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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Economy June 2008
School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

Master of Arts in Economics May 1999
Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

Bachelor of Arts in Economics with Honours June 1997
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA

International Baccalaureate Diploma May 1994
Armand Hammer United World College of the American West, Montezuma, NM, USA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor Current
National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad

- Teach political economy and sociology
- Research on identity formation, social movements and informal economy

Faculty Mar 03-Jun 09
Dept. of Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore

- Taught colonial history, contemporary global political economy, Pakistan Studies
- Research on devolution, post-colonial states, imperialism and capitalism
- Aided and supported various student research and activist initiatives

Advocacy and Research Associate Sep 2000-Mar 2003
Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

- Advocacy on landlessness, livelihoods, ecology, militarisation
- Research on devolution, land reforms, urban planning, democracy
- Engagement with political parties, legal fraternity, public interest groups

Senior Policy Analyst Jul 1999-Aug 2000
Mabbub ul Haq Human Development Centre, Islamabad

- Co-author of Human Development in South Asia 2000 on gender issues
- Secretary for the SACAC, a policy group comprising leading South Asian academics
- Research on contemporary South Asian society including sectoral work on labour

Development Analyst Jan 1998-Aug 1998
Enterprise & Development Consulting, Inc. (EDC), Islamabad

- Monitoring & Evaluation of World-Bank funded Social Action Programme (SAP)
- Appraisals of Aga Khan & National Rural Support Programs (AKRSP, NRSP)
- Feasibility studies for Northern Areas Transport Corporation (NATCO)

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Research Associate

Jul 1997-Dec1997

National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

- Research on informal credit and insurance markets in rural Thailand
- Development of surveys on public crowding out of private transfers
- Comparative writing on Ghana, Thailand, Pakistan

PUBLICATIONS (*Selected*)

S. R. Khan and A. S. Akhtar, 2002, "Using Theater as a Research Tool: Bench-Marking and Trouble-Shooting the Devolution Plan in Pakistan," *Labore Journal of Economics*, Vol. 7, No. 1.

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Akhtar, A. S., A. Amirali & M. A. Raza, 2006, "Reading between the lines: The mullah-military alliance in Pakistan," *Contemporary South Asia*, Vol. 15, No. 4.

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Akhtar, A. S., 2007, "The New Vanguard: Challenges for the Left in Asia and Africa," *Socialism & Democracy* 43, Vol. 21, No. 1.

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Akhtar, A.S. 2008, "Challenges of Ethno-Nationalism in Balochistan," in Seema Shekhawat and Debditta Aurobinda Mahapatra (eds.), *Afro-Asian Conflicts: Changing Contours, Costs and Consequences* (Delhi: New Century Publications).

Akhtar, A.S. and A.S Kariapper, 2008, 'Devolution and the Okara Military Farms Conflict', Syed Mubashir Ali and Muhammad Amjad Saqib eds, *Devolution and Governance Reforms in Pakistan*, Karachi: Oxford University Press.

Akhtar, A. S., 2009, "The Urdu Press: Towing the party line," in Saima Zaidi (ed.), *Maz̄aar, Bazaar: Essays on Visual Culture in Pakistan* (Karachi: Oxford University Press).

Akhtar A.S., 2010, "Crisis of a frontline state," *Journal of Contemporary Asia*

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (*Selected*)

Presented a paper a joint paper on political Islam in the subcontinent at the British Association of South Asian Studies Conference, London, 2006

Presented papers on neo-liberal democracy and ethno-nationalism in Pakistan at the LUMS Annual Social Science Conference, Lahore, 2005; 2006

Presented a joint paper on the nationalist movement in Balochistan at the 10th Annual Karl Polanyi Conference, Istanbul, 2005

Presented a paper on the national security and development discourses at the 8th Annual Sustainable Development Conference, Islamabad, 2006

Presented a paper on the political economy of squatter settlements (katchi abadis) at the Workshop on Comparative Modern Urban Landscapes and their Subaltern Citizen-Subjects in the Middle East and South Asia, Lahore, 2004

Presented a paper on the dialectics of politics and culture at the Conference "The Works of Karl Marx and the Challenges of the 21st Century", Institute of Philosophy, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Media, Havana, 2006

SKILLS

Fluent in English, Urdu, Hindko

Functional in French

Knowledge of statistical computer programs, internet, word processing, etc.