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I am currently serving as Assistant Professor at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). I have a PhD in Anthropology (Social Anthropology) from Quaid-i-Azam University. I work in the areas of Gender, Sexuality, Marginalized Groups, Human Rights, Development Practice, and Transactional Relations. My doctoral research focuses on the interplay of love, money, and transactional relationships. In my current research, I study the social construction and political economy of sex-money exchanges, particularly in the context of sexual minorities.

Education

PhD in Anthropology (2018-2023)

- Department of Anthropology, Quaid-i-Azam University
- *Thesis Title*: Political Economy of Love: A Case Study of Male-Female Transgender Persons of Pakistan
- *Courses*: Anthropology and Development, Power and Governance, Current Theories in Anthropology, Visual Anthropology, Current Issues in Anthropological Research, Ethnology of Pakistan, and Cognitive and Symbolic Studies

MPhil (2012-2015)

- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad. MPhil in Development Studies
- CGPA 3.9/4, Percentage 84.625
- *Thesis titled*: “Money can buy love”: Contextualizing love in the *zenana/khusra* communities of Rawalpindi, City Kasur, Mansehra City, and *Kot Radha Kishan*.
- *Courses*: Anthropology and Development, Ethnographic Research, Development Economics, Gender and Development, Development Management, Poverty and Environment, Development History, Theory, and Policy Research Methods (Qualitative and Quantitative)

MSc (2008-2010)

- Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Master of Science degree in Economics.
- Percentage 79.2 (Topped the batch 2008-2010).

B.A
(2006-2008)

- Punjab University.
- Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, Statistics, and Persian.
- Percentage 57.75.

HSSC
(2003-2005)

- Islamabad Model College for Boys, F-7/3, Islamabad.
- Percentage 67.90.

SSC
(2001-2003)

- Islamabad Model College for Boys, F-7/3, Islamabad. Percentage 78.35.

Employment

Assistant Professor
(2022-till date)

- PIDE School of Social Sciences, PIDE
- Courses Developed and Taught: Human Rights and Development, Research Methods, Political Economy of Development, Development: History, Theory and Policy, and Anthropology and Development.
- Reporting to the Head of Department, PSSS as a faculty member and member Board of Studies.
- Supervising masters-level dissertations.
- Supervising research associates.
- Research (including working papers, knowledge briefs, policy briefs, and journal articles)
- Working as a program coordinator (PIDE School of Social Sciences) since 2019.

Lecturer
(2017-February 2022)

- PIDE School of Social Sciences, PIDE
- Courses Developed and Taught: Social Change and Development, Theories of Development, Gender and Development, Community Driven Development, Research Methods, Contemporary Debates in Development, Human Geography, Cultural Economics, and Development in Post-colonial Era.
- Program coordinator since 2019.

Visiting Faculty Member
(January 2016-December 2016)

- PIDE School of Social Sciences, PIDE
- Course Developed and Taught:
Development: History, Theory and Policy

Paper Presentations, Workshops and Guest Lectures

- *Non-sexual causes of HIV/AIDS among Male-Female transgender persons in conservative societies* (Oral presentation at IASSCS conference in 2013, Buenos Aires, Argentina).
- *“Money can buy love”: Contextualizing love in the zenana/khusra communities of Rawalpindi, City Kasur, Mansehra City, and Kot Radha Kishan* (Oral presentation of two chapters from my thesis presented at IASSCS conference in 2015, Dublin, Ireland).
- Session Chair, Ran the session titled ‘*Transactions*’, International Association for the study of sexuality, culture, and society (IASSCS), Conference in Dublin City University (DCU), Dublin, Ireland, June 2015
- *Between love or money?: An Ethnographic Research on the Commodification of Love in the zenana/khusra communities of Pakistan* (Bahria University, Islamabad Campus, March 2016)
- *Qualitative Research Methods* (Bahria University, Islamabad Campus, March 2016).
- *Narrative Analyses of Female Representation in Contemporary Sufi Music of Indian Feature Film*, 3rd International Sufi Conference, Karachi, Pakistan, May 5 and 6, 2017.
- *On deconstructing archaeology in cinema: A visual and socio-semiotic analysis of Indian Feature Film, Mohenjo Daro*. ICHAP, Lahore Pakistan, October 2017.
- *An ethnographic research on indigenizing transactional relations in the zenana/khusra communities*, 2nd international interdisciplinary conference on Gender, Work and Society, SEDC LUMS, 2019
- *Between love and money: An ethnography of khusra communities in Pakistan*, NIPS Lecture Series, QAU, 2019
- *Data analysis in qualitative research: Theory and approaches & Analysis in qualitative research: Discourse analysis*, Workshop on Mixed-Method Research, PIDE, 2019
- *New Discourses in Development: Case Studies from Pakistan and South Asia*, organized by the Department of Development Studies. Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE).
- *Locally sourced: Recovering the Local in History, Culture and Politics in Pakistan*, organized by the Department of Development Studies. Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, (PIDE).
- *State Sponsored Pogrom: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Firaq and Parzania*, (accepted for presentation), 2nd international interdisciplinary conference on Gender, Work and Society, 2021)
- *Review paper on social capital literature in Pakistan (2024)*
- Building community and networks, paper titled *Community Center as a Space and Place for Community Engagement: Locus Islamabad*, paper presented and published in Society Research Group, PIDE (2023)

Publications (academic journals, book chapters and PIDE’s research)

- *Contextual correlates for the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS at-risk behaviors in the transgender community of Pakistan*, published in book titled *Contextuality of Healthcare Choices in Pakistan*, edited by Saman Nazir (Published by Lexington Books, September 2024).

- *Issues on Explaining Legal Recognition of Marital Rape in Islam in Pakistan*, published in International Journal of Civic and Political Studies, Vol. 12, Issue. 1. Common Ground Publishing (March 2017).
- *Economic Organization of Khusra Community of Pakistan*, published in *Pakistan Journal of Social Research*, Vol. 3, No. 3. (Year of publication: 2021).
- *Non-sexual causes of HIV/AIDS among Male-Female transgender persons in conservative societies* (abstract published in conference abstract book as a special edition of Journal Culture, Health, and Sexuality, 2013).
- *Contextual correlates of sexual practices posing higher risk for HIV infection among Male-Female transgender persons in East, South, and South East Asia, the Middle East and North Africa* (paper selected for IASSCS Mentoring Program 2013-2014. Successful completion in May, 2014).
- Book review of book titled *Women, Healthcare and Violence in Pakistan* (authored by Dr. Sara Rizvi Jafree) published in the Pakistan Development Review, Volume 57, No. 2, 2018.
- *Not Elite Capture but Capture by Colonial-made Elites* (co-authored) published as PIDE Knowledge Brief.
- *Community Center as a Space and Place for Community Engagement: Locus Islamabad*, published in PIDE's book on Building Community and Networks.
- *Identity, Inclusion and Social Capital in Upper and Southern Punjab*, published as BASICS Notes-Qualitative.
- *Wheat Support Price: A Note for Policymakers* (co-authored) published in The Pakistan Development Review, 62:1 (2023) pp. 115-124.
- *Lahore's Urban Dilemma* (co-authored) published in The Pakistan Development Review, 61:3 (2022) pp. 491-499
- *Is World Bank a Bank for Knowledge Management or Paradigm Maintenance* published as PIDE Knowledge Brief
- *Understanding Social Capital* published as PIDE BASICS Notes.
- *Understanding Elite Capture* published as PIDE Knowledge Brief.
- *Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)* published in PIDE's book on Evaluations of Regulatory Authorities, Government Packages and Policies.
- *Co-edited a book titled PIDE on Gender.*

Research Project and Undergoing Research

- Research Projects:
 1. On behalf of RASTA PIDE, I secured a project titled **Assessing Public Toilets, Littering, and Spitting in Twin Cities: A Call for Healthcare Intervention**, under Demand-Driven Research Grants by PIDE-2024 (with Dr. Saman Nazir as the principal investigator)
 2. On Behalf of Socio-Economic Division At The Centre Of Excellence-CPEC (CoE-CPEC), I secured a Research Project titled **Job Creation In CPEC Through Power Generation Component - An Exploratory Study** Under The Competitive Policy Research Grant-2017 (Phase 1)- (with Mr. Aqeel Anwar as the principal investigator)
- Undergoing Research
 1. Understanding Social Capital as an Alternative Framework for Community Development among Pakistani youth

2. Narrative Construction in Research: Methods, Instruments and Analyses
3. The Administrative Sludge in Reporting and Documenting Cases of Sexual Violence Against Women in Pakistan
4. Community-driven approaches to conflict management and resolution
5. Healthcare management and systems

Organizational Committees and Supervisory Roles

- Program Coordinator, PIDE School of Social Sciences (2019-till date)- coordinating with students regarding courses, and timetables, during admission campaigns and in preparation of documents for various organizational committees as stated in the text below.
- Member of the Department Council and Board of Studies (2017-till date).
- Joint Secretary of the 35th and 36th Annual General Meeting and Pakistan Society of Development Economists Conference held in Peshawar and Quetta respectively, in 2021 and 2022.
- Part of the Media and Outreach Committee, and Stage Committee in AGM and PSDE conferences held in 2017-2025.
- Admission Committee (2017-2025)- responsibilities included test making, invigilation, document verification, and preparation of merit lists.
- PIDE adventure club- Decoration and management of sports and cultural events.
- Keeping a record of monthly progress reports of supervisees of faculty members (2017-2025).
- Preparation of 5th to 18th GRMC (body for approval of thesis topics) data for the programs of Development Studies, Public Policy, and Management Sciences.
- Preparation of departmental data for the HEC program review and Self-Assessment Report team.
- Organized departmental seminars, lectures and webinars, including Nobel Laureates (Michael Spence, Abhijit Banerjee, and Oliver Hart).
- Student Affairs and Financial Aid Committees, PIDE.
- In my supervisory role, I have supervised 30 theses on gender and media, critical discourse analysis, social policy frameworks, community development, grassroots development and minorities.