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Brief Introduction

Syed Wasif Azim is currently working as an Assistant Professor/Senior Research fellow in the Center for Public Policy and Governance, FC College (University) Lahore, Pakistan. Before, joining this department he worked as a Head of the Department of History and Political Science at Ghazi University Dera Ghazi Khan. He has been a post-doctoral research Fellow in the department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck, the Republic of Austria. He did his PhD from the department of Political Science, University of Peshawar in May 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jan. The PHD research primarily investigated the impacts of conflict and violence on ethnic and national identities. This question was explored through the case of conflict and violence in Swat, northern Pakistan. Part of the research was conducted in South Asia Center of Jackson School of International studies, University of Washington, Seattle, USA which was funded by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) through its international research support initiative program (IRSIP). Moreover, the PHD research was also funded by HEC through indigenous fellowship program. Prior to this Wasif's research in MA Political Science from Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, Pakistan, explored the impediments to Political Participation of Pukhtun Women in district Peshawar, Pakistan. His research interests are Conflict, Violence, Ethnic identity, National Identity, Gender, and Political Participation.

Personal Information:

Primary Nationality: Pakistani

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Education:

- Post-Doctorate in Political Science (From June 2021 to January 2022): Department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck, Austria, Research Project is *Conflict, Violence and Ethnic identity: Women perception regarding Pukhtun ethnic identity and conflict in Swat, Pakistan* (Funded by the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH), Austria).
- PhD in Political Science (2019): University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan (CGPA 3.9/4), Thesis title *Ethnicity, Conflict, and Identity: The Sense of Belonging Among the Pakhtuns Of Swat, Pakistan* (Funded by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan through Indigenous PHD Fellowship).
- Visiting Research Fellow (15 July 2017 to 15 January 2018): South Asia Center, Jackson School of International Studies, *University of Washington, Seattle Campus* (Funded by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan through IRSIP Fellowship).
- MA in Political Science (2012): Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan (CGP 3.5/4), Thesis title *People's Perception of women's Political Participation: A Case Study of Pakhtun Society in Peshawar*.
- B. Ed Education (2014): University of Peshawar (751/1100).
- BA in Law and Political Science (2009): University of Peshawar (320/550).

- F.SC in Pre-Medical with Additional Mathematics (2006): BISE Peshawar (862/1100).
- SSC in Science (2003): BISE Peshawar (682/850).

Professional Experience:

- Assistant Professor and Senior Research fellow, center for public policy and Governance, FC College (A Chartered University) Lahore, Pakistan. (Since February 2024)
- Head of the department and Assistant Professor, department of History and Political Science, Ghazi University, Pakistan. (January 2022- December 2023). (Duties include Administration of the department of History and Political Science as Head of the department and Teaching to the students of BS Political Science, BS Pakistan Studies, and M.Phil. History. During the last year under my administration the department has successfully launched M. Phil and PHD program in History. Along with that BS international Relations has been introduced as a new program under the department. The Academic Council has approved upon my office's request a new department 'The Department of Political Science and International Relations').
- Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck, Austria (From June 2021 to January 2022). (Duties included research assignments on a Project).
- IPFP-HEC Research Fellow (Intern Placement of Fresh Ph.D.s) in the Department of Political Science, University of Chitral, Chitral, Pakistan (11 November 2020 to 31 May 2021). (Duties included teaching courses of 'Ideology and Political Dynamics of Pakistan' (BS Political Science 8th Semester), 'Ethnicity and Politics in Pakistan' (MA Political Science 4th Semester), and HEC funded Research Project.
- Lecturer in the Department of IR and Political Science, Qurtuba University of Science and Information Technology Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan (Courses taught to BS level are Pakistan Studies, Muslim Political Philosophy, Comparative Politics, Western Political Thought and Political Ideologies and M. Phil level is Constitutional Development in Pakistan) (November 2019 to September 2020).

- Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Political Science University of Peshawar (Courses taught are Research Methodology, Pakistan Studies, Introduction to Political Science, Political Systems, Elections and Parties in Pakistan, Muslim Political Philosophy, Government and Politics in Pakistan) (September 2013-January 2017)
- Tutor with Directorate of Distance learning education, University of Peshawar for two sessions (2015-2016) (Courses taught are Government and politics in Pakistan, International Law and organizations, Political systems, Social Change and Research Methodology).
- Global Campaign for Education, USA, as ‘Coordination Officer’ in Peshawar Office from January 2014 to December 2014.
- Lecturer (BPS-17) in Oxford College, University Town Peshawar from November 2010 to May 2011.

IT and Computer skills:

- Six-month certificate course in MS Office including MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel, and MS Access.
- Working experience of Zotero software (Sessions, Seminars and Tutorials attended in University of Washington, Seattle).
- Basic use of NVivo software for the analysis of Qualitative data (sessions, seminars and tutorials attended in University of Washington, Seattle)

Countries Visited:

- **United States of America** (Research fellowship from July 2017 to January 2018).
- **The Republic of Austria** (Research fellowship from June 2021 to February 2022).
- **The Republic of Germany** (In September 2021 Personal Family visit).
- **The Swiss Confederation/Switzerland** (In September 2021 Personal Family visit).

Languages:

1. English (Excellent Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking Skills: Throughout Education in English medium School, College, and University: IELTS-2017 score is 7.5)

2. Urdu (Compulsory course from School to College: National Language in Pakistan: Excellent Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking Skills).
3. Pukhtu (Mother Language: Excellent Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking Skills).
4. Some familiarity with Saraiki and German.

IELTS (Academic) Score: 7.5 Overall (Listening 7, Reading 8.5, Writing 6.5, Speaking 7, Result issuance date 17/03/2017, Candidate No 014357)

New Programs/Schemes of Studies/Departments introduced/Approved:

1. As a Teacher Incharge Department of History and Political Science approved the constitution of a new department 'The Department of Political Science and International Relations' from the 6th Academic Council of Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (15/02/2023).
2. As a Teacher Incharge Department of History and Political Science, approved the program and Scheme of Studies of BS-International Relations from the 6th Academic Council of Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (15/02/2023).
3. As a Teacher Incharge department of History and Political Science, approved the revised Scheme of Studies of BS-Political Science from the 6th Academic Council of Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (15/02/2023).
4. As a Teacher Incharge department of History and Political Science, approved the program and Scheme of Studies of M.Phil. History from the 4th Academic Council of Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (31/07/2021).
5. As a Teacher Incharge department of History and Political Science, approved the program and Scheme of Studies of PHD History from the 4th Academic Council of Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan (31/07/2021).

Awards/Distinctions/Grants (05):

1. Post-Doctoral Fellowship grant by Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD-GmbH), Austria. Grant total 11, 350 Euros.
2. Higher Education Commission's 'Start-up Research Grant' provisional approval as of 23/2/2021 for a project titled "A tale of two Ex-Princely states in Northern Pakistan: An analysis of violent conflict in Swat and Peace in Chitral". Grant amount is PKR 572000.

3. Higher Education Commission (Pakistan) 6 months Fellowship for University of Washington, USA under International Research Support Initiative Program (IRSIP). Grant amount was 14000 US dollars. The outcome of the fellowship was two paper presentations, publication of a research article and working on parts of the PHD thesis (Listed below).
4. Higher Education Commission (Pakistan) fully funded indigenous Scholarship for PhD. The fellowship comprised of Tuition fee, hostel and boarding charges, payments for books, conferences and workshops, stipend, and thesis publication funds for the 5 years' timeframe of the PHD. Grant amount PKR 1594500 (Approx.).
5. 4th position in order of college merit academics in final year graduation (BA).

Professional and Academic Training:

1. One-month research and teaching training for IPFP fellows conducted by National Academy for Higher Education (NAHE) organized by Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan.
2. Faculty Development Training titled 'Enhancing Pak-US Partnership: Faculty Training and Development IIUI-UNCW Follow Up Project' organized by Islamic International University Islamabad (July to September 2023).

Professional and Academic Membership:

1. Convener of Departmental Board of Studies for BS (Political Science, Pakistan Studies and History), M.Phil. (History) and Ph.D. (History) programs.
2. Member of the Graduate Students Committee (GSC), Department of IR and Political Science, Qurtuba University of Qurtuba University of Science and Technology (November 2019 to September 2020).
3. Member of the Board of Studies and Academic Research (BOSAR), Department of IR and Political Science, Qurtuba University of Qurtuba University of Science and Technology (November 2019 to September 2020).

Students Supervised (02):

M.Phil/Postgraduate (02):

1. Inam Ullah. 2021. *Changing patterns of voting behavior: Comparing 2013 and 2018 general elections in upper Dir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*. M.Phil. Department of IR and Political Science, Qurtuba university of Science and Technology, Peshawar.
2. Usman Ahmed. *A Comparative study of private and state control electronic media and public opinion in Pakistan*. M.Phil. Department of IR and Political Science, Qurtuba university of Science and Technology, Peshawar.

BS/Undergraduate (02):

1. Maryam Nazim. 2023. *Diversion of Voting Trend: A Comparative Analysis of General Elections of 2013 and 2018 in NA-191 Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab, Pakistan*. BS Political Science, Ghazi University Dear Ghazi Khan.
2. Muhammad Ali. 2023. *An Analysis of Electoral Politics in Dera Ghazi Khan: The Case of General Elections 2018*. BS Political Science, Ghazi University Dear Ghazi Khan.

Workshops, Conferences, Presentation (16):

1. Presented a research paper titled “Violent Conflict And National Identity In Pakistan: A Theoretical And Empirical Exploration” in an International Conference on Nation Building in Pakistan: Challenges and Prospects organized by Iqbal International Institute of Research and Dialogue, Islamic International University Islamabad (22-23 December 2022).
2. Presented a research paper titled ‘The Nexus of Structure (Pukhtunwali) and Agency (Mullah): An Analysis of Women Socio-Political Marginalization in Pukhtun Region of Pakistan’ in ASIA PASIFIC 3rd International Conference on Contemporary Studies (1-2 June 2020 through Zoom).
3. Presented a research paper titled ‘conflict, violence and ethnic identity: Pukhtunwali in the conflict of swat, Pakistan’ in a three-day international conference on ‘the dynamics of change in the Pakistan Afghanistan region: politics, (dis)integration and reformation in the borderland’ (3-5 September 2018), organized by the department of political science university of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel foundation (HSF) Islamabad.
4. Presented a research paper titled ‘Conflict and Violence in Swat: Impacts for Pakistaniyat of Pakhtuns and National Integration Process of Pakistan’ in a Two-

- Day International Conference on ‘Changing regional political dynamics in South Asia’ (17-18 January 2018), organized by the Department of Political Science, University of the Punjab, Pakistan.
5. Presented ongoing research, titled ‘Conflict, Culture and Purdah: Diversity, forms and Impacts in Swat, Pakistan’ in graduate Colloquium of Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, USA, on 4 January 2018.
 6. Presented ongoing research, titled ‘Conflict, violence and Ethnicity: *Pakhtunwali* in the conflict of Swat, Pakistan’ in graduate Colloquium of Sociology Department, University of Washington, USA, on 24 October, 2017.
 7. Presented ‘Pakistan: History, Culture and Society’ at a Global Ambassador Day in Genesee hill Elementary School, Seattle Washington, on 20 October 2017 (Organized by FIUTS, University of Washington, USA).
 8. Attended a one-day workshop titled “Ethnic Media Startup” organized by Seattle Neighborhood and Seattle Globalist in Seattle Washington, USA (September 23, 2017).
 9. Presented ‘Pakistan: History, Culture and Society’ at a Global Ambassador Day in Leschi Elementary School Seattle Washington on 10 August 2017 organized by FIUTS, University of Washington, USA.
 10. Presented a paper titled “Militant mindset and Quranic Verses: A Comparison of Narratives from Pakistan” in 1st International conference on Contemporary issues in Muslim Societies, organized by University of management and Technology Lahore, Pakistan (April, 2017).
 11. Presented research work on “National Integration in Pakistan: Issues, concern and perspectives of Pakhtuns” in international conference of social sciences, Organized by Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar, and Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, Pakistan in April 2016.
 12. Presented a research work on “The Nexus of Structure and Agency: An analysis of women Socio- political Marginalization in Pakhtun region” in international conference of social sciences, Organized by University of Lahore, Pakistan in February 2016.

13. Was member of the organizing team of 2nd International Summer School on the theme of “Governance, Conflict and peace building in Pak-Afghan Region”, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar (31st May 2015 to 15th of June 2015).
14. Attended an International Workshop on “National Harmony in Pakistan” from 11th to 15th of May 2015 in National Defence University Islamabad.
15. Attended Sumer School on the theme of “Governance and Conflict in Pak-Afghan Region”, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar (1st September 2014 to 15th September 2014).
16. Presented research paper on ‘The Loss of Self in Migration’ in a *Graduate Conference on Critical Migration Studies* at the Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar, Pakistan. (4th December 2013).
17. Presented research paper on “Pak India trade relations. From Rivalry to Friendship” in *international conference on “Socio Economic and Cultural Relations between Pakistan and India”* in department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab Lahore, Pakistan, (25th -27th November 2013).

Publication of Research work:

Book Chapters (2)

1. Azim, Syed Wasif, and Surat Khan. 2019. “Conflict and Ethnic Identity: Pukhtunwali and Purdah in Conflict Ridden Swat, Pakistan.” In *International Trends in Behavioral Science: Managing People, Knowledge, Strategy and Performance in 21st Century*, Excelloropen Publishers, 32–44. www.excelloropen.com.
2. Azim, Syed Wasif. 2018. “Nexus of Structure and Agency: Analysis of Women Socio-Political Marginalization in Pakhtun Region.” In *Interrogating Women Empowerment: The Global Experience*, New Delhi: Satyam Law International, ed. Vikram Singh. New Delhi: Satyam Law International, 505–518. <https://www.satyambook.in/9789387839144.html>.

Conference Proceedings (1)

1. Azim, Syed Wasif. 2019. “Conflict, Violence and Culture: The Socio-Cultural Relationship of Mashar and Kashar among the Pukhtuns of Swat Pakistan.” In *The*

Dynamics of Change in the Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics (Dis)Integration and Reformation in the Borderland, ed. Shahida Aman. Islamabad, Pakistan: Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad, 23–38.

Research Articles (12)

1. Azim Syed Wasif and Muhammad Usman Shakir. “Violent Conflict And National Identity In Pakistan: A Theoretical And Empirical Exploration”, *National Identities*. DOI: [10.1080/14608944.2023.2166912](https://doi.org/10.1080/14608944.2023.2166912) (**WOS and Scopus Indexed: HEC W Category**).
2. Azim, Syed Wasif. 2022. "Violent Conflict and Ethnic Identity: Reflections on Ethnic Relations among the Pukhtuns (Pashtuns) in Swat, Pakistan". *Mankind Quarterly* 62 (3). <https://mankindquarterly.org/upcoming/issue/62-3/2> (**Scopus Indexed: HEC X Category**).
3. Azim, Syed Wasif. 2021. "Structural Constraints and Women’s Socio-Political Marginalization in the Pukhtun Region of Pakistan: The Nexus of Pukhtunwali, Mullahs, and Pakistani State Laws". *Asian Women* 37 (1), pp. 93-118, <https://doi.org/10.14431/aw.2021.3.37.1.93> (**Scopus Indexed: HEC X Category**).
4. Azim, Syed Wasif, et al. (2021). “Religion, Conflict and Identity: Islam, Pakistani identity and the conflict in Swat” *Journal of Peace, Development and Communication*, vol. Volume 5, no. Issue 1, 2021, pp. 416-427, <https://doi.org/10.36968/JPDC-V05-I01-35>. (**HEC Y Category**).
5. Wahab Fazal, **Syed Wasif Azim** and Muhammad Ayub Jan. 2020. “The Testimony of Traumatic and Violent Conflict: Pukhtu Poetry in Swat in Retrospect.” *Journal of Peace, Development and Communication*, 04 (02): 16–42. (**HEC Y Category**).
6. Azim, Syed Wasif, Zarmina Baloch and Asif Salim. 2020. “Our Hujra is deserted”: Conflict, Violence, culture, and ethnic identity among the Pukhtuns of Swat, Pakistan. *International Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation* 24 (9): 4694-4704. (**HEC Y Category**).
7. Yaseen Ullah, Manzoor Ahmad and **Syed Wasif Azim**. 2020. “Politics of Protest in Pakistan: Causes and Features of the PTI (2014) Dharna in Islamabad, Pakistan” *Global Strategic & Security Studies Review (GSSSR)* 5 (1): 36 – 46. (**HEC Y Category**).

8. Shah, Hassan., **Azim, Syed. Wasif.**, Mehmood, Wajid., & Zubair, Seema. 2020. "General Elections 2013: A Case Study of Low Turnout of Women Voters in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan". *Liberal Arts & Social Sciences International Journal (LASSIJ)*, 3(2), 126-138. <https://doi.org/10.47264/idea.lassij/3.2.15>. **(HEC Y Category)**.
9. Azim, Syed Wasif. 2018. "Conflict and Violence in Swat: Impacts on Pakistani National Identity among Swat Pukhtuns." *Journal of Political Studies (Special Issue)*: 59:74. **(HEC Y Category)**.
10. Azim, Syed Wasif, Mohammad Ayub Jan, and Nathalie Willaims. 2018. "Conflict and Ethnic Identity: Pukhtunwali and Purdah in Conflict Ridden Swat, Pakistan." *Pakistan Journal of Criminology* 10(3): 64–85. **(HEC Y Category)**.
11. Azim, Syed Wasif, Wajid Mehmood, and Sajjad Hussain. 2018. "Swat Conflict in Retrospect: Violence and Jarga among the Swat Pukhtuns in Pakistan." *LASSIJ: Liberal Arts and Social Sciences International Journal* 2(1): 37–48. **(HEC Y Category)**.
12. Azim, Syed Wasif, Muhammad Ayub Jan, and Hassan Shah. 2016. "Pak-India Trade Relations: From Rivalry to Friendship." *The Dialogue* 11(4): 428-443. **(HEC Y Category)**.

Reviewer and Editorship:

1. Reviewer for *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics* (Scopus Indexed).
2. Reviewer for *Pakistan Journal of Humanities & Social Science Research*.

References/Referees:

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