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Academic Qualifications:

Brock University at St. Catharines, Canada
MA in Philosophy (Distinguished Student Award) 2001

Quaid-e-Azam University at Islamabad, Pakistan
MSc in International Relations 1995

International Academic Publications:

"Victims of Development in Pakistan" in The Dispossessed: Victims of Development in Asia. Hong Kong: **Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives** (ARENA) Press. 1997.

National Academic Publications:

"Urban Women Rebels: Voices of Dissent in Urdu Popular Fiction" in Sustainable Development: Bridging the research/Policy Gaps in the Southern Context, **Oxford University Press (OUP) 2004**.

Also published as "Urban Women Rebels: Voices of Dissent in Urdu Popular Fiction" **Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI),** Working Paper No. 92, 2004.

Reports for International Agencies:

Report for International Labour Organization **(ILO)** on Child Trafficking in Pakistan (as five-member team led by Dr. Saba Khattak) 2004.

Report for Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation **(NORAD)** on Honour Killings in Pakistan (as three-member team led by Dr. Saba Khattak) 2004.

Report for **Oxfam** on Violence Against Women (as two member team led by Dr Saba Khattak) 2003.

Work Experience:

March 2009 – to date (currently on study leave)**: Assistant Professor (permanent/regular faculty),** Centre of Excellence in Gender Studies, Quaid e Azam University **(QAU)**, Islamabad:
Responsibilities include:
Designing modules for and teaching courses; supervising masters level thesis; evaluating thesis implementation frameworks; developing and guiding research activities; identifying possible research problems and ensuring timely submission; identifying speakers for and organizing a monthly seminar series; regular counselling for students in the department.

January 2005 – July 2008: **Visiting Professor (Gender and Philosophy)** at Fatima Jinnah Women University **(FJWU);** Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology **(SZABIST**) (joined the latter in April 2008); Sustainable Development Policy Institute **(SDPI)** – Immersion Course for mid career professionals and MPhil/PhD students (initiated in 2008).
Responsibilities include: Designing modules for and teaching up to three courses per semester titled

- Gender sensitive Community Development and Project Management;
- Women's Legal Rights in Pakistan,
- Women in Development (violence against women in Pakistan, development modules being currently carried out etc)
- Logic, Argument Fallacies, Critical Thinking;
- Advocacy

Identifying research topics related to the overall structure of the program; searching for relevant national and international research and tailoring it to the course outline; supervising masters level thesis; evaluating thesis implementation frameworks; developing and guiding research activities; identifying possible research problems and ensuring timely submission of annual thesis.

February 2003 – December 2004 (Full Time) **Research Associate (Gender)** at Sustainable Development Policy Institute **(SDPI**), Islamabad, Pakistan.
Responsibilities included: developing concept notes and research proposals, preparing progress reports for projects, conducting research; reviewing and editing papers; identifying potential partners and areas of research cooperation by networking with national and international NGOs; organizing panels for and screening abstracts submitted for the Annual Sustainable Development Conference; conducting mapping exercises, providing information and continued inputs for SDPI's website 'Know your rights'.

September 1999-December 2000 (Part-time) **Teaching Assistant, Brock University** at St. Catharines, Canada
Responsibilities included: Organizing and presenting in weekly seminars, assisting professors in designing assignments and examination questions, marking assignments and examinations for undergraduate courses

June 1996-February 1998 (Full time) **Advocacy Officer** at Sustainable Development Policy Institute **(SDPI)** at Islamabad, Pakistan
Responsibilities Included: Writing articles and paper on in house research findings for strategic positioning of SDPI; preparing policy briefs for the government on issues pertaining to environment, gender, population and development; networking with national and international NGOs, in particular, on re-settlement issues; trainings and working with interns in advocacy unit, organizing national and international conferences; conducting weekly seminars.

June 1995-June 1996 (full time) **Research Assistant** at Sustainable Development Policy Institute at Islamabad **(SDPI**), Pakistan
Responsibilities Included: Researching and compiling reports on issues pertaining to environment, gender and resettlement; writing press releases; and arranging workshops

September 1992-January 1993 (Full time) **Sub-Editor** at an English daily **The Muslim,** Islamabad, Pakistan
Responsibilities: writing a fortnightly column (city diary), managing the Children's and Entertainment pages for the weekend magazine.

Participation as a speaker in academic forums:

"Qualitative research on trends in Urdu Popular Fiction in Pakistan" University of Heidelberg, Academics' workshop, Heidelberg, July 2006.

"Research findings on Honour Killings in Pakistan" Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Annual Conference, Islamabad 2005.

"Voices of Dissent: Urban Women Rebels" Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Annual Conference, Islamabad 2004.

"Victims of Development: Pakistan's country study" Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives, Researchers' Conference, Kathmandu, October 1996.

Voluntary work:

February 2001 – to date: Volunteer at Pakistan Foundation Fighting Blindness, Islamabad, Pakistan
Responsibilities include: Choosing and recording relevant material on audiocassettes for the visually impaired.

March 1998 – Dec 2000
Volunteer at Canadian Big Brother Big Sister Program, St Catharines, Canada
Responsibilities included: weekly one hour meetings with emotionally troubled children through mentoring, checking the progress of children who were paired as younger 'siblings', identifying and rectifying the root causes of their behavioural problems.

June 1993-July 1994

Founding Member and Acting Vice-President, Voluntary Organization for Children's Education (VOICE), Islamabad, Pakistan
Responsibilities included: Collecting and channelling funds from university students for providing tuition fee, books and uniforms to children from squatter settlements; placing children in schools and checking their progress, fund raising and co-ordinating monthly member-meetings

January 1993-January 1994
Weekly Contributor for The Muslim, Islamabad, Pakistan.
Responsibilities included: Writing a fortnightly column "Campus News"

January 1993-January 1995
Member Quaidian Blood Donors' Society, Islamabad, Pakistan

Summer 1991
Volunteer at Ansar Burney Organization Rehabilitation Centre, Islamabad, Pakistan
Responsibilities included: Assisting the staff in looking after mentally disturbed and battered women.