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Profile

Dynamic and detailed-oriented individual having experience of research projects with known think tanks in addition an engagement with NGO and Consulting Firms working for Advocacy, Project Development, and Policy Analysis & Evaluation. Efficient and methodical with a proactive approach to perform job, having a strong desire to build a career within the development sector.

Experience

Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) (November 2017-till now)

Designation: Assistant Project Manager

Project: **Democratic Local Governance for Development in Pakistan**

Donor: European Union

Key Responsibilities:

- ❖ Communication with donor, project field staff, sub grantees for project activities
- ❖ Coordination with project stakeholders (Local Government Representatives, Media, local CSOs)
- ❖ Ensure timely organization and facilitation of activities relating to project implementation
- ❖ Assist in monitoring of project activities
- ❖ Maintaining records, reports, other necessary documents that are important for the project
- ❖ Prepare monthly activity and interim reports of the project.
- ❖ Develop publications (Research, training manuals) under the project
- ❖ Develop work plans and activities execution plans

Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS) (2015-2017)

Designation: Research Associate

Project: **Measuring Indigenous Change in Madrasahs: Issues, Options and Prospects**

Donor: National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), Pakistan

Key responsibilities:

- ❖ Project Management
- ❖ Write Research Paper and Report
- ❖ Write and edit concept papers for projects
- ❖ Organizing Seminars, Conferences and Workshops
- ❖ Coordination with foreign missions, media, parliamentarians

Rural Development Foundation of Pakistan(January-July 2014)

Designation: Program Officer Officer/PRO

Key Responsibilities:

- ❖ Represent organization on different governmental and non-governmental forums
- ❖ Support communication functions
- ❖ Developed organization's brochure and Newsletters

	<p>Centre for Policy and Management (2013-2014) Designation: Program Officer Officer/PRO Key Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Assist in development of project proposals as assigned ❖ Provide general administrative support to the Chief Executive and staff. ❖ Act as the main point of contact and focal person for visitors and callers ❖ Collation and distribution of minutes, reports and other documents. ❖ Minute taking for Board, team meetings and other meetings as required ❖ Represent organization on different governmental and non-governmental forums <p>South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI) (2011-2013) Designation: Research Fellow Key Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Performed research activities for various departments ❖ Write report of the research projects ❖ Managed press releases and other materials for ensuring outreach and communications ❖ Developed newsletters, maintained official website
<p>Education</p>	<p>National Defense University, Islamabad MPhil in Government & Public Policy, 2015</p> <p>Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi Masters in Defense & Diplomatic Studies, 2010</p> <p>University of the Punjab BA Economics, Journalism, 2006</p> <p>Intermediate Qualification, 2004 F.A with Economics, Eng. Literature, BISE Lahore.</p> <p>Basic Qualification, 2002 Matriculation with General Science, BISE Rawalpindi.</p>
<p>Skills</p>	<p>Ability to work under pressure Communication Analytical Decision Making Time Management Self-motivation Adaptability</p>
<p>Trainings & Workshops/Seminars Conducted</p>	<p>Three days International Conference “Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty (FMCT), Possibility and Prospects” at Serena Hotel Islamabad, 20-22 March 2011.</p> <p>Three weeks workshop at South Asian Strategic Stability Institute on “National Security” July 2011.</p> <p>Round table talk on “The Need for a Political and Economic Transition Strategy in Afghanistan”, by Brian Katulis Senior fellow at Centre for American Progress.</p>

Round table talk on “Security & Governance in South Asia” speaker Dr.Daniel Markey, Senior fellow for India, Pakistan and South Asia at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

Round table talk on,” An insider’s guide to Machine: How the congress, the public and lobbyists shape American Policy” speaker Dr.Jeremy Rosner, Senior advisor for communications, Embassy of the USA.

An in-house talk at South Asian Strategic Stability Institute on “Japan’s Nuclear Accident: Lessons for Pakistan”

One day Pak-Russia Nuclear Dialogue at Serena Hotel Islamabad April 2012.

Two days National Conference on “Application of Nuclear Science and Technology in Pakistan” at Serena Hotel Islamabad, 12-13 July 2012.

One day Seminar on “Uprising in Kashmir and Regional Implications”, at NUST Islamabad October 18, 2016.

One day seminar on “Governance and Security Issues of Karachi; Can there be more Federal Ownership: A Debate”, at Marriot Karachi, March 28, 2017.

A roundtable discussion on “Militancy and Security Situation in South Asia” with visiting delegation of Centro Studi Internazionali (Ce.S.I), Italy, 24 April 2017

Trainings & Workshops/Seminars attended

Two weeks Course on “Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation” International Institute for Peace and Development Studies Bangkok, **Thailand**, 2 Feb to 14 Feb, 2017

Three weeks Workshop on “National Security, at South Asian Strategic Stability Institute, Islamabad, July 2011

International Seminar on “Nuclear Safety and Security: Challenges of the 21st Century” organized by Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA), 21–23 April 2011.

“Nuclear Security Symposium” attended, held in **Seoul, South Korea**, 23rd, March 2012.

One day conference on “Pak-US Divergence: Can the gap be bridged” organized by Center for International Strategic Studies (CISS).

One-day seminar on Pak China-Relations at the Institute of Policy Studies Islamabad.

A seminar on “Pakistan: internal dynamics and external challenges” at Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad.

One day conference on “Middle East developments: Trends and future prospects”, at Islamabad Policy Research Institute.

A workshop on Research Methodology at Fatima Jinnah Women University.

Articles / Publications

“Joining GWOT: A Rational Decision?” Pakistan Observer, December 2009.
“UNO towards Collapse”. Pakistan Observer, January 2010.
“How to Tackle Insurgency with the help of Press?” Pakistan Observer, April 2009.
“Civil Military Relations in India” by Lambert Publishing, Germany, 2011.
“US: A Friend and an Enemy”. Pakistan Observer, November 2011.
“Indian Defense developments and Pak concerns”. Pakistan Observer, November 2011.
“Role of Media in Countering Extremism”. Pakistan Observer, September 2011.
“Indo-Pak Relations”. Pakistan Observer, August 2011.

Basic Information

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References

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