

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1983** Doctor of Communication and Education: Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.
- 1983** Diploma in South Asian Studies: School of International Affairs, Columbia University, New York.
- 1981** Master of Education: Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.
- 1980** Master of Arts in Communication: Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.
- 1978** Master of Arts in Sociology: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, New York.
- 1972** Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology: Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan. First Class first. Gold medalist.
- 1969** Bachelor of Arts: Punjab University. First Division.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009 – to date** Chairperson/Senior Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Gender and Culture. Lahore, Pakistan.
- 2006 – 2009** Director In charge, Research and Publication Center, National College of Arts, Lahore.
- 1998 – 2009** Director, M.Phil./Ph.D program in Communication and Cultural Studies, National College of Arts, Lahore
Initiated the first graduate research program of its kind in South Asia. Apart from teaching/supervision, responsibilities included envisioning, developing and execution of program; infrastructure, supervising course content, liaison with overseas institutions and faculty.
- 1976 – 2009** Chairperson Deptt. of Communication and Cultural Studies and Professor of Psychology and Communication, National College of Arts. Lahore, Pakistan.
Developed and taught courses in Social Research Methods, Psychology & Arts, Mass Media, Sociology, Social Psychology, Communication and Cultural Studies. Appointed Chairperson of Department in 1995. Apart from Administration, was responsible for the content and quality of the entire academic studies program of NCA.
- 1997 – to date** Visiting Professor, Center for Intercultural Management and Intercultural Communication (CIMIC), Katholieke Hogeschool, Mechelen, Belgium.
Annually teach course module on Islam and Culture for the MA Program and BA Program.
- 1997 – to date** Faculty Member, Institute of Women's Studies Lahore (IWSL).
Subjects: Women, Psychology and Religion.
- 1991 – 1996** Lecturer/Trainer for series of postgraduate training seminars at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland.
Advising Ph.D. students and professionals working on cultural and psychological aspects of development issues, including empowerment of muslim women.

- 1987 – 1995** Director, Institutional Development, The Lahore Society for Education and Research (LASER).
The Society is a non profit organization managing a school and junior college. Involved in setting of policy vis a vis curriculum and staff and assessment of goals and future directions.
- 1983 – 1985** Visiting Professor Armed Forces Medical College, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.
Taught advanced seminars in psychology and communication for health services professionals, including physicians, psychiatrists, and hospital administrators.
- 1983 – to date** Clinical Psychologist & Psychotherapist.
Maintain a private clinical practice and serve as consultant psychologist to various hospitals in Lahore. Consultant Psychologist 'Dastak' (Shelter for battered women).
- 1999** Fellow, Salzburg Seminar on Arts, Religion and the Shaping of Culture.
- 1975 – 1976** Research Fellow in Chinese Arts and Culture, Fungli Theatre, Shanghai, China.

KEY RESEARCH PROJECTS/GRANTS

- Director, Research project, ‘Contesting Fundamentalism: Gender, Culture and Education’. European Union, € 10,000. 2010.
- Director, Research Project, “Contesting Fundamentalism: Democracy, Culture, Education”. (2007-2008). Heinrich Boll Foundation, Germany. € 40,000
- Director, Research Project on ‘Religion in the Public Sphere. Gender, Islam and Minorities.’ (2014)
- Director, Research Project “Public Theology: Research and Dissemination on Gender, Culture & Religion in Pakistan”. Heinrich Boell Foundation. (2014)
- Book writing research grant/award. Heinrich Boll Foundation. (2000). € 10,000
- Director, Research Project for Developing teaching modules on Science, Religion and Islam. (1999). John Templeton Foundation. USA. \$10,000.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Izzaz-i-Fazeelat. President of Pakistan Award for Academic Distinction. 2008.
- Fatima Jinnah Gold Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Education and Research. Punjab Government. 2008.
- Listed as one of Pakistan’s thirty five “Women of Substance”. Prime Minister’s Secretariat Islamabad. 1995.
- Fellowship by the South Asian Institute, School of International Affairs, Columbia University, 1979-80.
- Foreign Student scholarship, Teachers College, Columbia University (1979 – 1982).
- International Fellowship, American Association of University Women (AAUW), 1977-78.
- Government of Pakistan Scholarship to study theatre arts in The Peoples Republic of China, 1975-76.
- Gold Medal and Certificate of Merit, Punjab University for first class first M.A. Clinical Psychology, 1973.
- Roll of Honour (Academics) Government College, Lahore, 1973. Certificate of Merit for Services as President, Government College Psychological Society.

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PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Gendering the Spirit: Women, Religion and the Post Colonial Response* (Ed). London. Zed Books. 2002.
- *Voorbij de laatste grens: Pakistan, de Islam en het feminine. Monografieën over Interculturaliteit.* CIMIC. Belgium 2002. Dutch/Flemish translation of ‘Pakistan, Islam and Women’.
- *Masculinity, Rationality and Religion: A Feminist Perspective.* Lahore, ASR, 2001 (2nd edition).
- *Mind and Media: Critical Readings.* Editor and contributing author. Mashal Publications, Lahore (In press). The book is due to be translated into Urdu.
- *Women and Religion. Vol. VI: Religious Violence: Conflict and Resolution* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 2003.
- *Women and Religion. Vol. V: Text and Context: Critical Alternatives* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 2002.
- *Women and Religion. Vol. IV: Desire and Resistance* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 2001.
- *Women and Religion. Vol. III: The Seeds of Violence* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 2000.
- *Women and Religion. Vol. II: The Hidden Woman* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 1999.
- *Women and Religion. Vol. I: Problems and Prospects* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 1998.

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Selected Book chapters and Publications:

- Ahmed, Durre S. “Decolonizing Muslim Subjectivities: A Psycho Cultural Perspective.” *Journal for Islamic Studies*. Thematic Issue: Theorising Experience, Subjectivity and Narrative Studies of Gender and Islam. Vol 33. 2013. pp 185-194.
- Ahmed, Durre S. “The Perpetually Receding Horizon: A Feminist View of Quranic Interpretation” in *Women Narrating Their Lives and Actions*. R.J Kirin and S. Prienda (eds). Center for Women’s Studies. Zagreb 2013.
- Ahmed, Durre S. “Social, Ecological and Mental Challenges of the 21st Century” in *Some Global Rays of Hope: Voices From Rhodes 2011*. F. Dallmayr and V. Yakunin (eds). World Public Forum, Moscow 2012.
- Ahmed, Durre S. “De eeuwige terugwijkende horizon: Een psycho-culturele visie over het interpreteren van de Koran”. (A Psycho-cultural View of Koranic Interpretation). *Een derde Testament: Bevrijdende Schriftlezingen* (Liberating Scripture). De Witte, Rooze, Soetewey, Vandepierre (Eds). Garant . Antwerp. ISBN 978-90-441-2737-9. 2011.
- “Penetrations: A Psycho-Cultural View of Modernity, Fundamentalisms and Islam” in *Islam and Europe: Crises are Challenges*. Marie Claire Foblets and Jean-Yves Carlier (eds.) 2010, Leuven University Press.
- “The Journey: Buraq, Jhuley Laal and Zuljinnah”, in *Mazaar, Bazaar: Design and Visual Culture in Pakistan*. Saima Zaidi (ed). Oxford University Press. Karachi. 2010.
- “Heroes and Zeroes”, in *Mazaar, Bazaar: Design and Visual Culture in Pakistan*. Saima Zaidi (ed). Oxford University Press. Karachi. 2010.
- ‘The Khusra’, Catalogue essay in Fotopres LaCaixa ’09 (in Spanish). Barcelona, 2009. ISBN G78-84-9900-G22-0.
- The Zikris of Pakistan. *InterCulture*. Journal of the Intercultural Institute of Montreal. Spring 2007. Also appears in French edition of *InterCulture*.
- “Gender and Islamic Spirituality: a Psychological View of ‘Low’ Fundamentalism”, in *Islamic Masculinities*. Lahoucine Ouzgane (ed). London. ZED Books. 2006.
- “Foolish Questions, Impolite Answers: Intellectuals and Religion” in *Waging Peace: Building a World in which Life Matters*. L. Ralte and S. Faria (eds). Delhi IVIT/ISFK. 2004.
- “Women, Religion and Civilizational Dialogue: The New Heretical Imperative”. In, *World Affairs*, Special Issue on Dialogue of Civilizations. Vol. 7, No. 4, December 2003.
- “Religious Violence: Conflict and Resolution.” Introduction to *Women and Religion. Vol. VI: Religious Violence: Conflict and Resolution* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin 2003.

- "Text and Context: Critical Alternatives", Introduction to *Women and Religion. Vol. V: Text and Context* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 2002
- "Texts and Contexts of Islamic Masculinity in Pakistan: A Socio-Cultural View" in *Women and Religion. Vol. V: Text and Context: Critical Alternatives* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 2002
- "Women, Religion and Sexuality: A Psychological View of Problems and Prospects" in *Women and Religion. Vol. IV: Desire and Resistance* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin 2001.
- "Hysterics, harems and *Houris*: Cultural and Psychological Reflections on Women, Sexuality and Islam" in *Women and Religion. Vol. IV: Desire and Resistance* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin 2001.
- "Violence and the Feminine in Islam: A Case Study of the Zikris" in *Women and Religion. Vol. III: The Seeds of Violence* (Ed). HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 2000.
- "Islam and the West: A Psychological Analysis." *Journal of the Henry Martyn Institute*, Vol. 19. No.1, 2000.
- "The Hidden Woman", Introduction to *Women and Religion. Vol. II: The Hidden Woman* (Ed), HBF series, Lahore/Berlin, 1999
- "'Real' Men, Naked Women and the Politics of Paradise: The Archetype of Lal Ded" in *Women and Religion. Vol. II: The Hidden Woman* (Ed), HBF, Lahore/Berlin, 1999.
- "Islam and the West: A Case Study of the Collected Works of C.G. Jung. Part I." *Iqbal Review*, Vol. 40. No.1 April 1999. Journal of the Iqbal Academy, Pakistan.
- "Islam and the West: A Case Study of the Collected Works of C.G. Jung. Part II." *Iqbal Review*, Vol. 40. No.3 and 4, October 1999. Journal of the Iqbal Academy, Pakistan.
- "Tradition Discarded, Tradition Reclaimed," in *Women's Life Worlds*, Edith Sizoo (ed.), Routledge, London 1998.
- "Women, Psychology and Religion" in *Women and Religion. Vol. I: Problems and Prospects* (Ed). Heinrich Boll Foundation series, Lahore/Berlin, 1998.
- "Perspectives on Islam: Cultural Complications" in *Women and Religion. Vol. I: Problems and Prospects* (Ed). Heinrich Boll Foundation series, Lahore/Berlin, 1998.
- "Globalization and the Vitality of Cultures"; Keynote Paper for 10th International Conference 'Culture and Development'. Brussels, 1996. Published in *Cultures and Development*, 31/21. 3/1998.
- "Essence and Diversity in Gender Research"; in *Gender and Globalization* Series 29, edited by Susanne Thorbek. Department of Development and Planning, Aalborg University, Denmark 1996.
- "Issues in Epistemology and their Implications in the Third World"; in *Issues of Methodology in Postcolonial Studies*, edited by Signe Arnfred; International Development Studies, Series 15, Roskilde University, Denmark 1995.
- "Western Knowledge Systems: Working Towards Feminist Theory", in *A Celebration of Women*, Essays and Abstracts. Lahore, ASR, 1995.
- "Family Contexts of Television", with Leichter, Barrios and Bryce. *Educational Communication and Technology Journal*. N.Y. 33(1), 26-40.

Selected Presentations and Papers:

- *Psychology, Women and Religion: Reflections on Decolonization and Islam*. Public Lecture for Karamah EU. Antwerp University. November 2013
- *Modernity and Religion: A View From the South*. Paper for Panel on South Asia. 11th World Public Forum Dialogue of Civilizations. Rhodes, Greece. October 2013.
- *Psychological Impact of Globalization on Families in South Asia*. Paper for Panel on Family Values. 11th World Public Forum Dialogue of Civilizations. Rhodes, Greece. October 2013
- Lecture on *A Psychological Perspective on Women and Islam in South Asia*. Tufts University Lecture Series on Islam on the Indian Ocean Rim. October 2012
- Public Lecture, *Women, Religion, Modernity and Islam: The New Heretical Imperatives*. The Annual Marja Liisa Swanz Lecture. Institute of Development Studies. University of Helsinki. May 2012

- *Civilizations, Islam and Dialogue*. Paper presented at 10th World Public Forum Dialogue of Civilizations. Rhodes Greece. 2010
- “Feminism, Islam and Masculinity”. Fourth International Congress on Islamic Feminism. Madrid, Spain 2010.
- “Civilization, Dialogue and Islam.” World Public Forum: Dialogue of Civilizations. Sixth Annual Meeting. Rhodes. Greece. 2010.
- “Veiled Light: The Divine Feminine in Islam”. Panel on The Divine Feminine: An Asian Perspective. International Congress of International Association of History of Religion. Toronto. Canada. 2010.
- “Gender, Ritual and Islam: A Case Study”. Keynote for Conference on Religion and Devotional Practices in South Asia. University of Copenhagen. Denmark. October. 2008.
- “Modernity, Fundamentalisms and Islam”. Keynote for Anne and Andre Leysen Chair on ‘Islam in Europe’, University of Leuven, Belgium. May, 2008.
- “Masculinity, Modernity and Islam”. Paper for Travelling Seminar on Masculinity, UNIFEM and Katmandu University, Nepal and Jadarpur University, Kolkata, India. 2008.
- “Civilizational Dialogue, Peace and the Role of Women.” Fourth Conference on Dialogue of Civilization. Rhodes. Greece. October. 2006.
- “The Feminine Principle in Islam.” Keynote Paper. International Seminar on Buddhism, Islam and Women. University of Antwerp, Belgium. 2004.
- “Fundamentalism, Feminism and Modernity: A Psychological Analysis”. Paper for the International Women’s Studies Conference. Panel on Fundamentalisms. Dalian. China. 2004.

RELATED ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

- 1) From 1990 till the present, I have been engaged in researching and teaching socio-psychological, transnational and cultural dimensions of Islam and Muslims in Europe at various universities, educational and public institutions. Many of the research papers written by me were part of the curriculum for a number of advance training seminars. These have been among others , at the International University Center, Dubrovnik, Croatia, University of Aalborg, Denmark, Roskilde University, Denmark, Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, and the World Institute of Development Economics Research, United Nations University, Helsinki (UNU/WIDER). I have also lectured at the Universities of Aalborg and Roskilde, Denmark, the Institute of Development Studies, University of Helsinki, University of Tampere, Finland, the University of Canterbury at Kent, U.K, University of Cork, Ireland, University of Antwerp, University of Leuven, Belgium, University of Heidelberg, Germany, the Institute of Intercultural Management and International Communication (CIMIC), Mechelen, Belgium and the Jamia-Millia University, New Delhi. The training seminars were for Ph.D students and other professionals and also entailed advising and guiding doctoral dissertations. Topics included Women, Islam, Culture, Development and Psychology in the context of Muslim/Asian societies in various countries in the west. Since 2005 I have been actively engaged in different Research and Training Programs on the Issue of Radicalization. The projects included serving as Director, Research and Training for the Project ‘Contesting Fundamentalism: Gender, Culture and Education’. Funded by the European Union.
- 2) Director, Research and Training Project, “Contesting Fundamentalism: Democracy, Culture, Education”. (2007-2008). Heinrich Boll Foundation, Germany. € 40,000
- 3) Director, Research and Training Project on ‘Religion in the Public Sphere. Gender, Islam and Minorities.’ (2014)
- 4) Director, Research and Training Project “Public Theology: Research and Dissemination on Gender, Culture & Religion in Pakistan”. Heinrich Boell Foundation. (2014)

Based on these and other ongoing research projects on radicalization among different communities, since 2005 I have given lectures, seminars, workshops and courses at numerous institutions in Europe. These include senior officers of the Belgium Armed Forces, The Antwerp Police Department, The Department of Immigration Services, Belgium, and numerous other Public and Private Institutions interfacing with Muslims and immigrants in Europe.

POSITIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- Member Steering Committee, Board of Trustees, The Templeton Religion Trust, Nassau, Bahamas (2015).
- Juror, Forbes 30 under 30 Prize for Young Social Entrepreneurs (2015).
- Member, Board of Governors National College of Arts (2015-2018).
- Chairperson Justice Project Pakistan (2015).
- Member, International Board of Advisors, John Templeton Foundation. USA (2011-2014).
- Juror, Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion (2009 – 2012).
- Juror Commonwealth Writers Prize (2008).
- Advisor and Member, Punjab Government Committee on Drug Abuse (1983-1995).
- Member, Punjab Government Committee on the Education of the Handicapped (1990-2003).
- Advisor and Member, Punjab Government Committee on Drug Abuse Communication (1983-2009).
- Member, Board of Trustees, Secretary/Treasurer Mashal Foundation (Pakistan). This is an affiliate of OBOR Foundation of the U.S. involved in the publication of books in developing countries (1989 - present).
- Vice Chair, Selection Committee, Anne Marie Schimmel Scholarship (Pakistan) (1989 – present).
- Member, Board of Trustees, Lahore Society for Education Research (LASER) (1986 – 1995).
- Member, Board of Governors, Institute of Women’s Studies, Lahore.