

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2011 PhD, Faculty of Communication, Art , and Technology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

PhD Dissertation Title: 'Social Movements, Religion, Democracy and Political Communication in Pakistan.'

2012 Recipient of the Dean of Graduate Studies PhD Convocation Medal of Distinction in recognition of SFU's most outstanding graduate student and dissertation from Faculty of Communication, Arts and Technology. Nomination made by the School of Communication, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada

2002 M.A Communication, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Burnaby, Canada

Thesis Title: 'The Consequences of Fundamentalism on Pakistani Media'

1987 M.A Political Science, Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan

1984 B.A History, English Language, and Journalism. Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan

1984-85 Department of Design and Photography , National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

1982 F.Sc. Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Lahore, Pakistan

Work History

Teaching and research experience:

2016 --present Assistant Professor, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), University of the Punjab, Quaid-e-Azam Campus, Lahore-54590, Pakistan

Job Description: Teaching and supervising BS, MS, and M.Phil classes.

2015-2016 Associate Professor and curriculum advisor for upcoming university of Liberal Arts: University of Culture and Arts, Lahore, Pakistan

2015 Researcher for UNESCO-THAAP (Trust for History, Art, and Architecture, Pakistan) collaborative community-based inventory project: 'Urgent Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Kalasha Community in Kalash Valleys, District Chitral, Khyber Pukhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan.

2014 Consultant for MA-level Journalism syllabus and curriculum development for the Church World Service (CWS), Lahore, Pakistan

2000-2013 Sessional instructor , Teaching Assistant, Tutor Marker, and Supervisor for directed studies for the School of Communication, Faculty of Communication, Art, and Technology (FCAT), and Centre for Online Distance Education (CODE), Simon Fraser University (SFU), Burnaby, Canada.

Job Description:

Supervised 4th year Undergraduate Directive Studies courses on Iran, the Middle East, and South Asia on research areas related to Communication, entertainment, Film, New Media, Social change, Political Economy, Development and Culture. Teaching undergraduate university courses on communication theoretical frameworks and issues; assisting students in research methods and writing of academic papers on various communication topics; teaching tutorials, and holding office hours; evaluating academic research papers and class presentations.

2011-2013 Sessional Representative, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada.

2007 Research Advisor: Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Media in British Columbia Report for the Department of Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada, Western Region, 2007.

Job Description:

In charge of research on South Asian media in BC. This included conducting 40 interviews with members of the South Asian community for the report.

Journalism Experience:

1997-1999 Senior Staff Reporter, Daily *The News*, Lahore, Pakistan.

Job Description:

Conducting daily staff meetings; policy planning; delegating daily reporting assignments; writing news analysis, and op-ed articles; editing and re-writing reporters' stories; training apprentice reporters. Covered the political beat, including the governor of Punjab; religious parties; human rights issues; non-governmental organizations.

1997 Field Producer *Worldwide Television Network* (WTN), Islamabad, Pakistan

Job Description:

Coverage of breaking news stories; major political events; interviews with politicians and leading personalities.

1993-1997 Senior Correspondent, Daily *The Nation*, Islamabad, Pakistan

Job Description: Political beat and investigative reporting: covered parliamentary proceedings; the office of the President of Pakistan; office of the leader of the opposition; intelligence agencies; Federal Customs Department; human rights issues; environmental issues, and Federal Secretariat.

1994-1995 Pakistan (Islamabad) correspondent for the Irish Times, the Dublin Herald, and Inter Press Services (IPS)

1991-1993 Senior Staff Reporter, Daily *The News*, Lahore, Pakistan

Job Description:

Investigative reporter crime beat; reporting for the News Investigative Unit; the office of the Governor of Punjab; the Lahore High Court; Lahore Stock Exchange, minority issues; human rights issues; prisons; Customs Department; labour and leftwing political parties.

1987-1991 Sub Editor/Staff Reporter/Feature writer/weekly Magazine Editor
Daily *The Frontier Post*, Peshawar, Pakistan

Job Description:

City beat, and reporting on issues related to the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan; Afghan refugees; international aid agencies; leftwing political parties; trade unions; cultural issues.

1986-87 Apprentice/trainee reporter and photographer, Daily *The Nation*,
Lahore, Pakistan

Job Description:

City beat, and reporting on education, and health issues; lower courts; art and culture; trade unions.

Publications

Forthcoming book:

2017 'Social Movements, Religion, Democracy, Civil Society, and Political
Communication in Pakistan.' Edwin Mellen Press, USA.

Research under progress:

2017-18 Tentative book title: 'History of Propaganda, Press Freedom, Media Change, and Transcultural Communication in pre and Post-colonial South Asia ' Palgrave Macmillan Press (proposal submission to *Palgrave Studies in Communication for Social Change Series* for publication review).

2018-19 Tentative book title: Impact of 'Saudiism': Religious Intolerance and cultural radicalization of non-Arab Muslim diaspora in North America and Europe.
I have already conducted 23 interviews of non-Arab Muslims living in Germany (Aachen, Bremen, Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Bonn) and Netherland (Amsterdam).

(Saudiism' can be described as a highly intolerant Saudi Arabian (*Wahhabi or Salafi* version of Islam).

Book chapters:

2016 Book Chapter Submitted
Authors: Imran, Rahat, and Munir, Imran (co-authored):
Title: "Colonial Influence on State Media Institutions and Documentary Film in Pakistan: Promoting Religio-Political Interests: An Historical Review." (For edited volume: "*Transregional Filmscapes in South Asia: Practices, Politics, History.*" (eds. Elora Chowdhury, and Esha Niyogi De, USA. (University of Illinois Press, USA).

2016 Book Chapter Submission in December 2016

Authors: Imran, Rahat, and Munir, Imran: (co-authored): “*Silent Waters: A Cinematic Narrative of Shared Histories and Divided Identities: Pakistan: From Independence to Fundamentalism.*” (For edited volume: “*Transregional Filmscapes in South Asia: Practices, Politics, History.*” (eds. Dr. Elora Chowdhury, and Dr. Esha Niyogi De, USA. (University of Illinois Press, USA).

Works in progress for peer-reviewed journal submission:

2016- December Forthcoming (Revisions in Progress)

Co-authored article: Munir, Imran, and Imran, Rahat: “Feminist Perspectives on Male Sexual Violence Against Women: Pakistan as a Case Study.” *Pakistan Journal of Women’s Studies*, University of Karachi, Pakistan.

2016- Submission in December

Co-authored article: Imran, Rahat, and Munir, Imran: “Honour-Rape by Tribal Council Decree: The *Meerwala Gang-Rape Case Study.*” *Journal of International Women’s Studies*, Bridgewater State University, MA, USA.

2017 Submission in Spring 2017

Co-authored article: Munir, Imran, and Imran, Rahat: “Surviving the Taliban: Afghan Women, War, Violence, and Displacement: A Documentary Account.” (For submission to *Frameworks: The Journal of Cinema and Media*. Wayne State University Press, Detroit, Michigan, USA).

Book Chapters:

2007 Munir, Imran. ‘The Subaltern Act! Peasant Struggles and Pedagogy in Pakistan.’ *Utopian Pedagogy: Radical Experiments Against Neoliberal Globalization.* Eds. Mark Coté, Richard J.F. Day, and Greig de Peuter, University of Toronto Press, 2007.

2007 Munir, Imran. ‘From Independence to Fundamentalism: Pakistan’s Search for Identity.’ *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol 39:4, December 2007, Routledge. (pp. 617-633)

Selected Conference papers:

2016 ‘Colonial Influence on State Media Institutions and Documentary Film in Pakistan: Promoting Political Interests’. *Workshop on Cinema and Transnationalism in Pakistan and South Asia: Regional Histories.* Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) Lahore, Pakistan, September 1-2.

2009 'Impact of Satellite Television on Democracy, Civil Society, and Human Rights in Contemporary Muslim World: Pakistan as a Case Study.' International conference on Journalism Research in the Public Interest. Winterthur, Switzerland, November 19-21, 2009.

2009 'Media, democracy, and social activism in Pakistan.' The Middle East and Islamic Consortium of B.C. (MEICON-BC) Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. May 9, 2009.

Selected presentations and talks:

2011 'Covering the Impact of Blasphemy Laws on Minorities in Pakistani Media.'
Special guest speaker at the Journalists for Human Rights 'Train the Trainer Workshop.' Segal Centre, Segal Graduate School of Business, Simon Fraser University. Harbour Centre, Vancouver, January 21-23, 2011.

2011 Talk on the murder of Pakistani journalist, Saleem Shehzad. Public Forum organized by various South Asian organizations, including the Pakistan Progressive Association. Holland Park, Surrey, BC. June 12, 2011.

2007 'Pakistan Under the Gun.'

Public forum and interactive discussion on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Pakistan, at the Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. December 11, 2007.

Co-sponsored by the Vancouver and District Labour Council; India Pakistan Peace Network (IPPN); South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy (SANSAD); Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada. Endorsed by the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC); and the International Solidarity Committee.

2006 'Human Rights, Minorities, and Extremism in Pakistan.'
World Peace Forum, Asia Regional Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. June 25, 2006

2006 'Intervention, Religious Fanaticism, and Fascism in South Asia.' Simon Fraser University, Harbour Center, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Feb 26, 2006. Public forum organized by the South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy (SANSAD).

2005 'US War on Terror and its Fallout on Pakistan.'

Paper presented at Public Forum: 'Operation Enduring Resistance: Remembering Nine-Eleven.' Simon Fraser University, Harbour Center, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. September 5, 2005.

The forum was supported by a network of organizations: La Surda Latin American Collective; South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy; No One is Illegal; Vancouver Association of Chinese Canadians; Committee for Solidarity with Colombia; Iranian Federation of Refugees; Filipino-Canadian Youth Alliance; Filipino Nurses Support Group; Philippine Women Centre of BC; SIKLAB Overseas Filipino Workers' Organization; Vancouver Status of Women; SalaamVancouver; Grassroots Women.

2004 'Militancy, Democracy, and the National Question in Pakistan.' Western Canada Graduate Conference, Nelson, British Columbia, Canada. September 26, 2004.

Film Festival Coordinator

2012-13 Member, International Film Festival coordination team, South Asia Film Education Society (SAFES), Vancouver, Canada

2013 International Film Festival: 'Festival of Cinema for Change in South Asia: Addressing Violence Against Women.' April 19-21, 2013. Simon Fraser University Campus at Woodward Centre, Vancouver, Canada

2007 Member, International Film Festival coordination team. Collaborative event between the Simon Fraser University International Film Forum (SFUIFF) and the South Asia Film Education Society (SAFES) for the Simon Fraser University South Asia Film Series.

2007 International Film Festival: 'The Rise of Contemporary India.' October 19-21, 2007. Simon Fraser University Campus at Surrey, British Columbia, Canada.

Academic Awards:

2012 Recipient of Dean of Graduate Studies Convocation Medal for Distinguished PhD Dissertation
School of Communication, Faculty of Communication, Arts, and Technology SFU

2009 President's PhD Stipend School of Communication SFU

2008 Graduate International Scholarship School of Communication SFU

2006 Graduate Fellowship Award School of Communication SFU

2003 Graduate Fellowship Award School of Communication SFU

2001 Graduate Fellowship Award School of Communication SFU

Memberships:

2016-Continuing Member, South Asian Regional Media Studies Network
(SARMSNet)

2014- Continuing Punjab Lok Sujag (Research and Advocacy Organization),
Lahore, Pakistan

2012-Continuing Member, Organizing Committee, Media Democracy Days, School
of Communication, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada

2007-Continuing Member, South Asian Film Education Society (SAFES),
Vancouver, Canada

2011- Continuing Core Member, Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies, World
Dignity University

1999- Continuing Board Member, South Asia Network for Secularism and
Democracy (SANSAD), Vancouver, Canada

2007-2008 Founding Member, Simon Fraser University International Film
Forum (SFUIFF), Burnaby, Canada

2011-Continuing Member, Council for Progressive Canadians, Surrey, BC, Canada

1999-1991 Member, Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists, Pakistan

1993-1997 Member, Islamabad Union of Journalists, Islamabad, Pakistan

1991-92 Joint Secretary, Punjab Union of Journalists, Lahore, Pakistan

1987-1990 Member, Khyber Union of Journalists, Peshawar, Pakistan

1984-87 Member, Ajoka Theatre for Social Change, Lahore, Pakistan
(I was involved in acting, and production of several plays)

Referees:

1) Dr. Martin Laba,
Associate Professor, School of Communication
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3) Dr. Patricia Howard
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