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EDUCATION

Sep 04-Present **Graduate Center, City University of New York**

Candidate for Ph.D., Criminal Justice

Specialization: Crime and Culture

- Proposed dissertation topic: “Violence, social capital and state legitimacy – robbery in Karachi, Pakistan”

2001

Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK

M.Phil. Development Studies

Concentration: Political Economy & Econometrics

- M.Phil. Thesis: “Institutional Deficiencies & Land Distribution: Impact on Access to Irrigation in Pakistan”
- Other research papers included: “Police reform in Pakistan, 2000: an evaluation”; “An economic analysis of the determinants of primary school enrollment in India” and “Social movement theory & the creation of Bangladesh”

1997

Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan

B.Sc. (Honors), Economics

- Senior project (Honors thesis): “Implicit taxation in the Agricultural Sector in Pakistan, 1980 – 1990”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan '08-Present **Adjunct Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, New York**

Department of Sociology

- Teaching a course on Crime in Asia (SOC 351)

Apr '06-Aug '07 **Director of Research, Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice, New York**

The Vera Institute of Justice is a private, non profit organization based in New York.

I led the research team for the center and was responsible for designing, conducting and developing Vera's juvenile justice research, including:

- *Juvenile detention reform in New York City (NYC):* I designed and led the research to develop an empirical, objective instrument to be used by the NYC departments of Probation and Juvenile Justice, to determine which youth would be detained post-arrest.
- *Testing detention reform in three upstate counties:* As director, I designed and tested the efficacy of the reforms introduced following the work of Vera's Youth Justice Program in three upstate counties (see below). Evaluations were based on longitudinal data collected in each county, and compared detention rates, the use of alternatives, and, when possible, rearrest rates before and after the reforms were introduced.

- *Evaluating expansions in the Adolescent Portable Therapy Program (APT):* APT offers family based therapy to adolescents who have been using drugs and are involved with the criminal justice system. After conducting the initial evaluation (see below) I was responsible for testing programmatic efficacy as it expanded from juvenile delinquency into the status offender realm.

Mar '03-Mar '06 **Research Associate, Vera Institute of Justice, New York**

Conducted research and analysis for Vera's projects including:

- *Research for the Youth Justice Program:* This program offers technical assistance on detention reform to multiple counties around New York City. Its research component involves the analysis of data from police, courts, probation departments and detention centers with a view to identifying how county detention systems can function more effectively.
- *Evaluation of APT:* The evaluation examined the program's efficacy based on a longitudinal, experimental design.
- *Research on Police and Immigrant Communities:* Vera conducted a series of meetings between the NYPD and members of recent immigrant groups to facilitate better relations between the two sides. As part of the research for this project we compiled a manual based on the lessons that emerged from the process.

Jan 2003 **Consultant, Gender and Development Unit (GAD), Division of Policy and Planning, UNICEF, New York**

UNICEF is the United Nations agency tasked with the protection of children throughout the world, with headquarters in New York.

Prepared a consultative, multi-tiered Gender Assessment Tool as part of a tool-kit for organizational and programmatic gender mainstreaming.

Sep '02-Dec '02 **Consultant, Inter Agency Collaboration Unit, Program Division, UNICEF, New York**

Conducted research and analysis for study on UNICEF's contribution to UN reform and its impact on UNICEF.

May '02-Jul '02 **Volunteer, Gender & Development Unit (GAD), Division of Policy and Planning, UNICEF, New York**

Developed a number of ongoing projects, including a series of matrices on trends, practices and constraints to gender mainstreaming through an analysis of UNICEF's global work.

May '01-Jun '01 **Graduate Research Assistant, IDS, University of Sussex, England**

Online discussion on Global Food Insecurity, to inform the international development strategy for the UK Department for International Development's (DfID)

Identified participants through developing a detailed worldwide database of individuals working on food insecurity; facilitated the often volatile discussion between participants from six continents using a variety of media; compiled the final report for DfID.

Oct '99-Dec '99 **Graduate Research Assistant, IDS, University of Sussex, England**

Conducted literature review and edited chapter for a book on Social Movements in Brazil.

- Oct '97-Jul '99 **Research Assistant, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Pakistan**
The Sustainable Development Policy Institute is a non profit research organization based in Islamabad.
 Conducted field-based and secondary research leading for two projects: the comparison of government, NGO and private schools in rural Pakistan, and the political economy of government schooling in Pakistan. For each project I reviewed relevant literature, designed the research including instruments for focus groups, in-depth interviews, and surveys, and managed the field based research. I also analyzed findings of the research.
- Jul '98-Jul '99 **Co-founder and Coordinator, Citizen's Peace Committee, Pakistan**
The Citizen's Peace Committee is a volunteer organization in Islamabad, established to spread peace and disarmament awareness.
 As co-founder of the Committee, I helped bring together several efforts against nuclear testing in India, and subsequently in Pakistan. As Coordinator, I partnered with peace groups in Japan, the US, and within Pakistan. I organized several seminars and two national conferences on peace and disarmament, and lobbied and developed alliances with members of parliament.
- Nov '97-Dec '97 **Consultant, The Asia Foundation, Pakistan**
The Asia Foundation is a private, non profit development organization based in San Francisco, with substantial presence in Asia.
 I evaluated Asia Foundation funding to education projects in the Punjab and Sindh regions using field-based research, contributing to an overall evaluation of the Foundation by assessing its relationship with partner NGOs.
- July '97-Oct '97 **Intern, Sungi Foundation, Pakistan**
Sungi Foundation is a non-government development organization based in Abbotabad Pakistan.
 Compiled and analyzed data on the activities and finances of various departments of the NGO, wrote and designed the annual report (1996) and managed publication.

PUBLICATIONS

Khan S, Kazmi, S, Latif, Z. (2005). The State of Basic Education in Pakistan. *European Journal of Development Research*, vol. 17, no. 2. June 2005, pp. 199 – 223.

Khashu A, Busch R, Latif Z. (2005). *Building strong police-immigrant community relations: lessons from a New York City project*. Vera Institute of Justice: New York.

Fogglesong T, Latif Z, Merrick C, Miller J, Parsons J, Ross T, Stone C, Trone J (2003) *Measuring Progress toward Safety and Justice: A Global Guide to the Design of Performance Indicators across the Justice Sector*. Department for International Development: London.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Nov 2005 *Preventing attrition from adolescent treatment*
Paper presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Toronto.
- Nov 2005 *Local enforcement of federal immigration policy: the CLEAR Act*
Paper presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Toronto.
- Mar 2005 *Predictors of recidivism: lessons from a strength-based drug treatment program*
Paper presented at 'Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness' Conference, Washington DC.
Organized by SAMHSA (CSAT), NIDA (NIAAA) and SASATE.
- Mar 2005 *Findings from the evaluation of the Adolescent Portable Therapy program*
Paper presented at 'Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness' Conference, Washington DC.
Organized by SAMHSA (CSAT), NIDA (NIAAA) and SASATE.
- Oct 1998 *Women and Transport: Gender Specific Effects of Poor Transportation Networks in Rural Pakistan*
Paper presented at 'Rural Transportation in the Developing World' Conference, Gaule, Sri Lanka. Organized by the Intermediate Technology Development Group.

Languages: Fluent in English, Urdu & Punjabi

Computer Skills: SPSS, MS Office, ArcGIS (working knowledge)