

NOREEN NASEER



AREA OF INTEREST AND SPECIALISATION: POLITICAL ECONOMY, GOVERNANCE, GENDER, AND CONFLICT IN THE PAKISTAN–AFGHANISTAN BORDERLANDS

Dr Noreen Naseer is a faculty member at the University of Peshawar and a leading scholar-practitioner specialising in the political economy, gender, and conflict dynamics of the Pakistan-Afghan borderlands. Since 1998, she has advocated for the rights of tribal women, founding Qabailee Khor (Tribal Sisters Network) <https://khor-pk.org> and contributing to national and international dialogues on peacebuilding, governance, and humanitarian practice. Her work bridges academic research and grassroots advocacy. She has served as a trainer, consultant, and resource person for institutions and organisations supported by UNDP, Oxfam, IOM, the British High Commission, and Erasmus University. She is also the founder of the Pakistan Humanitarian Observatory, a pioneering initiative that links field realities with global research networks, fostering collaboration for Inclusive Humanitarian Action <https://share.google/oRDani8U7A6JZAACm>

Dr Naseer has authored more than 35 peer-reviewed articles and several book chapters on conflict, peacebuilding, and women's empowerment, with publications in indexed and impact-factor journals such as *Geopolitics*, *Lex Localis*, *Conflict Studies Quarterly*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, and *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*. Her scholarship has addressed border trade, conflicts and proxy wars, gender and politics and the role of women in peacebuilding. Recognised internationally, she was nominated for the UNDP N-Peace Award in 2018 and has presented at conferences in The Hague, Göttingen, Zurich, Tehran, Kathmandu, and Islamabad. As a supervisor of MPhil and PhD research and a coordinator of academic programs, she continues to mentor emerging scholars while advancing curriculum reform and policy engagement. Her career embodies a commitment to amplifying marginalised voices and developing field-ready tools for practitioners in conflict and humanitarian settings.

Personal Details

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Academic Qualifications

Year	Degree & Institution	Details
2015	PhD in Political Economy – Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar, Pakistan	Thesis: Policies of the World Trade Organisation: Threats to Tribal Areas' (FATA) Trade with Afghanistan
1994	Master of Arts in Political Science – Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar	Major Subject: International Affairs
1992	Bachelor of Arts – Jinnah College for Women, University of Peshawar	Major Subjects: Law and Political Science (with distinction)
1989	Intermediate School Certificate – Jinnah College for Women, University of Peshawar	Major Subjects: General Science
1986	Secondary School Certificate – University Model School, University of Peshawar	Major Subjects: General Science

Academic Publications

2026

1. *Pakistan: Early Warning by Women for Conflict Prevention in the Erstwhile FATA*, **Conflict Studies Quarterly** (Indexed, ESCI).
2. *Economic Challenges to Nation Building in Afghanistan under Taliban Administration*, **Research Consortium Archive** 3(4).
3. *Media, state power and neo-nationalist ethnic movement: The case study of Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement, Pakistan*. **Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism**, 21(3), 279–298. John Wiley & Sons Ltd. **Impact factor 0.7, Q3 quartile** within Sociology and Political Science. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sena.12325>

2025

4. *Proxy Wars in the Pak-Afghan Borderland: Understanding the Sectarian Problem in the Merged District of Kurram, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*, **Regional Studies** (WoS/Scopus, IF 4.2). Vol. 43, Issue 2.
5. *Rethinking Pak-US Relations Post August 2021*, **Bulletin of Multidisciplinary Studies** 2(1).

6. *The Role of Women in the Peace Building Process in the Erstwhile FATA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan*, **International Journal of Social Sciences Bulletin**, Vol. 3 No. 5
7. *Appraisal of Informal Justice: Dispute Resolution Councils in Charsadda and Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa* **International Journal of Advanced Research** (Vol. 2, No. 2, 2025). Indexed: Emerging journal, peer-reviewed, HEC Y Category (Pakistan).
8. *Local People's Perceptions and Expectations from Political, Legal and Administrative Transition in the Erstwhile FATA after Merger into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province*, **Mankind Quarterly** 65(3).

2024

9. *Educational Reforms in KP: Out-of-School Children*, **FWU Journal of Social Sciences** (Scopus, HEC X). Vol. 18(4).
10. *Gender-based Domestic Violence amid COVID-19 in KP*, **Journal of Media Horizons** 5(4).
11. *Middle Level Leaders in Peacebuilding (Swat Valley)*, **Int. Journal of Social Sciences Bulletin** 2(4).
12. *Pakistan - Iran Converging & Conflicting Interests in Afghanistan*, **Regional Studies** (WoS/Scopus, IF 4.2). Vol. 42(2).

2023

11. *Colonial Governance System in Pakistan (South Waziristan)*, **Lex Localis** (WoS/Scopus, IF 0.4). Vol. 21(2).
12. *India & Pakistan Defence Capabilities*, **Asian Journal of Comparative Politics (SAGE)** (WoS/Scopus, IF ≈1.0). Vol. 8(1).
13. *Cyber Security Challenges in Pakistan*, **Pakistan Journal of International Affairs** 4(4).
14. *Empowerment Frame for Tribal Women (FATA)*, **Pakistan Journal of American Studies** 40(1).

2022

15. *Tribal Women, Property & Border (Auto-Ethnographic Critique)*, **Geopolitics (Routledge)** (WoS/Scopus, IF 3.4). Vol. 24(2).
16. *Women & Terrorism in Swat*, **Review of Human Rights Journal** (WoS ESCI, IF 1.3). Vol. 6(1).

2021

17. *Enhancing Trade Between Pakistan & Afghanistan*, **Journal of Higher Education & Developmental Studies** 1(1).
18. *New Cold War: Pakistan-Russia Relations*, **Research Journal of Area Study Centre** 82.
19. *WTO Agreements Affecting Pak-Afghan Border Tribes*, **Research Journal of Area Study Centre** 81.

2020

20. *Women & Terrorism: Ethnographic Study of Collusion in Swat*, **Review of Human Rights Journal** 6(1).

2019

21. *Book Review: Gendered Citizenship (Oxford University Press), Review of Human Rights Journal* 5(1)
- 2018**
22. *World Trade Organisation: Appraisal of Scholastic Literature, PUTAJ Humanities & Social Sciences* 25(2).
23. *New Cold War: Pakistan-Russia Relations, Central Asia Journal* 82.
- 2017**
24. *Economic Strategising of Pak- Afghan Border, Dialogue (Pakistan)* 12(4).
25. *WTO Agreements Affecting Pak-Afghan Border Tribes, Central Asia Journal* 81.
26. *FATA: Permanent War Zone (Book Chapter), Women & Politics of Peace (South Asia).*
27. *Policies of WTO: Threats to FATA Trade, University of Peshawar Publication.*
- 2016**
28. *Spill Over of Militants from FATA to KP, Pakistan Journal of Criminology* 8(4).
- 2015**
29. *Impacts of Militarisation on Tribal Women & Children, Pakistan Journal of Criminology* 7(4).
30. *FATA Woman: Voiceless Entity, Pakistan Journal of Women's Studies: Alam- e- Niswan* 22(2).
31. *Frontier Crimes Regulation (1901) in FATA, Review of Human Rights Journal* 1(1).
- 2014**
32. *Trade as an Instrument of Peacebuilding (Pakistan, Afghanistan, India), PUTAJ Humanities & Social Sciences* 21(2).
- 2011**
33. *WTO Policies Affecting Afghan Fragile Economy, Central Asia Journal.*
34. *Pak- Afghan Transit Trade Treaty 2010 & Pakhtuns Across the Durand Line, Policy Brief.*

Book Chapters

1. Rita Manochanda's edited book "Women and Politics of Peace: South Asia Narratives on Militarisation, Power and Justice", book chapter "**FATA - A Permanent War Zone**": Breaking Silence, Sage Publications, 2016.
2. Neelum Husain's edited book "Disputed Legacies", book chapter "**Dangerous Terrains: Women and Children at Risk in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan**", Simorgh and Zubaan Publication, 2019.
3. Tahir Shad & Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi's edited book "Religion, Economics and Politics in FATA- KP", book chapter "**The Socioeconomic Profile of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas**", Peter Lang Publications, 2020.

Contribution Towards the Strengthening of the Department and University

1. Winning NRPW award in 2022 as a Co-PI, my published article in Geopolitics titled '**Tribal Women, Property and Border: An Auto- Ethnographic Critique of the *Riwaj* (Traditions) on the Pakistan- Afghanistan Borderland**' helped the team in securing '**Pakhtun Women and Mainstreaming of Erstwhile FATA: Gender (in) Equality, (dis)Empowerment and Reform Process in Pakistan**' project of total cost 3503500 Pk. Rs.
2. With the help of the Women Regional Network and the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, established a **Pakistan Humanitarian Observatory** at the Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
3. Coordinator/Advisor of MPhil and PhD programs at the **Department of Political Science**.
4. Member of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, **University of Peshawar**.
5. Member of different Committees at the **Department of Political Science**.

Courses and Workshops

Year/Date	Title & Details
2022–2023	CERES Course on Safety and Security in Research – Research School for International Development, Erasmus University/International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague
Oct 2017	Workshop: "Third Party Approaches to Worldview Conflicts Related to the Status of Women" – Organised by Culture and Religion in Mediation & Centre for Security Studies, Zurich
Dec 2016	Online Outreach Program Course: Resource person on <i>Women, Peace and Security</i> – Women Regional Network (Pakistan–Afghanistan–India)
May–June 2014	International Visitor Leadership Program: US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs – <i>Trade Along the New Silk Road: Promoting Regional Integration through Economic Cooperation</i>
Oct 2013	Three-week Course: <i>Women in Peace Mediation</i> – Kathmandu, Nepal. Organised by Peace Women Across the Globe & Mediation Support Project, ETH/Zurich
Feb 2012	Workshop: Afghanistan and Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA 2012) – Federal Board of Revenue, Peshawar Custom House
Mar 2007	Workshop: <i>Federally Administered Tribal Areas Reforms</i> – Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar
June 1999	Workshop: <i>FCR Human Rights Violation in FATA</i> – Human Rights Commission Pakistan, Manshera Chapter
Sept 1998	Three-week Course/Workshop: <i>Sources of Conflict in South Asia</i> – Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka

Conferences and Seminars

Year/Date	Title & Contribution
July 2019	Int'l Conference: Third <i>Private Pieties</i> Conference – University of Göttingen, Germany. Paper: <i>Tribal Women, Cultural Islam and Gender Rights</i>
March 2018	International Event: <i>Women, Sustainable Peace and Security</i> – Tehran University. Keynote speech: <i>Women in World Conflicts</i>
May 2015	Int'l Conference: Social Sciences in Pakistan – Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. Paper: <i>FATA Women Voiceless/Invisible Entity: Victim of State Structure and Cultural System</i>
Sept 2013	Seminar: FATA Women's Conference – National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Islamabad. Facilitated tribal women group for reforms and peacebuilding
Feb 2013	Int'l Conference: <i>Changing Dynamics of Peacebuilding in South Asia</i> – UN Women, Kathmandu, Nepal. Paper: <i>Conflict-Ridden FATA (Case study of Kurram Agency's Sectarian Conflict)</i>
Nov 2012	Int'l Conference: <i>Geopolitics and Geo-strategy of Mineral Resources in Pakistan and Afghanistan</i> – French Institute Kabul & IBA Karachi. Paper: <i>Tapped and Untapped Mineral Resources of FATA</i>
May 2012	Int'l Conference: Emerging Issues of Social Sciences in Pakistan – Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. Paper: <i>WTO Policies Impacting Pakistan</i>
March 2012	Int'l Conference: Pak-Afghan Transit Trade 2010 – Political Science Dept., University of Peshawar. Paper: <i>Trade as an Instrument of Peace Building</i>
Nov 2011	Int'l Conference: <i>Dynamics of Change in Conflict Societies: Pakhtun Region in Perspective</i> – University of Peshawar. Paper: <i>Pak-Afghan Transit Trade Treaty 2010 and Pashtuns' Involvement</i>
March 2007	Seminar: Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar. Paper: <i>Women Inclusive Reforms in FATA</i>
April 2006	Int'l Conference: <i>Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan</i> – Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar

Projects, Consultancies, and Research Studies

Year/Date	Title & Role
2025–2027	Researcher: Strengthening Social Work Education in Pakistan – Collaboration with University of Bradford (UK) & UNICEF Pakistan
2023	Training Consultant: Community Resilience and Social Cohesion Activity – North (CRA-N) with IOM/UN Migration
2022–2026	Research Study: Non-Resident Fellow, Erasmus University/ISS, The Hague – <i>Gendered effects of conflict and displacement on livelihoods</i> (Pakistan, DRC, Colombia). ListenH Project

Year/Date	Title & Role
2022	Consultancy: Principal Investigator – Effectiveness of Dispute Resolution Councils (Charsadda & Nowshera, KP). LASOONA & Oxfam
2021	Research Study: Field Coordinator – <i>Women’s Vulnerability to Radicalisation, Violent Extremism, and Anti-Social Attitudes</i> in KP Universities. UNDP
2020	Consultancy: Principal Investigator – Mapping Domestic Violence Data & COVID-19 Response in Pakistan. Dastak & British High Commission
Dec 2019	Consultancy: Principal Investigator & Trainer – Women Protection & Inheritance Rights. CAMP, Islamabad
Jan–Sept 2019	Project: Principal Investigator – <i>Gender and Socio-Cultural Norms in Erstwhile FATA</i> . FATA Research Centre & British High Commission
Jul 2018–Oct 2019	Project: Stabilisation & Governance Specialist – Pakistan Transition Initiatives Evaluation, FATA. Management Systems International
Dec 2017–Jun 2018	Project Consultancy: Co-Investigator – <i>Supporting Women and Peace Building in Conflict Zones: South Asia Study</i> . DAI Pakistan
Jan–Jun 2016	Consultant: Support to Takrah Qabailee Khwenday (TQK) – Documentation, advocacy, training tribal women for elections, engaging youth
Jan 2014–2015	Consultant: Assessment of Minerals on Pak-Afghan Border – Collaborative venture of Pakistan & Afghanistan, French Centres

Other Achievements

M. Phil Supervised

1. Faraz Ali (2020), "Women’s Electoral Participation in District Bajaur", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
2. Zarfishan Sikandari (2021), "Socio-Cultural Challenges Towards Women’s Right to Inheritance and Property in District Lakki Marwat", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
3. Waseem Murad (2022), "Challenges to Coal Mine Labourers in Pakistan: A Case Study of Shangla Labourers working in Kohat and Orakzai Coalmines, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
4. Saeed Ullah (2022), "Appraisal of Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations from 2014-2021", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
5. Muhammad Ayaz (2022), "Capacity Building of Democratic Values Among the Students of Peshawar University", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
6. Habibullah (2022), "Eighteenth Amendment and the Devolution of the Natural Resources Subject to the Province Baluchistan", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
7. Saima Umar (2023), "A Study of Domestic Violence Against Women During the Covid-19 Pandemic in the District Lakki Marwat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.
8. Huma Khattak (2023), "Exploring Social Cultural Causes of Women’s Absence from Political Leadership Role in the District Karak", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.

9. Lala Rukh (2023), "Impact of Conflict on Women in the Mohmand Newly Merged District", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.

10. Sehrish Saeed (2023), "POLITICO-LEGAL PROBLEMS FACED BY FEMALE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ACCESSING THE COURTS", Department of Political Science, University of Peshawar.

Ph. Ds Under Supervision

1. Nabila Aftab - Effects of Government Reforms in the Primary and Secondary Education on the out-of-school Children in District Kolai Pallas (Hazara), Pakistan. (completed)
2. Nasrullah Mohmand - POLITICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHALLENGES TO NATION BUILDING IN AFGHANISTAN UNDER THE TALIBAN ADMINISTRATION (completed)
3. Hina Allauddin – International Politics and Compulsory Licensing: Access to Essential Patented Drugs in Pakistan
4. Tabassum Majeed – Exploring the Agency of Women in The Transforming Public Spaces of Swat, Pakistan.
5. Post-2021 Changing Security Landscape in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Understanding the Socio-Political and Ideological Growth of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan in Lakki Marwat and Bannu Districts.

Resource Person for Higher Education Academy of Research & Training, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Conducted training and sessions on research methodology with KP colleges' faculty members, March 2021.

Conference Coordinator, Department of Political Science, UOP: THE DYNAMICS OF CHANGE IN THE PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN REGION: POLITICS, (DIS)INTEGRATION AND REFORMATION IN THE BORDERLAND, 15- 16th October 2020

Resource Person for Orientation Workshop and Fellowship: Arranged by *Takrah Qabailee Khwenday* and sponsored by Heinrich Boll Stiftung Pakistan. Provided facilitation to the tribal women group on FCR, leadership, human rights, gender rights, and peace building in FATA, 2016

Resource Person for International Summer School, Department of Political Science, UOP: Building Peace through Economic Interdependence and Integration of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and India, 2014

Patron/Memberships

Founding Member and Patron Qabailee Khor (Tribal Sister Network) <https://khor-pk.org>

Former Member, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Commission on the Status of Women

Member of the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies

Member Peace Women Across the Globe

Associate Coordinator, Pakistan Humanitarian Observatory, University of Peshawar, fostering collaboration for Inclusive Humanitarian Action <https://share.google/oRDani8U7A6JZAACm>