

# **Humera Iqbal**

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## **CURRENT POSITION**

I am Research Analyst at the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS). I head the India Program section dealing with India's External Relations.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

I have published number of research papers in institute's honorable journal, policy paper, reports, and regional brief. My research work has been cited by both the national and international research scholars. I held position of member of the editorial board at IRS. I have organized and conducted informed roundtable discussions and conferences at the Institute with esteemed scholars; specialized experts. I have supervised research thesis of MSc students and internees. I have been regularly associated with the Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad as a visiting faculty. I teach Foreign Policy of Pakistan.

## **AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST**

My research has covered topics related to Political and Security Matters of Afghanistan and India; Inter-State and Intra-State Conflict Issues; Foreign Policy Analysis in the context of South Asia; Foreign Policy of India; and Politics of South Asia, West Asia and Central Asia.

## **EDUCATION**

- **M.Phil in International Relations**, School of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan, 2012.

## **AWARDS**

- Second position in Masters of Science in Political Studies, Area Study Centre Department, Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan, 2006.
- Letter of Appreciation by All Defence Publication Controlled Department (D.P.C.D) on research paper Afghanistan 2014 & Beyond: Challenges & Implications for the Neighbours.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Partisan Media under Modi: Nationalism a Driving Force behind Fake News in India", 2019
- "Lessons for Pakistan's Education System from the South Asian Region", 2018
- "New Trends in Chinese Foreign Policy and the Evolving Sino-Afghan Ties", 2016
- "Afghanistan 2014 & Beyond: Challenges & Implications for the Neighbours", 2014-15, (selected by IPSA)
- "Quest for Peace in Afghanistan", 2014, (selected by IPSA)
- "Regional Approaches to Peacebuilding in Afghanistan" for organized by Sustainable Peace & Development (SPADO), Islamabad in collaboration with USAID, 2013.
- "India-Myanmar relations: Is there a shadow of China?", 2013, (selected by IPSA)
- "Pakistan Afghanistan relations in the light of Pakistan-US Strategic Dialogue", 2010-11, (selected by IPSA)
- "Presidential Elections in Afghanistan: Implications in the Region", 2010
- "Afghanistan: Aid and Accountability Mechanism", 2009
- "New Delhi-Kabul ties: Implications in the Region", 2008
- "Fighting Terrorism: Pakistan's Perspective", Seminar on "Terrorism as a Challenge to Nation-Building – Bilateral Approach for Solutions", hosted by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Islamabad, November 2008
- "Democracy in Central Asian States: A Survey and an Analysis", 2007

## **FORTH COMING**

- "Daring Foreign Policy Initiatives of Narendra Modi and the China Factor"

## **FOCUS**

- "Can India and Pakistan Overcome the Past?, 2021"

## **POLICY BRIEFS & OTHER RESEARCH WORK**

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- Policy Brief on "Situation in IIOJ&K and Policy Options for Pakistan", 2021
- Policy Brief for NSD on "Indian Security Options in Afghainstan", 2021
- Reports for NSD covering humanitarian atrocities in IIOJ&K, 2021

- Policy Paper for Foreign Office, “Kashmir Issue on First Anniversary of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Actions: Way Forward for Pakistan”, 2020
- Policy Brief on India for National Security Division, 2019
- Transcription of speaker in the IRS session of Islamabad Security Dialogue was done and submitted for NSD report.
- Submitted a “Post-Evaluation Report and Way Forward” to NSD on India-Pakistan segment of Islamabad Dialogue.
- Contributed in the policy document for NSD on “Pakistan and the Afghan Peace Process”.
- Submitted a proposal to NSD for Countering Indian Terrorism inside Pakistan.

#### **SPOTLIGHT: FORTNIGHTLY ANALYSIS**

- “Do More” to “Did More:” Appreciating Islamabad’s Peace Narrative
- Pakistan’s Solidarity with Neighbours
- Hybrid Warfare Manifest – Pakistan’s Olive Branch to India
- India Deepening Its Security Footprint
- Region in the grip of Communal Tensions
- India still Secular?

#### **REGIONAL BRIEF**

- A bi-monthly *Regional Brief* for IRS on Afghanistan from January 2009 till February 2014

#### **EDITORIAL WORK**

- Member of Editorial Board. I have been reading and giving comments on the research papers submitted for the Regional Studies journal of IRS.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

- Participated in the Cultural Exchange Fellowship in the Lanzhou City organized by the Gansu Foreign Office, China (September-October 2012)

#### **NOTEABLE ACTIVITIES & WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION**

- ◆ Seminar on “The End of an Era: The Legacy of Syed Ali Shah Geelani, September 2021.
- ◆ Arranged and participated in organizing International Seminar on “Disinformation as a Tool of Strategic warfare”, 2021.
- ◆ Arranged and participated in the two rounds of Dialogue Series between IRS and ISS on “Dilemma of India-Pakistan Relationship”. 2021
- ◆ Participated in workshop on “The Dynamics of Human Trafficking in South Asia” hosted by American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), Islamabad in collaboration with The Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), from 17 – 23 December 2018.
- ◆ Research Paper presented to “Exchange Visit of Afghan Youth Civil Society Leaders”, on “Regional Approaches to Peacebuilding in Afghanistan” organized by Sustainable Peace & Development (SPADO), Islamabad in collaboration with USAID, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.
- ◆ As a policy analyst group member participated in a “Trilateral Summer School Workshop - II” organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, in Wengraben/Berlin, Germany, on “Regional Integration”, 3-10 June, 2012.
- ◆ Participated in a “Trilateral Summer School Workshop - I” organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, in Islamabad on “Towards Mutual Security, Stability and Trade”, 12-19 June, 2011.
- ◆ Participated in a Ninth Annual Conflict Transformation Workshop organized by the Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP), in New Delhi, India, on “Gender, Democracy and Peace Building in South Asia”, 01-04 December, 2011.
- ◆ Participated in a workshop on “Great Powers In South Asia: Implications For Pakistan” organized by the Defence and Strategic Studies (DSS) Department, Quaid-e-Azam University in collaboration with United States Institute of Peace (USIP), 09-10 August, 2010

- ◆ Participated as a Rapportier in a roundtable organized by IRS in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Islamabad on “Af-Pak Policy of President Obama: Ramifications and Policy Options for Pakistan”, 09 June, 2009
- ◆ As a group member participated in a Workshop organized by and held at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Islamabad, on “Bridging Bilateral Gaps between Afghanistan and Pakistan” under the theme of Afg-Pak Dialogue Forum, 20-22 July, 2009
- ◆ Participated in a workshop on “*Bilateral Conference on Prospects and Challenges in Afghanistan*” organized by the Defence and Strategic Studies (DSS) Department, Quaid-e-Azam University in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Islamabad, 2009
- ◆ Participated in an International Seminar organized by the Foundation of Regional Policy, and Centre for Political Studies in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in collaboration with the Institute for New Democracies (USA), OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan and U.S Agency for International Development. Seminar was on “Problems of Ensuring Security and Sustainable Development in Central Asia”, 29 April – 1 May, 2008
- ◆ Hosted a two-day International Seminar on “South Asia and Central Asia: Building Political and Economic Linkages”, organized by IRS in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Islamabad, on 20-21 October, 2008
- ◆ Participated in a Seminar on “Politics and Religion” organized by the American Centre, 2006.

#### **WEBINARS**

Participated in all the events, webinars, and every other official interactive discussion at the Institute. Noteworthy webinars are;

- Moderated and organized webinar on “Politics of Delimitation Process in J&K and Its Impact.”
- Moderated a webinar on “The Prospects of India-Pakistan Relations”.
- Organized and Moderated a special guest speaker webinar talk with Ambassador Riaz Khokhar on “India and South Asia in Contemporary Times”.
- Organized a webinar on “RSS’s Sangh Parivar: Social and Political Role in India”.
- “The Possible Way Forward for Jammu & Kashmir”.

#### **OTHER ASSIGNED WORK**

- Working in a Committee of Employee Contracts with Mr. Aarish Khan and Mr. Shahid Ilyas.
- Contacting both national and international participants on regular basis for increasing the participatory network for Institute.

#### **COUNTRIES VISITED**

- India; China; Germany; Uzbekistan; Sultanate of Oman; UAE; Saudi Arabia

#### **LANGUAGES**

English, Urdu, Punjabi (Can Read, Write and Speak)