

Curriculum Vitae

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Career path: I have a 20 years social research and teaching experience at the university level. I have also worked as consultant (training, research and policy advise) with various government and non government organizations. After completion of my doctorate, I am serving as an Assistant Professor at the Social Work Department, University of Punjab and playing a key role in establishing the departments' first ever Higher Research Degree (M Phil, PhD) program.

Education

Ph D, 'Child Protection Policy in Pakistan', the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia 2008-12

My doctoral research is on 'Child protection policy'. Child protection has been a widely contested concept and a topic of vigorous research in the global North. However, it lacks a global South perspective. Using Pakistan as a case and by employing qualitative research methodologies in a child rights analytical framework, I have tried to contribute to fill this gap.

M.A. (Public Policy, specialization in Development Administration), the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia 2003-04

M.A. (Social Work), University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan 1991-93

Work Experience

Academic

University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan 1996-Present

Assistant Professor (Social Work Department)

- Permanent faculty
- Teach postgraduate courses on Social Policy & Social Administration, Child Rights, History and Philosophy of Social Work, Fields of Practice in Social Work, Qualitative Research Methods, Policy making Process.
- Design, conduct and mark students assignments and exams
- Supervise research
- Supervise field practicum
- Develop and revise curriculum as and when needed
- Designed and started M Phil and PhD program in the department

Crawford School of Public Policy, the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia July 2009-Nov. 2009

Tutor (Program Management)

- Assisted Course Coordinator in designing and delivering the course
- Facilitated groups assignments in the class
- Provided individual consultation to students

Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Oct. 2006-Feb. 2007

Visiting faculty

- Developed and taught a course on ‘Social Policy’ in Master of Public Policy
- Conducted class assessment through written assignments, oral presentations and exams

Non-academic (Trainings, research, policy and practice)

Worked as Consultant, conducting a training need assessment (TNA) of child protection staff in the formal child protection system in Pakistan. UNICEF, Pakistan. 2015-2016

Worked as Consultant, developing Standard Operating Procedures for child protection in Pakistan, UNICEF, Pakistan. 2014.

Worked as Research Assistant with Dr. Sharon Bessell, ‘Children, communities and social capital in Australia’ project, across ACT, NSW, Queensland. 2010.

Conducted a baseline on ‘Gender-based violence’, and provided policy and practice recommendations for the establishment of women protection centres, in District Lahore for German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and Directorate of Social Welfare, Punjab, Pakistan. 2007

Conducted a series of trainings on ‘Gender mainstreaming in planning’ organized by the Ministry of Planning and Development Punjab and the UNDP, Pakistan. 2007

Designed and conducted a 4 days training workshop on ‘Development approaches’, Church World Service, Pakistan/Afghanistan. 2006

Designed and held session in a international conference on ‘Participatory development’ (PD Forum & Ottawa University, Ottawa, Canada. 2005

Designed and held sessions in a course on ‘Development approaches’, Church World Service, Pakistan/Afghanistan. 2002

Lectures on ‘Human rights’ for Jail Staff, National Council for Human Rights & Punjab Prison Staff Training Institute, 2001

Lecture on ‘Child rights’, Directorate of Social Welfare, Punjab, Pakistan, 2001

Conducted a study on ‘Lost, kidnapped and runaway children’, as a basis for the establishment of a child protection system in Punjab, for UNICEF Pakistan. 2000

GHK consultants, UK & Faisalabad Area Upgrading Project, Faisalabad, Pakistan. March

1995 - September 1995 Special Project Assistant. Conducted Participator Rapid Appraisals (PRA) in rural and semi-urban communities for development of area upgrading interventions.

Publication

Jabeen, Tahira, 2016 'Ideals of Human Rights and Socioeconomic Realities: The Larger Context of Pakistan's Child Protection Policy', *Journal of Human Rights*, upcoming/available online

Jabeen, Tahira, 2016 'Child Protection Legislation in Pakistan: Bringing International Child Rights Obligations and Local Values Together', *Pakistan Journal of Criminology*, 8(3), pp 16-33.

Jabeen, Tahira 2014 'Citizen, rights and accountability: a case for children (Pakistan)', *Development Bulletin*, 76, pp. 56-60.

Jabeen, Tahira 2013 'Social Work and Social Welfare in Pakistan: for the society but not from the society', *Law & Society*, 44(63), pp 43-58.

Naqvi, R. H, Ibrar, M & Jabeen, T 2013 Views and opinions of rural women of district Multan about their involvement and participation in family decisions: a means for women's empowerment in Pakistani society, *Law & Society*, 44(63), pp 173-188.

Jabeen, Tahira 2013, 'A history of contemporary child protection in the global South (with a special focus on South Asia and Pakistan)', *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, http://pu.edu.pk/images/journal/history/PDF-FILES/ARTICLE%206%20TAHIRA%20138-159_v50_no2_2013.pdf

Jabeen, Tahira 2013, 'Child protection data: an analysis of newspapers coverage of child protection issues in Pakistan', *South Asian Studies*, http://pu.edu.pk/images/journal/csas/PDF/9%20Dr.%20Tahira_29_1.pdf

Jabeen, Tahira 2013, 'Pakistan's child protection legislative and policy frameworks: a critical review', *Pakistan Journal of Criminology*, 5(2), pp159-180.

Jabeen, Tahira 2013, 'Qualitative research methods in children related research', *PUTAJ – Humanities and Social Sciences*, 20, pp. 103-110.

Jabeen, Tahira 2013, "'Our children are our children": NGOs working on children's issues in Pakistan and their relationship with the state', *International Journal of Sustainable Development*, ISSN 1923-6662 (online).

Jabeen, Tahira 2013, 'Studying political elite in Pakistan: power relations in research', *Journal of Political Studies*, 20(1), pp. 225-239.

Jabeen, Tahira 2012, 'Child protection, children's right to protection and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, *Law & Society*, 42(59&60), pp. 7-18.

Jabeen, Tahira 2009, "'But I've never been asked!'" Research with children in Pakistan", *Children's Geographies*, 7:4, 405-419.

Papers presented at conferences

'Citizen, rights and accountability: a case for children (Pakistan)', Development Futures: 4th ACFID Conference at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia on 21-22 November 2013.

"'Our children are our children": NGOs working on children's issues in Pakistan and their relationship with the state', International Conference on Sustainable Development 2013, Toronto, Canada, August 2013

'Child protection policy in Pakistan- concept matters', 16th Annual SSWR Conference, Washington DC, January 2012

'Children's right to protection', Forum with Sally Engle Merry, the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, April 2011

'Studying elite in difficult circumstances', 1st PhD Conference, Crawford School of Public Policy, the Australian National University, Canberra, November 2010

'Looking for models: inclusive education in Pakistan', Regional conference on 'Inclusive Education', Special Education Department, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan & UNESCO, 2005

Honors and awards:

- Millennium Star Award 2007 by South Asia Publications
- XVII Star Award 2006 by South Asia Publications
- The Raymond Apthorpe Prize for Outstanding Performance in Master of Public Policy, 2004, the Australian National University, Canberra
- The Raymond Apthorpe Prize for Outstanding Performance in PGD (Development Administration), 2003, the Australian National University, Canberra
- Sardar of Kot Gold Medal for 1st class 1st in MA Social Work, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Membership of learned societies and other activities:

- Currently member Global Social Services Workforce Strengthening Alliance, USA
- Currently member Board of Studies, Institute of Social Sciences, Bahaudin Zakria University, Multan
- Currently member National Curriculum Review Committee for Social Work, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan
- Member Board Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of the Punjab 2013-16
- Member Social Sciences Associations, Pakistan, 2004-2008
- Member Board of Studies, Social Work department, University of the Punjab, 1997-2000 & 2005-2007
- Member Board Faculty of Arts, University of the Punjab, 1997-2000
- Executive Member Alumni Association of Social Workers, University of the Punjab, 1994-present
- Member Alumni Association, the Australian National University, 2004-present
- Member Global Social Service Workforce Alliance, 2016

Languages: English, Urdu, Punjabi

Computer skills: MS Office, (Word, Excel, Power Point), SPSS, Web/Internet.