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## **AREAS OF INTEREST:**

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Decoloniality, Indigenization of Knowledge, Literature and Ideology, Epistemic hegemony, Digital Imperialism, Artificial Intelligence and the Humanities.

## **EDUCATION:**

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### ▪ **Ph.D.**

Thesis: ***Institutionalization of English Literature in Pakistan.***

University of the Punjab (2020)

#### • Supervisors:

**Prof. Dr. Amra Raza**, Chair, Dept. of Eng. Lang. and Lit. University of the Punjab;

**Prof. Dr. Suman Gupta**, Chair Department of English and Cultural History, Open University, UK.

### ▪ **M.Phil** (English Literature), University of the Punjab, Lahore (2008)

### ▪ **M.A.** (English Literature) The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (September 1998-September 2000)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

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### ▪ **Associate Professor**, Institute of English Studies, **University of the Punjab**, Lahore Pakistan. (July 10, 2023 to date)

### ▪ Assistant Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, **University of the Punjab**, Lahore. (Jan 7, 2014 to date)

### ▪ Lecturer, Department of English Language and Literature, **GC University, Lahore.** (Sep, 2006 to January 6, 2014)

### ▪ Lecturer, College of Information Technology, **University of the Punjab**, Lahore (Mar 2004- Aug 2006)

### ▪ Lecturer, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, **University of Engineering & Technology, Lahore.** (Aug 2002-Jan 2004)

## **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS:**

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- *Zakia Reshid Ehsen, Amra Raza & Shahzeb Khan: “Relocalising Shakespeare in Pakistan: A Post-Dramatic Appropriation of Shakespeare’s The Taming of the Shrew as Illaj-e-Zid-Dastiyab-Hey”, Shakespeare, (W Category) DOI: 10.1080/17450918.2023.2255162. (20 Sep 2023)*
- Khan, Shahzeb (2023). “**The iron dome of Eurocentrism: a decolonial reconnaissance of academic imperialism in Pakistan.**” *Third World Quarterly* (W Category). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2023.2216644>

- Khan, Shahzeb. Azka Zia, Zafrah Khalid. **“The Grandnarrative of Artificial Intelligence and modes of Human(Art)istic Resistance.”** *Research Journal of Language and Literature*. Vol.7.No.1. December 2022
- Waheed, Faryal and Shahzeb Khan. **Deep Ecology and the Rhetoric of Critical Dystopia in Piers Torday’s The Last Wild.** *Pakistan Social Sciences Review*. Vol. 5. No. 1. 2021.
- Aamir, Dania and Shahzeb Khan. **Transgenerational Trauma and Postmemorial Atonement: A Case Study of Uzma Aslam Khan’s The Miraculous True History of Nomi Ali.** Vol. 7 No. 1. 2021
- Nasir, Muhammad and Shahzeb Khan. **Indigenizing Marxism: Resistance, Poetry and Bonded Labour in Pakistan.** *Journal of the Research Society of Pakistan*. Vol. 58 No. 1. 2021
- Khan, Shahzeb and Azka Zia. **Hegemonizing Minds through Life Writing: The Case of English Men of Letters as an Imperial Text.** *Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society*. Vol. 34. No.1. 2021
- Shoaib, Muhammad. Sobia Mubarik and Shahzeb Khan. **Towards Ecopedagogy: A Fiction-based Approach to the Teaching and Learning of the Environment.** *Bulletin of Education and Research*. Vol.42. No.3. 2020.
- Khan, Shahzeb and Amra Raza. **Influencing the ‘Plastic Mind’ Catechetics of Imperialism in Instituting English Literary Studies in British Punjab.** *Academic Journal of social Sciences*. Vol. 4 No.4. 2020
- Khan, Shahzeb and Waqas Yousaf. **Politics of Representation in Raza Rabbani’s Invisible People.** *Journal of Politics and International Studies*. Vol. 6. No.2, 2020.
- Pasha, Zainab Nasim and Shahzeb Khan. **“Chinese Literature in Pakistani Universities: Prospects, Perspectives, and Safeguards against Cultural Imperialism.”** *Pakistan Vision*. Vol.21.No.2, 2020.
- Khan, Shahzeb. Amra Raza. **“To Terrify and Harmonize: On the Need of Historicizing the Emergence of the ‘fatal discipline’ in Pakistan.”** *Academic Journal of Social Sciences*. Vol. 4. No. 2, 2020.
- Khan, Shahzeb. Amra Raza. **“(De)Coloniality in Research: A Case Study of English Literary Humanities in Pakistan.”** *Journal of Research (Humanities)* Vol. LVI. No. 1, 2020.
- Khan, Shahzeb. Amra Raza. **“Dialogic Construction of Syncretic Identity in Derek Walcott’s Select Plays.”** *Journal of Research (Humanities)* Vol. LV. January 2019.
- Hamid, Sahar and Shahzeb Khan. **“Beauty out of Chaos: A Parallel Study of Pakistan’s Trauma Art and Literature.”** *Journal of Research (Humanities)*. Vol. LIV. January 2018.
- Zakia Reshid and Shahzeb Khan. **“Neoliberal Epistemology in Pakistani Anglophone Fiction.”** *South Asian Studies*. Vol 32. No 2. Jul-Dec 2017.

- Khan, Shahzeb. Amra Raza. “**Creative Salvage of Self: Derek Walcott’s Symbiosis of the Self and the Other.**” *Bazyaft*. Vol 30. Jan-June 2017.
- Khan, Shahzeb. “**Pedagogy of Alienation: Epistemic Hegemony of the Mental Space and Fatal Fault Lines in the National Space.**” *South Asian Studies*. Vol 31. No 1. Jan-Jun 2016.

### **TEXTBOOK**

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- ***Introduction to Literary Studies: A Textbook for Pakistani Students.*** Ed. Shahzeb Khan. NIAS: Lahore, 2021. (Second Edition 2022) (Third Edition 2024). The book is being used in various English Departments of Pakistani Universities.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS:**

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- *Emancipating the Humanities: Addressing Onto-Epistemic Ruptures and Structures of Oppression.* [Accepted for Presentation on September 27] *The Matter of the Humanities Symposium* at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).
- *Decolonizing Literary Criticism and Theory.* [Proposed and Moderated Panel Discussion]. Erasure, Resistance, and Innovation: Two-Day International Conference on Language, Literature, and Linguistics. June 6-7, 2024. University of the Central Punjab, Lahore.
- *Revolutionary Counterpublic against Instrumentarian Power: A critical-speculative Study in the Light of Sun Tzu’s The Art of War.* Sixth Annual Conference on Emerging Themes in Social Sciences 7th and 8th May 2024. Lahore School of Economics, Lahore.
- **[Invited Keynote]** *Reimagining Indigeneity and its Revolutionary Praxes: presented at the Two-Day International Conference on Alternative Epistemes and Counter-Narratives: Indigenizing Knowledge Production in Arts and Humanities. February 21 and 22, 2024, National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad.*
- *Sustainable Selves, Culture and Literary Tourism: A Case of Gilgit-Baltistan.* International Conference on Tourism Sustainability in the Global South. 16-18 May, 2023. IBA Karachi.
- *The Grandnarrative of Artificial Intelligence and modes of Human(Art)istic Resistance.* International Conference on the Future of Meaning. Organized by Department of English Language and Literature, University of Lahore. December 12, 2022.
- *Is Posthumanism the last vestige of coloniality? A Decolonial Investigation.* 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Inter/Dis-connections of the Prefix ‘Post’ in Contemporary Literary, Linguistic and Cultural Studies. Department of English Language & Literature Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) Lahore, Pakistan. October 19-20, 2022.
- *Genealogy of Academic Dependence and futurology of Academic Liberation: Towards a Transdisciplinary Reorientation: 2nd International Transdisciplinary Conference Conference on Language, Culture, and Revival.* August 18-20, 2022. University of Baltistan.
- *Risks of Artificial Intelligence: Surveillance Capitalism and Digital Imperialism.* Nishat Hotel, Gulberg, Lahore. International Conference on Islamic Ethics and Artificial Intelligence. Organized by IT University, Lahore; funded by Facebook. December 20-21, 2021.

- *Claiming Decoloniality: A Survey of Discursive Battles at Appropriation*. [On Invitation]. International conference on "Colonialism and De-colonialism: Understanding the Patterns of Migration & Oppression from Past to Present. Berlin, Germany. Organized by: Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation (FNF) of Free Democratic Party of Germany. [Online Participation]. November 7 to 9, 2021. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bkqYA\\_3jgU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bkqYA_3jgU)
- *Towards a Decolonial Dialogue with Transgender*. Presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual North East Modern Language Association (NeMLA) Conference at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. April 12-15, 2018.
- *Literature of England in Pakistan and the Question of Occluded Ontology @ ICPWE's 2<sup>nd</sup> Intl. Conference on Pakistani Anglophone Literature*. April 15 and 16 2018 at Kinnaird College, Lahore.
- *Fantastic Beasts of Our Past and How to tackle them with English Literature*. Presented at 1<sup>st</sup> Intl. Conf. of Faculty of Humanities, FCCU: "Locating the Transcultural Humanities in Pakistan/South Asia. Oct 13-15, 2017, Lahore, Pakistan.
- *Caught in the Cultural Vortex: Resisting Alienation and Enabling Subjectivities*. Presented at Two-Day Intl. Conference on Critical Social Sciences and Humanities at Lincoln's Center, Intl. Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan. September 14-15, 2017.
- *Deeper Contexts of English Literary Study in Pakistan*. 1<sup>st</sup> National Symposium on Culture, Society and Literature (NSLCS). Department of English Language and Literature. Lahore Garrison University, Lahore, Pakistan. May 16, 2017
- *The Visible Invisible in the Pre-postcolonial: Towards an Epistemic Re-prioritization*. Presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asian Literary Association Conference at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. Jan 2-4, 2017.
- *Re-philosophizing English Literature in Pakistan*. National Seminar on Interdisciplinary Role of Philosophy organized by Department of Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies, GC University Lahore. April 20, 2016.
- *Pedagogy of Alienation: Epistemic Hegemony of the Mental Space and Fatal Fault Lines in the National Space*. Presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asian Literary Association Conference at Austin, Texas. USA January 4-6 2016
- *Administering Literary Poison: The Dangers of Teaching English Literature in Exclusivity*. Presented at 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Social Science Conference at Lahore School of Economics. Lahore. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2015.
- *Guarded Narrative Space in Mohsin Hamid's Mothsmoke* presented at 15<sup>th</sup> Annual SALA Conference: Beyond Borders, Boundaries and Margins. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. The Listel Hotel, Robson Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- *Literary Theory in Pakistan: Towards a Reconceptualization* (April 14, 2014) presented at FICLL 2014 Modern and Contemporary Literature, Language and Culture. April 14 to April 16 2014. Department of English Language and Literature, GC University, Lahore.
- *Reading Politics between the Lines: A Study of Mohsin Hamid's Mothsmoke* (September 14, 2014) presented at 30<sup>th</sup> SPELT International Conference, Islamabad.

### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:

- Editor, (Formerly, Associate Editor and Secretary), Editorial Board, Journal of Research (Humanities), HEC Recognized Journal published by the Department of English Language and Literature, University of the Punjab. (2014 – December 2020/ December 2021 to Present)
- Member, Editorial Committee, EXPLORATIONS (GC University's English Literature's Research Journal). 2010 – 2012

### INVITED TALKS/TRAINING:

#### **2023**

- *Meaningful Research in English Studies (Faculty Training)*. August 4, 2023. Riphah Intl. University, Lahore Campus.
- *Rethinking Pedagogy in the Departments of English Literature*. July 25, 2023. MAO College, Lahore
- *Creating Decolonial Spaces: Indigenous Knowledge(s) and Alternative Episteme(s)*. Sophy Forum, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Iqbal Hall, Ib-e-Rushd Hall, NUML, Islamabad. May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- *The State of (De)coloniality in South Asia*. National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- *Institutionalization of English in Pakistan: A Historical Overview*. Department of English, University of Karachi, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- *Indigenizing the Humanities: Challenging the Paradigm. Policy Dialogue*, Rethinking Social Sciences and Humanities in Pakistan. February 22, 2023. Center for Critical Peace Studies. University of Management and Technology, Lahore.
- *Defining Indigeneity and Attendant Questions of Methodology*. Center for Critical Peace Studies. University of Management and Technology, Lahore. February 11, 2023.
- BookTalk: *What we owe the Future* by William MacAskill. January 18, 2023. At Punjab University Library Book Club.
- *Decoloniality and Indigeneity: Aligning Research in English Studies with our Context*. Riphah Intl. University, Faisalabad Campus. January 15, 2023.

#### **2022**

- *Tapping the Timeless and the Temporal Treasure of Knowledge*. A Talk at Karakoram Intl. University, Gilgit. August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- *Colonial Management of Education and Pedagogy of Alienation*. University of Education. June 30, 2022

- BookTalk: *Numbercaste* by Yudhanjaya Vijeratne. Punjab University Library BookClub. July 20<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- BookTalk: *Of Strangers and Bees* by Hamid Ismailov. June 8, 2022. Punjab University Library BookClub.
- *Reading Books in the Age of Social Media*. On World Book and Copyright Day 2022 at the Institute of Information Management, University of the Punjab. April 22, 2022.
- *Language, Resistance and Linguistic Essentialism*. March 3, 2022. On World Mother Language Day. Organized by Indigenizing Knowledge Forum and Punjab University Journalism Society at the Punjab University Main Library.

## **2021**

- “*I think where I am*”: *Delinking Philosophy from Coloniality*. On World Philosophy Day, November 18, 2021. School of Communication Studies. University of the Punjab.
- BookTalk: *Exterminate all the Brutes* by Sven Lindquist. Punjab University Library BookClub. August 11, 2021.
- “Decolonizing the Humanities in Pakistan” organized by University of Exeter, UK as part of the Philosophy in the Islamic World. July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- BookTalk: *Jadeediat aur Nauabadiat: Urdu Adab mein Jadeediat, Europi Jadeediat or NauAbadiati Jadeediat*. 2021. Punjab University Library BookClub. June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.
- On *Exterminate all the Brutes*. Organized by Habib University, Karachi; University of Exeter, UK. Webinar on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- On Nasir Abbas Nayyar’s book *Coloniality, Modernity, and Urdu Literature* (2020). February 10, 2021. Punjab University Oriental College.
- BookTalk: *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism* by Shoshana Zuboff (2018). Presented at the Punjab University Library BookClub. February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

## **2020**

- *Colonial Matrix of Power and the Myth of Sovereignty*. Delivered to Students of Public Policy, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.
- *Philosophizing Indigeneity and Indigenization* at 418<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Islamic Philosophical Association. Lahore Gymkhana. February 12, 2020

## **2018 and Earlier**

- TEDxTalk: ***Decolonizing Memory***: July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Ali Auditorium in Lahore.

- *Locating Ourselves in Philosophy of Literature and Literature of Philosophy.* Department of Philosophy, GC University Lahore. December 18, 2015.
- *Language, Communication and Deception.* Department of Mass Communication, FCC (A Chartered University). Lahore. March 27, 2013.
- *History and Identity: The interplay that defines our present.* Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab. Lahore. July 6, 2010.

### **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES/ BOOK REVIEWS:**

- Biased Barriers: (Book Review). *Taking Back Philosophy: A Multicultural Manifesto* by Bryan W. Van Norden. Books and Authors (**Dawn**). June 15, 2018
- English Literature and ‘the elegance of deceit.’ (**The News**). December 31, 2017.
- A Ravian Remembers. (Book Review). Books and Authors (**Dawn**) Against All Odds: Institution Building in the Real World. August 27, 2017.
- The Corporate Factor in Arab Revolutions (**Dawn**) Feb 27, 2011.
- How the British Influenced Indian Culture (**Dawn**) Dec 25, 2010.
- Theorizing Politics of Change (**Dawn**) Feb. 21, 2010.
- An identity with genes of discord (**Dawn**) Nov. 22, 2009.
- Time to re-examine our history (**Dawn**) June 28, 2009.
- Mixing charity with jihad (**Dawn**) Dec 27, 2008.
- Indigenising Knowledge (**Dawn**) May 31, 2008.
- The unfinished decolonization of our society (**Dawn**)Feb 09, 2008.
- Our colonial-era bureaucracy (**Dawn**) Oct 06, 2007.
- Recalling Sindhi’s dream (**Dawn**) Sep 08, 2007.
- It’s time to decolonize our minds (**Dawn**) June 16, 2007.
- Dalrymple’s intellectual dishonesty (**Dawn**) May 26, 2007.
- Mutiny at Lahore in 1857 (**Dawn**) May 13, 2007

### **CONSULTANCY:**

- ⇒ Language Consultant “Web Interface Localization: Guidelines and Conventions Project” in an ICT funded project based at University of Management and Technology’s Interaction Design Centre. A detailed report was submitted to the National Information and Communication Technology’s Research and Development Wing.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

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- Member, South Asian Literary Association. 2015 to 2017.
- Member, North East Modern Language Association, USA. 2018-2019
- Member, Modern Language Association, USA. 2018-2019

## **Academic Activism:**

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- Founder Member Indigenizing Knowledge Forum, July 2016.
- Founder Member, Punjab University Library Book Club, January 2018.
- Founder Member, Critical Discourse Circle, Punjab University (دائره معارف الكلام). December 2019.

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