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Journalist, Researcher, Trainer

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Work Experience

Journalism

Contributing Writer - Nikkei Asia, (2018-Present)

Writing news stories from Pakistan on security and strategic affairs in the South Asian region, with a focus on Belt and Road Initiative.

Editor – Balochistan Voices (2016-Present)

Managing the day-to-day affairs, assigning news stories to volunteers, carrying out reporting and interviews. Also, the founder of this digital media publication.

Freelance Journalist – Financial Times, South China Morning Post, Asia Times, The News, Daily Times, Newsline Magazine, The Friday Times (2015-Present)

Reporting news stories about socio-economics, politics, Conflict and governance in Pakistan.

Reporter – Balochistan Inside Magazine (2015-17)

Reporting news stories about Balochistan.

Reporter – Balochistan Point (2012-16)

Reporting news stories about Balochistan.

Project Management

Public Interest journalism Project

Project Coordinator (March 2022 – December 2022)

Leading the International Media Support (IMS) sponsored project of 100 stories on religious minorities produced by member organizations of Digital Media Alliance of Pakistan (DigiMAP)

Small Media Pakistan Project

Project Leader of Balochistan Voices (September 2017- September 2019)

Small Media Pakistan project sponsored by Media Center, Pakistan, which focused on capacity building of small digital media outlets.

Trainings Conducted

Tackling marginalization through women’s visibility in digital journalism

1-2 September, 2022, Islamabad

Training provided to members of Women’s Journalist Association of Pakistan (WJAP)

Training organized by IRADA, Pakistan.

Economic Journalism

27-28 October 2021, Karachi

Training organized by Centre for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ) – IBA in collaboration with

Governance and Policy Project, Balochistan.

Conducted training on “How to add meaningful insights related to budget data” and “Data Journalism.”

Data Journalism

August 5th – October 30th , 2020, Karachi

Co-Trainer along with two Foreign trainers

Training conducted via Zoom by *Centre for Excellence in Journalism – IBA and Deutsche Welle Akademie.*

Photo Journalism

October 2019, Quetta

Lead Trainer

Training conducted for International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies (ICRMS), BUIEMS

Research Consultancies Completed

Technical consultation on Gap analysis of pro-women Legislation in Balochistan

Rapporteur for UN Women

March 2019

Exploring Revenue Generation Streams for Small-sized Digital News Media Organizations

A report for Chevening South Asian Journalism Program

May 2018

Education

Masters of Arts (M.A), 2015

University of Balochistan, Quetta, Pakistan

Concentration: International Relations

Bachelor of Arts (B.A), 2012

University of Balochistan, Quetta, Pakistan

Concentration: Economics and Political Science

Awards

1) Best in Business Awards – General Excellence Category, 2022, Society for advancing Business

Editing and Writing, Association for Business Journalists (USA)

2) Journalist of the Month – December 2022, International Journalist’s Network (IJNet)

3) Journalist of the Year – Open Government, 2021, Agahi Awards Pakistan

4) Journalist of the Year – Police Reforms, 2019, Agahi Awards Pakistan

5) **Journalist of the Year** – Data Journalism, 2018, Agahi Awards Pakistan

6) **Winner** – Award for Reporting on Delimitation, 2018, Center for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ), Pakistan

7) **Journalist of the Year** - Reporting on Business and Economy, 2016, Agahi Awards Pakistan

Book Chapter

Chapter: Covering the periphery - Balochistan as a blind spot in the mainstream newspapers of Pakistan

Book: From Terrorism to Television

Publisher: Routledge India, 2019

Short Courses / Fellowships

Berlin Scholarship Program – 2019

Digital security program organized by Reporters Without Borders, Berlin, Germany.
May-August - 2019

Young Connectors of the Future – 2018

Module 1: 3-21 September, 2018, Stockholm, Sweden
Module 2: 25 September 2 March 2019, Colombo, Srilanka
Youth leadership program organized by Swedish Institute,

Chevening Fellowship – South Asian Journalism Programme 2018

University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom.

Short Course - Feature & Column Writing, 2014

Virtual University of Pakistan, Quetta, Pakistan

Short Course - Journalistic Writing, 2014

Virtual University of Pakistan, Quetta, Pakistan

Conferences and Seminars

International Conference on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons

27-28 February 2023 2022 (Karachi, Pakistan)

Conference organized by Pak-U.S. Alumni Network with the support of U.S. Embassy Islamabad.

Extreme Reporting; Conflict and Peace in digital Age

25-26 June 2022 (Karachi, Pakistan)

Conference organized by Center for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ) at Institute of Business Administration (IBA) in collaboration with U.S. Consulate Karachi.

Attend as a panelist in session: "Is the future now?"

Empowering Journalists in the Digital Field 2019

4th December 2019, Berlin Germany.

Delivered a presentation on "Which level of digital security and anonymity is possible for

journalists?”

Attend the panel discussion on “*How to spread knowledge about digital security in crisis areas?*”

Mozilla Festival 2017

27th – 29th October 2017, London, United Kingdom.

8th Annual Festival to celebrate open internet movement sponsored by *Mozilla Foundation*

Co-facilitated a session on “*Creating accessible stories and reaching new audiences in media*”

International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)

25th September – 13th October 2017 , USA

Youth Leaders Building Common Ground

A sub-regional project of South Asian countries sponsored by *US State Department*

Washington D.C, Indiana, North Carolina and Oregon

1st International Conference on Economics, Business and Social Research

April 15th – 16th, Lasbela

Moderated session on “*CPEC: Game Changer for Balochistan.*”

Conference organized by *Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences (LUAWMS)*

District Education Rankings Launching Ceremony

May 24th 2016, Islamabad

Organized by *Alif Ailan and SDPI*

Provincial consultation on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) – 4

May 18-19th 2016, Quetta

Rapporteur of Higher Education group in consultation

Organized by *Secondary Education Department Government of Balochistan* in collaboration with

Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP

Prospects of Peace and Prosperity

April 12th 2016, Gwadar

Organized by *University of Turbat and Devote Balochistan*

Two-day event on peace through interfaith dialogue and cultural harmony

February 27-28th 2016, Quetta

Moderated session on “*Role of journalists and scholars in promoting peace and conflict resolution*”

Organized by *Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP)*

Stakeholders Dialogue on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

January 21st 2016, Karachi

Organized by *Rahnuma FPAP*

Discovering Weifang

July 1-5th, 2015, Shandong, China

Study visit for South-Asian Journalists organized by *China Daily Newspaper*

Trainings Attended

Project Management Training

20-21 June 2022, Islamabad,

Training conducted by *International Federation of Journalist (IFJ)*

Online Course in Fact Checking

1 August - 31 October 2021

Training conducted by *International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN)* with support from CEJ-IBA

South Asia Investigative Journalism Training Programme

13 September - 18 October 2021

Training conducted by Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)

Capacity Building Workshop on Right to Information (RTI)

23rd August, 2021, Lahore

Training conducted by *Institute of Research, Advocacy and Development (IRADA)* and *Pakistan Information Commission (PIC)*

Training of Journalists for Improved Reporting on Climate Change

15th and 19th September 2020, Via Zoom

Training conducted by *Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)*

Data Journalism – Training of Trainers

October 29th – November 3rd, 2018, Karachi

Training conducted by *Centre for Excellence in Journalism – IBA* and *Deutsche Welle Akademie*

Reporting on Delimitation

8th March 2018, Quetta

Training conducted by *Centre for Excellence in Journalism – IBA* and *Tabeer CDIP*

Humanitarian Reporting

21st-22nd August 2017, Karachi

Training conducted by *Centre for Excellence in Journalism – IBA* and *ICRC*

Master Class of Trainers on Responsible Media

7th March 2017, Karachi

Training conducted by *Mishal Pakistan*

Data Journalism Certificate Program

Phase -1: 17th – 27th October 2016, Islamabad

Phase -2: 28th November – 2nd December, Kathmandu - Nepal

Phase -3: 13th -17th February 2017, Islamabad

Phase -4: 15th – 19th May 2017, Islamabad

Training conducted by *Internews*

Business and Economic reporting

July 18th – 29th 2016, Karachi

Training conducted by *Centre for Excellence in Journalism – IBA*

Holistic Well-Being for journalists

March 24th -28th 2016, Karachi

Training conducted by *Bytes for All*

Editing for Print training program

December 7th – 18th 2015, Karachi

Training conducted by *Centre for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ) – IBA*

One Day Training on Gender-Sensitive reporting

November 28th, 2015 Quetta

Training conducted by *Uks research organization*

One day training for media persons on role of media in elections

July 27th, 2015, Quetta

Training conducted by *Center of Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI)*

Volunteer Work

Secretary General – Digital Media Alliance of Pakistan (DigiMAP) (2020-Present)

An alliance of independent digital media organizations in Pakistan.

Chairperson – Swedish Institute Alumni Network Pakistan – South Chapter (2023-Present)

Alumni Association of all participants of Sindh and Balochistan who have attended leadership courses at Swedish Institute.

Member Central Committee - Civil Society Balochistan (2013-2021)

Advocacy and lobbying on human rights, education, health, democracy and women rights in Balochistan.

Member - Education Network Balochistan (2015-16)

Organizing different dialogues, seminars, conferences and meetings for reforms and improvements in education policy.