

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Ph. D.,** Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of the Punjab, 2008.

**Ph. D. Thesis**: The Reconstruction of Islamic State: A Critical Study of Muhammad Asad's Political Thought

M. A. Arabic, University of the Punjab, 1998.

M. A. Islamic Studies, University of the Punjab, 1988.

## POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP / VISITING RESEARCH FELLOSHIPS:

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, United States, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011
- **2.** Imam Tirmizi Visiting Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Oxford, UK, January 16 August 17, 2012.
- **3.** Visiting Research Fellow, ISAM Turkish Religious Foundation Centre for Islamic Studies, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2016; 23th October 2017 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018.

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- 1. Chief Editor/Professor (21 August, 2014 to 23 March, 2022), Department of Urdu Encyclopaedia of Islam, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- 2. Associate Professor/Associate Chief Editor (4<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2014). Department of Urdu Encyclopaedia of Islam, University of the Punjab, Lahore-Pakistan.
- 2. Editor/Lecturer (31<sup>st</sup> May, 2001 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2009). Department of Urdu Encyclopaedia of Islam, University of the Punjab, Lahore-Pakistan.
- 3. Lecturer (Islamic Studies), Swedish-Pakistani Institute of Technology, Gujrat, Pakistan, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1995 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2001.
- 4. Lecturer/Research Associate, Da'wah Academy, International Islamic University, Islamabad, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1993 21st October 21, 1995.
- 5. Lecturer (Islamic Studies), Govt. College of Technology, Sahiwal, 16<sup>th</sup> May 1991 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1993.

## LANGUAGES:(Arabic, English, Persian, Turkey, Urdu)

#### **Arabic:**

- 1. M. A. Arabic, University of the Punjab, 1998.
- 2. Intensive course "Arabic Communication Skills", University of the Punjab, 2014.

## **English:**

- 1. 2 Certificate courses in Academic Writing and Advanced Communication Skills, Oxford Language Centre, University of Oxford, UK 2012.
- 2. English at Work: A series of workshops, Oxford Learning Institute, University of Oxford, Oxford, July 2012.

#### Persian:

1. Intensive Language Course (120 hours), Department of Persian (University of the Punjab) with collaboration of Department of Urdu Encyclopaedia of Islam, University of the Punjab, Lahore, 2014-2015.

#### **Turkish:**

- 1. Turkish: Elementary Intensive Course A1, A2, TOMER (University of Ankara), Kadikoy Campus, Istanbul TURKEY, 28<sup>th</sup> February –22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016.
- 2. Turkish: Intermediate- B1, 29May University, Istanbul, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

## MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED ACADEMIC BOARDS / SOCIETIES:

- 1. Founder Editor of *Jihat al-Islam*, the semi-annual Research journal of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of the Punjab, 2007-2008.
- 2. Member, Editorial Board of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore.
- **3.** Secretary, Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah Memorial Research Society, Lahore-Pakistan (Established 2009).

#### **AWARD:**

**Best Research Paper Award**, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's Outstanding Research Awards Series, 2011.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (WORKSHOPS):

- 1. National Symposium on "Technical Editing in Islamic Research", held on 20-21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016, Organized by Department of Islamic Thought, History and Culture, Allama Iqbal University, Islamabad.
- 2. 2 Days National Training Workshop on "Getting Published in International Reputed Journals", 7-8<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, at ORIC Executive Development Center, National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad.
- 3. Indigenous on-Campus Training Program for Management Team, 27-31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014, University of the Punjab in Collaboration with Higher Education Commission Pakistan.
- 4. Three-days Training Course on "Technical Report Writing", 16-18<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Pakistan Academy for Rural Development, Peshawar.

- 5. Intensive Course: Writing a Thesis or Dissertation, Oxford Language Centre, University of Oxford, June 2012.
- 6. One month Faculty Orientation Program, University of Punjab, 2002.
- 7. Seven-day workshop: "A Review of the Contemporary Research Paradigms", Organized by International Institute of Islamic Thought and Sohail Iftikhar Research Institute, Punjab University, Lahore, held on February 14-21<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

#### **RESEARCH INTEREST:**

Modern Islamic religious and political thought; Modern Qur'an Interpretations (English and Urdu) in South Asia; Muslim intellectual history of Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent; Islamic reform and revival movements in South Asia; Religious Education in South Asia; Islamist Intellectual Discourses in Turkey.

#### **PUBLICATIONS: -**

#### a) Books:

- 1. The Reconstruction of Islamic State: A Critical Study of Muhammad Asad's Political Thought (Urdu), Lahore 2011.
- **2.** *Sarir-I Khama: the Writings of SayyidWasiMazharNadwi*, Fikr-o-Nazar Publishing, Canada, 2010.
- 3. *Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah: Life and Works*, Lahore: Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah Memorial Society, 2015. 205 Pages. (*In Printing Process*).

# b) Articles published in *URDU ENCYCLOPAEDIA OFISLAM* (SUPPLEMENT, Lahore: University of the Punjab, 2008.

- 1. Afghanistan, 1933-2004, vol. 2, pp. 5-57.
- 2. Algeria, 1962-2002, vol. 2, pp. 75-112
- 3. Mufti Amin al-Husayni, vol. 2, pp. 204-216.
- 4. Islamic Republic of Iran, 1953-2006, vol. 2, pp. 385-465.
- 5. Burma (Muslim Minority), 800-2004, vol. 2, pp. 541-568.
- 6. Bulgaria (Muslim Minority), 866-2001, vol. 2, pp. 617-644.

## c) Articles published in Urdu research journals:

- 1. "Letters of Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah to the Editorial Board of the Urdu Encyclopaedia of Islam", *Sahifa* (A literary and research journal of the Majlis-i Taraqqi-i Adab (Lahore),
- 2. "Letters of the Editorial Board of the Urdu Encyclopaedia of Islam to Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah", *Bazyaft* (Reasearch journal of the Dept. of Urdu, Punjab University, Lahore), No. 33 (July-December 2018), pp. 125-155.
- 3. "Professor Maulvi Muhammad Shafi to Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah-II", *Me'yar* (Research Journal of the Dept. of Urdu, International Islamic University, Islamabad), No. 21(Jan.-Jun. 2019), pp. 197-234.
- 4. "Professor Maulvi Muhammad Shafi to Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah-I", *Me'yar* (Research Journal of the Dept. of Urdu, International Islamic University, Islamabad), No.20 (July-Dec. 2018), pp. 38-68.
- 5. "Letters of Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah", Bunyad (A journal of Urdu Studies, Lahore University of Management Sciences-LUMS), Vol. 9 (2018), pp. 313-358.
- 6. "A Life in Letters: Muhammad Asad and Pola Hamida Asad to Muhammad Husain Babri", Part II: Twenty-three Letters (1964-1985), *Islamic Sciences*, Vol. 15 (Winter 2017) No. 2, pp. 125-150.
- 7. "A Life in Letters: Muhammad Asad and Pola Hamida Asad to Muhammad Husain Babri", Part I: Sixty-eight Letters (1937-1963), *Islamic Sciences*, Vol. 15 (Summer 2017) No. 1, pp. 2-71.
- 8. "Seerat Movement in British India: Letters of Abdul Majid Qarshi", *Sahifa*, No. 228-229 (January June 2017), pp. 53-196.
- 9. "Historiography of the Revival and Reform Movement of Sayyid Ahmad Brelvi: Letters of Nadvi Scholars to Ghulam Rasul Mihr"-"Makatib-i Nadwi Fuzala' (Sayyid Sulayman Nadwi, Sayyid Abu al-Hasan Ali Nadwi, Mas'ud Alam banam Maulana Ghulam Rasul Mihr", *Bunyad* (Lahore), Vol. 7 (2016), pp. 133-183.
- 10. "Muslim Response to Shuddhi Movement in British India: Letters of Mir Sayyid Ghulam Bhik Nayrang" Maktoobat-i Mir Sayyid Ghulam Bhik Nayrang", *Sahifa* (Lahore), No. 226-227 (July-December 2016), pp. 9-58.
- 11. "Muhammad Asad and Pola Hamida Asad: Twenty-two Unpublished Letters", *Islamic Sciences* (Canada), vol. 14, no. 2 (Winter 2016), pp. 158-186.
- 12. "Muhammad Asad: Twenty-Six Unpublished Letters", *Islamic Sciences* (Canada), Vol. 14, No. 1 (Summer 2016), pp. 21-65.

- 13. "Abu al-Hasan Ali Nadwi Muhammad Nazim Nadwi ki Nazar Mein" [Abu al-Hasan Ali Nadwi as Viewed by Muhammad NazimNadwi], *Al-Ayyam* (Journal of the Society for Research in Islamic History and Culture, Karachi), vol. 6, no. 2 (July-December 2015), pp. 125-138.
- 14. "Pakistan mein Qanoon-I Islami ki tarvij: Muhammad Ismail Qureshi kikavashunkaja'iza" [Islamization of Islamic Law in Pakistan: The Role of Muhammad Ismail Qureshi], *Jihat al-Islam*(Research Journal of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore), vol. 8, no. 2 (January-June 2015), pp. 257-269.
- 15. "Maktubat-i Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah" [Letters of Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah], *Me 'yar* (Journal of the Department of Urdu, IIUI), no. 13 (January-June 2015), 35-60.
- 16. "Muhammad Hamidullah banam Nabi Bakhsh Baloch" [Letters of Muhammad Hamidullah to N. A. Baloch], *Tehqiq* (Journal of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore), vol. 36, no. 100 (July-September 2015), pp. 5-16.
- 17. "Historiography of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Revival Movement of Sayyid Ahmad Brelvi: A Critical Assessment of Ghulam RasulMehr, Mas'udAlamNadwi, and Abu al-Hasan Ali Nadwi", *Fikr-o-Nazar* (Urdu Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIU, Islamabad), 53:1 (July-September 2015), pp. 91-118.
- 18. "Iqbal on the Political Role of Muslim Conference in Colonial India", *Fikr-o-Nazar* (Urdu Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIU,Islamabad), vol. 51, no. 3 (2014), pp. 135-144.
- 19. "Life and Works of SayyidNawwab Ali Rizvi", *Al-Ayyam* (Research Journal of the Academy of Historical and Cultural Research, Karachi-Pakistan), vol. 5, no. 1 (2014), pp. 11-27.
- 20. "The Constitutional Law of Islam: A Study of the Fatawa Literature of the Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent", *Al-Adwa* (Research Journal of the Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre, University of the Punjab, Lahore), vol. 28, no. 40 (2013), pp. 221-246.
- 21. "The Movement for the Reliable English Translation of the Holy Qur'an: Role of Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanavi and His Disciples", *Bazyaft* (Research Journal of the Department of Urdu, University of the Punjab), no. 23 (2013), pp. 9-40.
- 22. "The Movement for the English Translation of the Holy Qur'an: Role of Shibli, Jam'iyyat al-Ulama and Mohammed M. Pickthall", Oriental College Magazine (Research Journal of the Punjab University Oriental College, Lahore), vol. 88, no.2 (2013), pp. 35-76.
- 23. "Al-Tawhid and Its Political Implications: Ismail Raji al-Faruqi's Doctrine of Ummah and Khilafah", *Jihat al-Islam* (Research Journal of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore), vol.7, no. 1 (2013), pp. 173-194.

- 24. "Shah Abd al-Aziz's Fatwa Declaring British India *Dar al-Harb* (1803): A Critical Evaluation of the Variant Interpretations", *Al-Tafsir* (Research Journal of the Academy of Tafsir, Karachi, Pakistan), vol. 7, no. 22 (2013), pp. 50-86.
- 25. "A Curriculum for a Modern Islamic University: Critical Study of the Views of Allama Musa Jarullah", *Oriental College Magazine* (Research Journal of the Punjab University Oriental College, Lahore), vol. 88, no.4 (2013), pp. 83-106.
- 26. "The Role of Fatawa in the Freedom Struggle in British India: A Study of the Fatawa Literature of 19<sup>th</sup> Century", *Fikr-o-Nazr* (Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIUI), vol. 50, 51, nos. 4 &1 (April-September 2013), pp. 55-108.
- 27. "Two Approaches to the Reconstruction of Islamic Law Principles and Methodology: Dr. Muhammad Iqbal and Muhammad Asad", *Fikr-o-Nazar* (Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIU, Islamabad), 50:2 (October-December 2012), pp. 107-144.
- 28. "The Educational Plan for Dar al-Islam: The Collaboration of Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, SayyidMawdudi and Muhammad Asad", *Jihat al-Islam*(Research Journal of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore), 5:2 (January-June 2012), pp. 105-140.
- 29. "Iqbal and Musa Jarullah", *Mubahith* (Lahore), no. 2 (July-December 2012), pp. 239-275.
- 30. "Ulama's Response to English Language in South Asia: 1813-1947", *Me'yar* (Research Journal of the Department of Urdu, IIU, Islamabad), vol. 1, no. 1 (2009), pp. 199-226.
- 31. "A Critical Study of Muhammad Asad's Message of the Qur'an", '*Uloom al-Qur'an* (Aligarh, India), vol. 24, no. 2 (2009), pp. 37-82.
- 32. "The Reconstruction of Islamic State: A Study of Muhammad Asad's Political Thought", *Pakistan Journal of Islamic* Research (Research Journal of the Islamic Research Centre, BahauddinZakariyya University, Multan), vol. 4 (2009), pp. 99-127.
- 33. "Ijtihad and Legislation inIslamic State: Traditional and Modern Point of Views", *Fikr-o-Nazar* ((Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIUI), vol. 44, no. 3 (2007), pp. 49-92.
- 34. "Muhammad Asad on Islam and the West", *Fikr-o-Nazar* ((Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIUI), vol. 43, no. 4 (2006), pp. 27-92.
- 35. "Muhammad Asad's Contribution to Hadith Studies", *Fikr-o-Nazar* ((Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIUI), vol. 42, 43, no. 4, 1 (April-September 2005), pp. 329-349.
- 36. "The *Kalami* Approach to the Tafsir al-Qur'an: Analysis of the Modern Tafsir Literature of the Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent", *Fikr-o-Nazar* (Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIUI), vol. 41, no. 3 (2004), pp. 13-72.

- 37. "Islamic Da'wah in the West: An Assessment of the Contribution of Dr. Muhammad Hamdidullah", *Fikr-o-Nazar* ((Research Journal of the Islamic Research Institute, IIUI), vol. 40-41, no. 4, 1 (April-September 2003), pp. 329-359.
- 38. "The Reconstruction of Islamic State: Analytical Study of Modern Islamic Political Thought", *Ma'arif* (Research Journal of the Shibli Academy, DarulMusannefin, Azamgarh, India), vol. 184, no. 5 (2009), pp. 348-369.
- 39. "Letters of Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah", *Ma'aarif-i Islami* (Research Journal of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad), vol. 2-3, no. 2, 1 (2003-2004), pp. 455-488.
- 40. 'The Advent of Islam in Burma', *Al-Adwa* (Research Journal of Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre, University of the Punjab, Lahore), vol. XII-XIII, no. 18-19 (2003), pp. 33-41.

#### LECTURES / CONFERENCES / SYMPOSIUMS:

- 1. Mehmet Akif Ersoy International Symposium (Uluslararası, Bütün Yönleriyle Mehmed Akif Ersoy Sempozyumu), held on 21-23 October, 2021, Organized by the 18<sup>th</sup> March University, Çanakkale, Turkiye.
  - **Paper presented:** "Mehmet Akif Ersoy: A Survey of Urdu Literature", published in the proceedings of the symposium: "İslam Şairi Mehmed Akif Ersoy", edited by Abdullah Alperen, Arif Edip Aksoy (Çanakkale, Turkiye: Paradigma Akademi, 2022), pp. 293-306.
- 2. "The Contribution of Da'irah al-Ma'arif al-Osmaniyyah (Hyderabad-Deccan) to the Preservation and Dissemination of Islamic Arabic Literary Heritage," Madinah al-Munawwarah, 10-12 September, 2019.
- 3. "Muslim Response to Orientalism in South Asia: The Contribution of Shibli School", International Conference, organized by University of Sargodha 2019.
- 4. "Islam and Muslims in India", Faculty of Islamic Studies, Dicle University, Diyarbakir-Turkey, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.
- 5. "The Evolution of Doctrine of Ijtihad in British India", Faculty of Divinity, Ankara University, Ankara-Turkey, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.
- 6. "Commemorating Dr. Muhammad Iqbal on his 80<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary", organized by Konya Metropolitan Muncipality (Konya-Turkey, and International Mevlana Foundation (Konya Turkey), on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2018.

**Paper presented**: "Iqbal's Concept of Ijtihad", Mevlana Foundation, Konya, Turkey, 21th April, 2018.

7. Two-Days International Conference on Madrasah Education in Pakistan: Tradition and Transition, organized by BahauddinZakariya University, Multan, held on 29-30 April, 2015.

**Paper presented**: "Contemporary Discourse on Madrasah-Curriculum Reform in Pakistan – Deoband School".

- 8. Two-days National Conference on "Rights of Mustafa (PBUH) and its Implications", 7-8 April, 2014, organized by Da'wah Academy, International Islamic University, Islamabad.
  - **Paper presented:** "The Role of the Secrat Movement in the Dissemination of the Teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)".
- 9. Two-day National Conference on "Religious Education in Pakistan", March 10-11, 2014, organized by Faculty of Islamic Studies, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

**Paper presented:** "A Reformed Curriculum for the Modern Islamic University: Views of AllamaMusa Jarullah".

10. Two-day International Conference on "Seerah and the Modern Age", 12-13 February, 2014, organized by Seerah Chair, University of Karachi.

**Paper presented:** "Modern Trends in Sirah-Writing in Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent: A Critical Study of SayyidNawab Ali's "Seerat-iRasul Allah".

11. Three-days International Conference on "The Role of Moderation in the Stability of Society", 21-23 January, 2014, organized by Shari'ah Academy, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

**Paper presented:** "The Status and Rights of the non-Muslims in Islamic State: Views of Isma'ilRaji al-Faruqi, Fazlur Rahman and YahyaNu'mani", in proceedings of the seminar, Abd al-Hayy (ed.), *Mu'ashray kay Estehkammeinrawadarikakirdar* [The Role of Tolerance in the Stability of Society] (Islamabad: Shari'ah Academy, IIUI, 2014), pp. 29-52.

12. Two-Days International Conference on Fatwa as a Non-State Legal System", organized by Faculty of Shari'ah& Law, International Islamic University Islamabad, held on 3-4 December, 2012.

**Paper presented**: "Islamic Constitutional Law: A Study of the Fatwa-Literature of the Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent".

13. Three-Days International Seminar on Islamic Legal Thought and Institutions in South Asia", (1-3 August, 2009), organized by Islamic Research Institutie, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

**Paper presented**: "The Role of Fatawa in the Muslim Freedom Struggle in British India".

14. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shaikh Ayaz International Conference on Language and Literature, organized by the Faculty of Arts, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, held on 7-10<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

Paper presented: "Ulama's Response to English Language in South Asia, 1803-1947".

15. International Conference on "Leaders of Pakistan Movement", organized by National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-I Azam University, Islamabad, 7-8 August, 2008.

**Paper presented:** "The Role of Muhammad Asad (Leopold Weiss) in Pakistan Movement".

16. International Conference on Dimensions of War of Independence 1857, organized by University of Sargodha, 5-7<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**Paper presented:** The Role of Shah Waliullah's Successors in the War of Independence of 1857".

17. 2 Days National Seminar on "Hadith Studies in Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent", held in April 2003, Organized by Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University Islamabad.

Paper presented: "MuhammadAsad's Contribution to Hadith Studies".

## **SEMINARS / LECTURES:**

- 1. "Modern Islamic Thought in Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent and Iqbal", Faculty of Theology, Pamukkale University, Denizli, Turkey, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.
- 2. "Muhammad Iqbal and Qadianism", Turkish Religious Foundation Centre for Islamic Studies, Istanbul, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.
- 3. "Islamic Studies in Pakistan", Faculty of Theology, University of Ankara, TURKEY, 28th April, 2016.
- 4. "Islamic Studies in Pakistan", ISAM Turkish Religious Foundation Centre for Islamic Studies, Istanbul, TURKEY, 26th April, 2016.
- 5. "Contemporary Islamic Thought in Pakistan", Faculty of Theology, Uludag University, Bursa, TURKEY, 1st April, 2016.

- 6. "The Reconstruction of Islamic Law: Reflections on Modern Islamic Legal Thought in South Asia", Visiting Research Fellows' Roundtable, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Oxford, 14th June, 2012.
- 7. Ulama's Response to English Education in South Asia, 1803-2002, Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford, 12th June, 2012
- 8. "Modern Trends in Sirah-Writing in South Asia: Reflections on SayyidNawab Ali's Sirat al-Rasul, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, 31st May, 201
- 9. "Ulama's Response to English Language in South Asia, 1803-2002: Internal Debates and Reform Initiatives", Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, 24th May, 2012.
- 10. "The Reconstruction of Islamic State: Muhammad Asad's Vision of Pakistan", Markfield Institute of Higher Education, Markfield, Leicestershire, 16th April, 2012
- 11. "Madrasah Reforms in South Asia", Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 9th March, 2012
- 12. "Ulama's Response to English Language in South Asia", Islamic College Chicago, Chicago, US, 18th December, 2011.
- 13. "Iqbal's Concept of Ijtihad", Iqbal Society Chicago, Chicago, United States, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.