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Research Interests

Medieval & Early Modern South Asia, 1200-1800
Intellectual History of the Muslims of South Asia in Pre-colonial Period
Travelogues & Travel Writing in Early Modern Period, especially related to South Asia
History-Writing and Historiography in Pakistan

Education

Ph.D. Dissertation title: *Mughal India in the Seventeenth Century: An Historical Study Based on the Accounts of European Travellers*, Department of History, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 2010. (PCD No. 11833)
M.Phil. (American Studies) Area Study Centre, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 2001.
M.A. History Department of History, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1994.
B.A. Govt. Islamia College (Civil Lines), Lahore, 1990.
Diploma in Persian Language Department of Persian, Oriental College, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 2013.

Professional Experience

Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Professor	25. 08. 2020 – To Date
Associate Professor	20. 08. 2014 to 24. 08. 2020
Assistant Professor	25. 06. 2004 to 19. 08. 2014
Lecturer	01. 08. 2000 to 24. 06. 2004

Education Department, Government of the Punjab.

Lecturer, GCU Lahore	03. 09. 1999 To 31. 07. 2000
Lecturer, Govt. Islamia College (Railway Road) Lahore	06. 05. 1996 To 02. 09. 1999
Lecturer, Govt. College Bhalwal	22. 11. 1995 To 05. 05. 1996

Research Projects

a) On-going Projects

Historians of Pakistan: An Introductory and Analytical Survey

I am compiling and editing a two volume study of major historians of Pakistan. The tentative date of Publication is 2026.

b. Completed Projects

Islamic History and Civilization: South Asia (Istanbul: IRCICA, 2020)

Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), an organ of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, located in Istanbul launched a mega-project to prepare an anthology of the history and culture of all Muslim states. It comprises of ten volumes, focusing on various regions of the world where Muslim states have emerged and will be compiled in three languages, Arabic, English and Turkish. One volume on *Islamic History and Civilization: South Asia* (in English language) has been compiled and published in 2020. I worked as Associate Editor of the volume and also contributed one chapter on ‘Baburis/ Mughals’.

<https://www.ircica.org/publications/history-of-islamic-civilization/asia/south-asia-southeast-asia/islamic-history-and-civilization-south-asia>

Jesuits in Medieval India and their Depiction of Society and Religion

The Project aims to study the accounts of the Jesuits and to understand their perspective about the medieval society and culture, particularly religion. It aims to analyze the inter-faith dialogue and mutual religio-cultural perceptions in the early modern period. University of the Punjab has granted this research project for the academic year 2021-2022.

Awards & Fellowships

“Fellowship under International Research Support Initiative Programme” of Higher Education Commission Pakistan for conducting research in *Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, UK* for a period of six months, March -August 2007.

“Indigenous Ph.D. Fellowship” by *Higher Education Commission, Pakistan*, for four years 2004-2008.

Membership of Professional/Academic Organizations

Life Member, *Pakistan Historical Society, Karachi*.

Member, Senate, *University of the Punjab, Lahore*, 2020 to-date.

Member, Academic Council, *University of the Punjab, Lahore*, 2020 to-date.

Member, Board of Governors, Pakistan Study Centre, *University of the Punjab, Lahore*, 2025-2028.

Member, Faculty Board of Arts and Humanities and BOS, History Department, *University of the Punjab, Lahore*, 2014 to-date.

Member, Ranking Committee, *University of the Punjab, Lahore*. 2023 to-date.

Member, Academic Committee of the Development & Translation Centre, *University of the Punjab, Lahore*, 19.03.2022-2025.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of History, *Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*, 2019-2022.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Archive Studies, *Government College University*, Lahore, 2023 to-date.

Member, Board of Faculty of Arts, *Government College University*, Faisalabad, 2019-2023.

Member, Board of Studies, Department of History, *Lahore College for Women University*, 2018 to-date.

Member, Editorial Board of *Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society*, 2017 to-date.

Research Publications

a) Book Chapters

“A Gateway to Paradise: Concept of *Hasht-Bihisht* (Eight Paradises) and Mughal *Charbagh* Tradition in South Asia,” in *The Aesthetics of Monotheism: Islam and the Hermeneutics of Art and Architecture*. Eds. Akel Ismail Kahera and Emine Filiz Kolmek. (Maryland: Lexington Books) forthcoming.

“Takdim” in Turkish translation of Francois Bernier’s *Travels in the Mughal Empire*, entitled *Baburlu Devleti’nde Seyahatler (1656-1668)* by Emre Omur (Istanbul: Divan Kitap, 2025). PP. 11-17.

“History-Writing in Pakistan: Major Trends and Key Issues,” in *Pakistan @ 75: History, Politics, Culture*. Ed. Mahboob Hussain (Lahore: Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, 2024). PP. 35-56.

“Baburis/ Mughals,” in *Islamic History and Civilization: South Asia* (Istanbul: IRCICA, 2020): PP. 203-265.

“Hajj and Islamic Revivalism in Mughal India,” in *Armaghan-e-Imam-e-Rabbani*. Ed. Muhammad Humayun Abbas Shams. Vol. IX Lahore: Imam-e-Rabbani Publications, 2018. PP. 3-26

“Source Material on Mughal India in the Iqbal Mujaddadi Collection,” in *Zakhira-i Kutub-i Professor Muhammad Iqbal Mujaddadi ki Iftitahi Taqrib ki Roedad*. [Account of the Inaugural Ceremony of Books Collection of Professor Muhammad Iqbal Mujaddadi] Comp. Syed Jamil Ahmed Rizvi. Lahore: Punjab University, 2015.

“Encounter with Mughal Orient: A Study of European Traveller’s Representation of Jahangir’s India,” in *Pakistan: Dimensions of History*. Ed. Syed Jaffar Ahmed. Karachi: Pakistan Historical Society & Pakistan Study Centre, University of Karachi, 2013. PP. 234-46.

b) Articles in Research Journals

“Bâbürlüleri diyarını Avrupalı seyyahların gözünden” (Mughal India as Seen by European Travellers), *Derin Tarih*, Istanbul, February 2022.

(with Ren Guangxu) “Traffic and Urban Culture: A Case Study of Chinese Eastern Railway’s Impact on Harbin City, 1903-1931,” *Asia-Pacific: Annual Research Journal of Far East and South East Asia*, 39 (2021): 131-146.

“Islami aur Maghrabi Tasawwur-i-Tarikh: Aik Taqabali Mutalaa” [Islamic and Western Concept of History: A Comparative Study], *Al-Ayyam*, Karachi, 9 No. 1 (Jan.-June 2018): 9-38.

“‘And Never the Twain Shall Meet’: Pre-colonial European Travellers and the ‘Reality’ of India,” *The Historian* 16 (Summer 2018): 1-13.

“Education and Learning in Mughal India” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 55 No. 1 (Jan.-June 2018): 83-94.

“Annales School and Pakistani Historiography,” *Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society*, 31, No. 1 (Jan. – June 2018): 51-59.

“Islam and Hinduism in the Eyes of Early European Travellers to India,” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 54, No. 1 (Jan. – June 2017): 52-67.

“Travel Writing, History and Colonialism: An Analytical Study,” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 51, No. 2 (July-December 2014): 191-205.

“Human Rights, Cultural Relativism and Islam,” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 50, No. 2 (December 2013): 160-189.

“Silencing the Past: Role of the Army in 1970-71 Conflict and its Depiction in Pakistani Textbooks,” *Pakistan Vision*, 14, No. 1 (Jan-June 2013): 202-231.

“Crisis of Muslim Civilization in Modern Times: Some Insights from Ibn-e-Khaldun’s Thoughts and Ideas,” *Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization* [Department of Islamic Thought and Civilization, University of Management and Technology, Lahore], 1, No. 2 (Fall 2011): 169-184.

“Mughal Religious Policy and its Depiction by European Travellers: A Critical Analysis,” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 48, No. 1 (Jan.-June 2011): 123-148.

“Strangers’ Gaze: Mughal *Harem* and European Travellers of the Seventeenth Century,” *Pakistan Vision*, 12, No. 1 (June 2011): 70-113.

“Conditions of Common People under the Mughals: A Critical Study of Representations of European Travellers,” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 47, No. 2 (July-December 2010): 33-64.

“Rights of Women and Children in Pakistan: A Study of US Perceptions,” *Pakistan Vision*, 11, No. 2 (December 2010): 149-179.

“Oriental Despotism and Mughal Imperial Ideals: A Comparative Analysis,” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 47, No. 1 (Jan-June 2010): 97-126

“European Travel Writing and Western Perception of Indo-Muslim Civilization in India in the Seventeenth Century,” *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*, 44, No. 2 (December 2007): 115-137.

“Nadir Shah’s Invasion of India and Fall of the Mughal Empire,” *Historicus: Journal of Pakistan Historical Society*, LIII, No.1 (Jan-March 2005): 101-111.

“U.S. Human Rights Policy: A Case Study of Political Freedom in Pakistan,” *Journal of Punjab University Historical Society*, XXVI, No. 1 (July 2003): 40-58.

d) Presentations and Participation in Some Notable Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

Participated in Panel Discussion on “From Storage to Strategy: Archives into Governance Assets,” in Department of Archive Studies, Institute of Global and Historical Studies, Government College University, Lahore on 4th February 2026.

“Mughal India as Represented by Pre-colonial European Travellers,” a Lecture delivered online in Babur Legacy Centre, University of the Punjab to Ali Sher Navai Tashkent State University of Uzbek Language and Literature, Uzbekistan on December 22, 2023.

“Dancing Girl or Bearded Priest: Debating Pakistani Identity through the Ruins of Harappan Civilization,” a paper presented in *12th International Thaaap Conference on Indus Valley (Harappa) Culture: Its Legacy and Relevance* held at Lahore on November 17-19, 2023.

“Regional Connectivity in the Pre-Modern World: A Study of Chinese Admiral Zheng He’s Voyages in the Indian Ocean,” a paper presented in *China Pakistan International Symposium on History and Culture* at Inner Mongolia Honder College of Arts and Sciences, China, on June 26, 2023.

“Pious Passengers: Exploring Central-South Asian Connectivity through Medieval Pilgrimage,” a paper presented in *International Conference on South & Central Asia Re-Connected*, organized by Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab on May, 8-10, 2023.

Book Talk on Mahpara Safdar’s *Mera Zamana Meri Kahani* in the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, organized by Ibn Khaldun Society on April 14, 2023.

Book Talk on Manan Ahmed Asif’s *Loss of Hindustan, Invention of India* in the Book Club of Punjab University Library on March 15, 2023.

“Central Asian Influence in Mughal Administration: Legacy of Zaheer-ud-Din Muhammad Babur,” a talk given in the One Day Seminar entitled, *Babur: A Symbol of Shared Legacy between Pakistan and Uzbekistan*, organized by Babur Legacy Centre, University of the Punjab and Embassy of Uzbekistan in Pakistan, on the eve of Babur’s 540’s Birthday on February 13, 2023.

Book Talk on the Launch of Manan Ahmed Asif’s Book, *Loss of Hindustan, Invention of India* in Urdu Development Committee, University of the Punjab on January 20, 2023.

“Religion in Mughal India,” a talk given in *School of Religion and Philosophy*, Minhaj University, Lahore on December 17, 2022.

“Encountering the Other: Jesuit Accounts about Islam and Muslims of South Asia,” a paper presented in the *Workshop on Two Early Modern Global Networks in Asia: The Society of Jesus and the Dutch East India Company*, organized by Faculty of History, University of Warsaw, Poland on December 2-3, 2022.

Participated in an interactive discussion on Dr. Shahid Imtiaz’s book, *Amorphous Lahore: Colonial and Postcolonial, A Journey through History and Fiction*, organized by English Literary Society, Institute of English Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore on November 17, 2022.

“History-Writing in Pakistan: An Overview of Major Trends and Key Issues,” a paper presented in the *National Conference on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: A History of Pakistan, 1947-2022*, organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies, International Islamic University, Islamabad on September 7-8, 2022.

“Regional Connectivity in the Pre-Modern World: A Study of Chinese Admiral Zheng He’s Seven Voyages in the Indian Ocean,” a paper presented in *International Conference on Significance of the Belt & Road Initiative in Regional Connectivity*, jointly organized by Regional Integration Centre, University of the Punjab, Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, Islamabad and Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore in collaboration with Embassy of the Republic of China on July 6-8, 2022.

“Zaheer-ud-Din Muhammad Babur: Antecedents and Precedents,” a paper presented in *International Conference on Legacy of Zaheer-ud-Din Muhammad Babur and its Relevance in Contemporary Bilateral Relations between Pakistan and Uzbekistan*, jointly organized by Regional Integration Centre, PU, Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, Islamabad, at University of the Punjab, Lahore on 11th February 2021.

Webinar on “Decolonizing Humanities in Pakistan: Theoretical and Institutional Dimensions,” organized by *Indigenizing Knowledge (InK) Forum*, University of the Punjab on January 16, 2021.

“Punjab in the Eyes of Early European Travellers: A Critical Analysis,” a paper presented in *International Conference on Punjab History and Culture*, organized by National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, at University of Lahore on 6-8 January 2020.

“Education and Learning in Medieval India: A Study of Colonial Perceptions,” a talk given at *Hast-o-Neest Institute of Traditional Sciences*, Lahore on 7th March, 2020.

Book talk on *Aurangzeb: the Man and the Myth* by Audrey Truschke, at Punjab University Library Book Club Event, on 13th March, 2019.

“Piety, Politics and Polemics: Hajj in Medieval India,” a seminar presented in *History Forum* of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab on 13th February, 2019.

Coordinated a workshop on “*Writing Academic History in Pakistan*” conducted by Prof. Dr. Sarah Ansari, in the Department of History, University of the Punjab, on 15th December, 2018.

Book Talk on “*Maasir-i-Rahimi*” compiled by Dr. Hasan Beg in Lahore Press Club on 8th November, 2018.

“Medieval in the eyes of Modern: Colonial Construction of Indian History,” a presentation in the *Indigenizing Knowledge (Ink) Forum* at Punjab University Library on 30th May, 2018.

Participated in *Two-Day Workshop on Research Methods for the Study of Persian Manuscripts* organized by Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences, LUMS with the support of University of Exeter, at LUMS, Lahore, 24-25 March, 2018.

“Piety, Politics and Polemics: Hajj in Mughal India,” Paper presented in 26th *Pakistan History Conference on State and Society in South Asia: Historical Perspective* at University of Peshawar, 9-11 October, 2017.

“Silencing the Past: Role of the Army in 1970-71 Conflict and its Depiction in Pakistani Textbooks,” a paper presented in International Conference on *History As Controversy: Writing And Teaching Contentious Topics In Asian Histories*, jointly organized by the Singapore Heritage Society, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore and the Humanities and Social Studies Education, National Institute of Education, Singapore, held in National University of Singapore, Singapore, on 14 – 15th DECEMBER 2011.

“Oriental Despotism and Mughal Theory of Kingship: A Comparative Analysis,” a paper presented in *International Pakistan History Conference*, (22nd Session), organized by Department of History, Bahauddin Zikriya University Multan and Pakistan Historical Society Karachi, held at Multan, on 17-18 March 2010.

“French Historiography and the *Annales* Paradigm: Some Random Thoughts for Pakistani Historians,” a paper presented in the Symposium on *State of Historical and Cultural Research in Pakistan*, organized by National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, held at Baragali Campus, University of Peshawar, on 19-21 August, 2009.

“Deconstructing Colonial Discourse: A Critical Study of British Views on Learning and Education in Mughal India,” a paper presented in *Annual Conference of British Association of South Asian Studies*, held at University of Cambridge, Cambridge, on 28-30 March 2007.

“Encounter with Mughal Orient: A Study of European Traveller’s Representation of Jahangir’s India,” a paper presented at the *Pakistan History Conference*, (Twentieth Session) held at Karachi, on 13-15 April, 2005.

Dissertations/Theses under Supervision

PhD

Syed Taqi Karamat, *Shia-Sunni Polemics: A Study of Shah Abdul Aziz* (PhD 2018-2023) Thesis Submitted

Li Jugang, *Role of Political Literati in the National Liberation Struggle of China and Pakistan: A Comparison of Sun Yat-Sen and Allama Muhammad Iqbal* (PhD 2019-2015) Thesis Submitted

Fiza Ali, *Female Education in Colonial Lahore: A Study of Christian Missionaries* (M. Phil, 2024)

Dissertations/Theses Supervised

PhD

Jalal Bohier, *Prison System in the Colonial Punjab and Liao Ning Province: A Comparative Study* (PhD 2018-2025)

Yuan Xuyang, *The Influence of Bilateral Political Relations on China-Pakistan Trade During the Cold War, 1951-1991* (PhD 2019-2024)

Tian Chong, *Cinematic Representation of Shaolin Culture: A History* (PhD 2019-2024)

Ren Guangxu, *Role of Railway in Urbanization: A Comparative Study of Northern Indian and North Eastern China, 1858-1914* (joint supervision with Prof. Wang Lianying) (PhD 2018-2023)

Cheng Linsheng, *A History of the Relationship between Sandalwood and Human Beings in Chinese Civilization* (joint supervision with Prof. Dou Cunfang) (PhD 2018-2023)

M.Phil.

Mahnour Fatima, *The Role and Status of Eunuchs in Medieval South Asia* (2025)

Junaina Fazal, *Visual Representation of India by European Traveller from 16th to 18th Century* (2024)

Nayyer Abbas, *Aurangzeb's Relations with East India Company: A Study of Child's War, 1686-1690* (2023)

Hafiza Saba Noreen, *Nobility from Sindh and its Role in the Mughal Administration* (2023)

Memona Gulzar, *History of Famines in Medieval India* (2020)

Rahila Shafqat, *History of Language Policy in Colonial India, 1757-1857* (2020)

Sajid Ali, *Shrine Politics in the Punjab: A Case Study of Jhang District, 1947-1971* (2020)

Amina Karamat, *Maktubat-e-Imam Rabbani as a Source of Social History of Medieval India* (2020)

Muhammad Hassan, *Sufis and Public Sphere in Medieval India* (2018)

Tahir Iqbal Usmani, *Oral Tradition and Public History: A Case Study of Jhang* (2018)

Mahboob Ali Bhatti, *Hajj in Medieval India: An Analytical Study* (2018)

Waqas Ahmad Khan, *Administering Justice in Medieval India: A Study of Early Colonial Perceptions, 1500-1857* (2017)

Qurat-ul Ain, *Strangers' Gaze: Nur Jahan in the Eyes of European Travellers of Mughal India* (2017)

Muhammad Abid, *Historical Memory and Imperial Identity: Remembering Amir Timur in Mughal India* (2017)

Farhan Farrukh, *Public Health in Colonial Punjab, 1865-1895* (2016)

Saba Khan, *Marriages in Royal Mughal Family: An Analytical Study* (2015)

Nazia Khurshid, *Dr. Israr Ahmad: A Study of His Economic and Socio-Cultural Thoughts* (2015)

Tahir Khan, *History in Pakistani Textbooks: An Analytical Study* (2014)

Rukhsana Yasmin, *Muslim Intellectuals' Response to British Imperialism: A Study of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan* (2012)

Muhammad Altaf, *Colonialism, Technology and Social Control: A Study in the Development of Railway System in British North India* (2011)

Shahbaz Ahmad, *Trade Unionism in Pakistan: A Study of Pakistan Railways* (2011)

Kiran Ajmal, *Constructing Muslim Women's Identity in Colonial India: A Study of Tahzib-i-Niswan* (2011)

Fazilat Rashid, *Colonising the Past: A Study of British Historiography on Mughal India, 1742-1877* (2006)

Rizwan Ullah Kokab, *Muslim Revivalist Movements in South Asia during the Mughal Period: A Study of their Views on Decline* (2005).

Hussain Ahmad Khan, *Ethnography of Colonial Punjab: Strategy of Exhibitions and Museums, 1851-1900* (2005).

BS/ MA

Mehak Arshad, *Health and Medicine in Mughal India: A Study of Manucci and Bernier* (BS 2025)

Amal Islam, *Concept of morality in medieval India: A study of Babunama and Humayunnama* (BS 2025)

Fakhar Abbas, *The Astrology during Mughal Period* (BS 2024)

Eman Zehra, *Art and Architecture under the Mughals, 1526-1707: A Study in the European Sources* (BS 2024)

Hira Shehzadi, *Between Tradition and Modernity: The Evolution of Bareilvi Sect in Colonial India* (BS, 2024)

Miscellaneous

”پندرہویں صدی میں چینی ایڈمرل ژینگ ہو کی مہمات کا مطالعہ،“ ہم سب، ۱۶ فروری ۲۰۲۵ء۔
<https://www.humsub.com.pk/580416/faraz-anjum/>

”کے کے عزیز کا کافی ہاؤس،“ ہم سب، ۱۷ اپریل ۲۰۲۵۔
<https://www.humsub.com.pk/586610/faraz-anjum-2/>

”پاکستان اور ڈاکٹر عبدالسلام،“ ہم سب، ۱۷ اپریل ۲۰۲۵۔
<https://www.humsub.com.pk/586718/faraz-anjum-3/>

”ہم کتابیں کیوں نہیں پڑھتے؟“ ہم سب، ۲۳ اپریل ۲۰۲۵۔
<https://www.humsub.com.pk/587393/faraz-anjum-4/>

”کافی ہاؤس لاہور کی کچھ شخصیات کا تذکرہ،“ ہم سب، ۲۸ اپریل ۲۰۲۵۔
<https://www.humsub.com.pk/587960/faraz-anjum-5/>

”کچھ کتاب کے بارے میں،“ مشمولہ احمد سعید، لاہور: ایک شہر بے مثال (لاہور: شعبہ تاریخ، جامعہ پنجاب، ۲۰۲۲ء)

”The Great Mughals and their Impact on South Asia,” *Youlin Magazine*, May 29, 2019.

”Letter”, in Editor’s Dak, *Historicus: Journal of Pakistan Historical Society*, Karachi, Vol. LIII, No.3, July-September 2005.

”Remembering Eminent Historians”, Letter to the Editor, *Dawn*, 11 July 2005.