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Education

- PhD in Development Planning and Management (thesis submitted) from **Universiti Sains Malaysia** (2017-2021)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies (120 credits, Second class division I) from **Massey University, New Zealand**. Courses: Development and Underdevelopment, Development Management, Development in practice, Globalisation and Development. (2010-2011)
- Master of Science in Pakistan Studies (First Class/ First division) from **Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan**. Area of specialization: "State and Politics". Studied courses in Modern South Asian History, Politics, and Society and Culture, with a major focus on South Asia, especially Pakistan (2002-2004).
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics (First Class/ First division) from **Bahauddin Zakariya University, Pakistan** (1996-1998).

Work Experience

August 2004-onward **COMSATS University Islamabad, Wah Campus, Pakistan**

Lecturer, Social Sciences Program, Department of Management Sciences

- Teach courses of Social Sciences to undergraduate classes.
- Served on the following positions:
 - Incharge Office of Alumni Affairs (DMS)
 - Focal Person, Sustainable Urban Development SUD 2016
 - Program Coordinator, Faculty Development Program.
 - Campus Coordination Officer.
 - Secretary, Campus Disciplinary Committee.
 - Incharge Sports and Extra-Curricular Activities.
 - Editor Magazine.
 - Co-Editor Newsletter.
 - Member, Examination Vigilance, Inspection, and monitoring committee.
 - Secretary, Campus Security Committee.
 - Secretary, Hostels Discipline Committee.
 - Member, Convocation Management Committee.
 - Class Counselor.

Aug. 2008 to Jan. 2009 **GIK Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Topi, Pakistan**

Visiting Lecturer (Taught Pakistan Studies to undergraduate programs)

May 2001 to July 2004 **Bajwa Home of Knowledge Rawalpindi, Pakistan**

Lecturer (Taught Social Sciences courses to undergraduate classes)

Aug. 2002- Oct. 2002 **United Nations Development Program, Pakistan**

Worked as Master Trainer of “Training of Staff of Election 2002” Program of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in collaboration with Election Commission of Pakistan and the European Union.

Research Publications

- Azhar, M. u. R., Malek, N. M., & Masood, S. (2021). Conceptualizing Sustainable Human Development. In U. School of Social Sciences (Ed.), *Contemporary Issues in Social Sciences: A Compilation of Short Essays*. Universiti Sains Malaysia: MAPIM.
- Masood, S., Azhar, M. u. R., & Malek, N. M. (2021). The migration-development nexus: a review. In *Contemporary Issues in Social Sciences: A Compilation of Short Essays*. Universiti Sains Malaysia: MAPIM.
- Azhar, M. u. R., Masood, S., & Malek, N. M. (2018). Conflict and Development: A case study of East Pakistan Crisis, 1971. *International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science*, 2(9).
- Rehman, K. u., Azhar, M. u. R., Masood, S., & Malek, N. M. (2018). An Empirical Investigation of Orcutt’s Hypothesis: Evidence from Selected Developed and Developing Countries. *International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science*, 2(8).
- Azhar, M. u. R., Malek, N. M., Masood, S., & Rehman, K. u. (2018). Linking poverty and environment as causes of conflict: a case study of Pakistan. *Journal of Advance Research in Social Science and Humanities*, 4(8).
- Azhar, M. u. R., Malek, N. M., & Masood, S. (2018). Tourism causes uneven development: a case study of Natural and Cultural heritage tourism in Pakistan. *Journal of Advance Research in Social Science and Humanities*, 4(7).
- Azhar, M. u. R. (2004). Ethnic Discord in Pakistan. *National Development and Security*, 3(12), 147-165.

Conference Papers

- Azhar, M. u. R., Malek, N. M., & Masood, S. (2018). *Conceptualizing Sustainable Human Development*. Paper presented at the Social Sciences International Postgraduate Seminar 2018, Universiti Sains Malaysia.
- Masood, S., Azhar, M. u. R., & Malek, N. M. (2018). *The migration-development nexus: a review*. Paper presented at the Social Sciences International Postgraduate Seminar 2018, Universiti Sains Malaysia.
- Azhar, M. u. R., & Malina, N. M. (2018). *Participatory Rural Development in Punjab, Pakistan*. Paper presented at the Ethics, Virtues and Sustainable Development, Maha Chulalongkorn Rajawittayalai University, Thailand.
- Azhar, M. u. R., Malina, N. M., & Masood, S. (2017). *Tourism causes uneven development: a case*

study of Natural and Cultural heritage tourism in Pakistan. Paper presented at the 2nd International Research Conference on Economics Business and Social Sciences, Multan, Pakistan.

- Azhar, M. u. R. and S. Masood (2016). Linking poverty and environment as causes of conflict: a case study of Pakistan. 1st National Conference on Emerging Trends and Challenges in Social Sciences. Multan, Pakistan, Bahauddin Zakariya University.
- Azhar, M. u. R. (2010). Conflict and Development: A case study of East Pakistan Crisis, 1971. Paper presented at the Weekly research seminar, Institute of Development Studies, Palmerston North.
- Azhar, M. u. R. (2010). How to get good grades in coursework; Challenges, experiences, and suggestions. Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Students Research Symposium, Palmerston North, New Zealand.
- Azhar, M. u. R. (2010). Natural and Cultural heritage tourism in Pakistan. Paper presented at the Weekly research seminar, Institute of Development Studies, Palmerston North.

Workshops, Training, and Conferences

- Chairperson organizing committee: Social Sciences Postgraduate International Seminar (2018). University Sains Malaysia.
- Member organizing committee: Social Sciences Postgraduate International Seminar (2017). 28 November 2017. University Sains Malaysia.
- Focal Person: Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) 2016. 27-28 September 2016. Wah, Pakistan.
- Participant: 7th South Asian International Conference (2015). 19-21 August 2015. Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participant: International Conference: South Asia: Religion, State, and Society (2014). December 8, 2014. CIIT Lahore, Pakistan
- Participant: 6th South Asian International Conference (2014). 11-13 August 2014. Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Program Coordinator, First Pre-service Training (2011). October 8- December 26, 2011. CIIT Wah, Pakistan.
- Member organizing committee: DevNet Conference (2010). 1-3 December 2010. Massey University Palmerston North, New Zealand.
- Member organizing committee: PSA Research Symposium (2010). 20-22 November 2010. Massey University Palmerston North, New Zealand.
- Organizer: Faculty Development Workshop (2009). 1-12 July 2009. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Wah, Pakistan.
- Participant: WTO and Productivity (2008). 5-7 August 2008. National Productivity Organization Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Organizer: Faculty Development Workshop (2008). 15-27 July 2008. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Wah, Pakistan.
- Participant: Teaching Methods and evaluation (2006). 2-4 August 2006. Hamdard University Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participant: COMSATS Faculty Development Program (2005). 15-30 July 2005. National Institute of

Banking and Finance, Islamabad, Pakistan.

- Participant: Project Management (2004). 1-5 August 2004. United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Islamabad, Pakistan.

Research Grants

- Obtained funding (USD 1500) from Thammasat University Thailand to present a paper at Maha Chulalongkorn Rajawittayalai University, Thailand.
- Obtained Conference Travel Grant (USD 500) from Universiti Sains Malaysia to present a paper at BZU, Pakistan.
- Won a research grant of USD 4500 from National Talent Pool, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Trainings, Pakistan, hosted a visit of a professor from Massey University, NZ, and conducted a workshop on Sustainable Urban Development at CIIT Wah, Pakistan.

Awards

- Universiti Sains Malaysia Research Fellowship for PhD studies
- Higher Education Commission, Pakistan Scholarship for PGDip in Massey University, New Zealand (US\$40,000)
- The government of Punjab, Pakistan Scholarship for M.Sc in Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan (US\$ 800)
- The government of Punjab, Pakistan Scholarship for Bachelor of Arts in Bahauddin Zakariya University, Pakistan (US\$ 250)
- The government of Punjab, Pakistan Scholarship for Intermediate in Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Multan, Pakistan (US\$200)
- 2nd position in Secondary School Certificate Examination in G.H/S 65/WB, Vehari, Pakistan.

Volunteer Work and Community Services

- Steering Committee Member, Puey Ungphakorn Rural Development Network for Asia (PURDNet), Thailand from August 2017 to date.
- Worked as Volunteer Services Worker (VSW) with “Refugees Service” New Zealand from July 2010 to February 2011.
- Team lead of CIIT Wah rehabilitation program for Internally Displaced People (IDPs) of Swat, Pakistan in 2009.
- Team lead of CIIT Wah rehabilitation program for earthquake-affected Northern Areas of Pakistan in 2005.

- International member, Amnesty International.
- Member, Global Volunteer Network, New Zealand.
- Founding member Pakistan chapter, Unity in Diversity - World Civil Society, Pakistan

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Student Ambassador, University Sains Malaysia.
- General Secretary, Pakistani Students Association, Massey University, New Zealand.
- General Secretary Punjabi Students Council, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- General Secretary Quaidian Blood Donors Society Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan.

Languages

- Fluent in English, Urdu, Punjabi, and Hindi.