6, no. 2 (July–December 2008): 93–113.
25. Irfan Waheed Usmani. "Historicizing Pakistan's Kashmir Policy." *The Historian* 3, no. 2 (July–December 2005): 27–57.

#### Dissertations

- MA Thesis: "Kashmir ki jang ur Pindi sazesht case"(Kashmir war and Pindi Conspiracy Case 1947–51) (Lahore: University of the Punjab, 1995).
- M. Phil Thesis: "Pakistan's Kashmir Policy: Post-Cold War Scenario", (Lahore: University of the Punjab, 2003).
- Ph.D.: "Print Culture and Left-wing Radicalism in Lahore, c.1947–1971" (Singapore: National University of Singapore, 2016).

#### Conference Papers, Workshops, and Seminars

- **"Azadi Speech Webinar."** Served as Judge at the webinar organized by Strategic Youth Paradigm (SYP), International Islamic University Islamabad, 15 August 2025.
- **"Thesis and Dissertation Writing: Normative and Structural Research."** Resource person for the workshop held at the University of Gujrat, Gujrat, 10 October 2024.
- **"Chequered Past, Uncertain Future: The History of Pakistan."** Talk delivered at the book launch of Tahir Kamran's Chequered Past, Uncertain Future: The History of Pakistan, organized by the Lahore Museum History Society, Lahore Museum, Lahore, 29 September 2024.
- **"Academic Writing."** Conducted a workshop at the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 7–8 August 2024.
- **"Qualitative Data Analysis and Interpretation through NVIVO Software."** Participated in the workshop organized by the Government College University Library Society, 10–11 July 2024.
- **"2024 Spring Colorado Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Seminar."** Participated in the 2024 Spring Colorado Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Seminar, University of Colorado, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA, 24–27 April 2024.

- **“Fulbright Visiting Scholar Workshop on Humanities & Social Sciences Manuscript Publishing & Peer Reviews.”** Participated in the Fulbright Online Workshop, 6 March 2024.
- **“Visiting Fulbright Professional Grant Development.”** Participated in the Fulbright Online Workshop, 15–16 November 2023.
- **“The Origins, Genesis, and Outcomes of the Islamic Socialist Discourse in Pakistan between 1947 and the 1990s: A Critical Analysis.”** Paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, USA, 18–21 October 2023.
- **“What/Where Is History? What Is an Archive? Graffiti and Other Ephemera, Our Leader’s Personal Collections—Alternative Histories of Power.”** Participated in the AIPS Workshop, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, 13–14 March 2023.
- **“The Perspectives of Pakistani and Indian Governments on Kashmir and Their Impact on the Kashmir Dispute.”** Lecture delivered at the Dayal Singh Research and Cultural Forum, Lahore, 27 October 2022.
- **“Lahore Resolution.”** Lecture delivered at the Institute of History, Government College University Lahore, New Campus KSK, 24 March 2022.
- **“Research in Practice: Issues and Challenges.”** Conducted a workshop at Government College Women University, Sialkot, 22–23 October 2019.
- **“Thesis Introduction and Research Proposal.”** Lecture delivered at Minhaj University, Lahore, 8 February 2019.
- **“British Academy-Funded Workshops.”** Participated in the British Academy-funded workshops held at Government College University Lahore, 17–19 September 2018.
- **“Civil–Military Relations in Pakistan.”** Lecture delivered at Government Postgraduate College Samanabad, Faisalabad, 8 May 2018.
- **“Alternative Sources of History: The State of Historical and Cultural Research in Pakistan.”** Paper presented at the conference organized by the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 19–21 August 2009.
- **“Problems of Temporality and Periodization in History: The State of Historical and Cultural Research in Pakistan.”** Participated in the conference organized by the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 19–21 August 2009.

#### **Thesis Supervision**

Supervised more than 20 M.Phil. theses, 10 M.A. theses, and more than 50 B.A. (Hons.) theses; served as Co-Supervisor for three Ph.D. students; and currently supervise four Ph.D. students.

#### **MPHIL DEGREES AWARDED UNDER MY SUPERVISION**

1. Muhammad Bilal, “Pervaiz Musharraf’s Kashmir Policy (1999–2008)” (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2022).
2. Rizwan Ahmed, “Pakistan’s Kashmir Policy: Its Impact on Politics in Azad Kashmir (1947–1991)” (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2022).
3. Muhammad Ahsan, “Police in Colonial Punjab (1849–1903)” (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2022).

4. Saqlain Ahmad, "Canal Colonization in Punjab: A Case Study of Tehsil Chiniot" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2022).
5. Noman Adrees, "Historicizing Mohajir Politics and Identity: A Case Study of MQM's Political Activism, 1979–1999" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2021).
6. Faiqa Seemab, "Representation of Women in Pakistani Print Media: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Women's Pages in Roznama Mashriq (1963–1977)" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2020).
7. Adil Gohar, "Historicizing British Tribal Policies Towards Waziristan (1849–1947)" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2016).
8. Farzanda Aslam, "Politics of Centralization in Pakistan (1947–1956)" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2007).
9. Hafiz Munawar Iqbal Nayyar, "Discourse Analysis of Payam Shahjahanpuri's Writings as a Historian" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2010).
10. Ghulam Rabbani, "The Discourse Analysis of the Writings on Jehadi Organizations in Islamic Journals and Magazines since 9/11" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2007).
11. Samina Akbar, "The Rawalpindi Conspiracy Case, 1951: An Analytical Study" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2007).
12. Nayyer Abbas, "Civil–Military Relations in Pakistan: A Case Study of the Era of Benazir Bhutto's First Stint as Prime Minister" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2007).
13. Khansa Janjua, "Discourse Analysis of Shibli as Historian and Biographer: A Case Study of Seerat-un Nabi, Al-Mamoon, and Al-Farooq" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2007).
14. Noreen Amanat Ali, "Politics of Centralization in Pakistan (1947–1951): A Case Study of the Jinnah–Liaquat Period" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2007).
15. Zulfiqar Ali Mohal, "Tribal Invasion of Kashmir: An Analytical Study" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2006).
16. Sehar Fakhar, "Fashion of the Mughals" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2006).
17. Munnawar Abbas, "Modes of Domination and Subordination in the Light of Ranajit Guha's Dominance without Hegemony: A Case Study of Dominant Biradaris of Tehsil Chiniot, District Jhang" (unpublished MPhil thesis, Government College University Lahore, 2006).

#### Editing Experience

- **Member, Editorial Board**, *Dyal Singh Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (DSJHSS)*, Govt. Dyal Singh Graduate College, Lahore, 1 July 2026–Present
- **External Reviewer**, *Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society*, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 2022–Present
- **Associate Editor**, *The Historian*, Government College University Lahore, 2009–2010.
- **Assistant Editor**, *The Historian*, Government College University Lahore, 2003–2009.

