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**Experience:**

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**Freelance** / Researcher & Editor/

- Focus on data protection, freedom of expression, privacy and surveillance.
- Founder of *Citizen South*, a fortnightly review on the state of surveillance, privacy and digital rights in South Asia.

**Digital Rights Foundation** / Senior Researcher/ September 2024 – April 2025

Lahore, Pakistan

- Senior Editor on: *Bytes Behind Bars: Decoding Pakistan’s Digital Expression Legislation*, *Voter Data Privacy In Pakistan: Privacy Risks, Data Protection, and Legislative Shortcomings during Data-Driven Elections*, and *Gendered Online Hate in Pakistan: Right-wing Religious Campaigns Against Women Journalists*.
- Edited and reviewed DRF’s analyses on the *Digital Nation Pakistan Act, 2025* and *Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Act, 2025*.
- Wrote DRF’s Public Comment Submission to the Meta Oversight Board, regarding “Posts Displaying South Africa’s Apartheid-Era Flag”.
- Presented and discussed “*Gendered Online Hate in Pakistan*” and “*Voter Data Privacy in Pakistan*” at *Global Gathering 2024*, Estoril, Portugal.

**Lahore Journal of Economics** / Lahore School of Economics / Research Fellow / January 2022 – August 2024

Lahore, Pakistan

- Responsible for overseeing the restructuring and development of the LJE website. (<https://lje.org.pk/>)
- Ensuring that the LJE met and adhered to international criteria and best practices for open-access journaling.
- Editorial review and editing of manuscripts post-submission, and prior to final publication.
- Secondary analysis of manuscripts and/or articles suspected of potential plagiarism on a case-by-case basis.

**Third World Quarterly** / Research Associate / December 2018 – December 2019

London, England, United Kingdom

- Responsible for identifying and vetting potential referees for Third World Quarterly’s double-blind peer review system.
- Outreach and vetting of prospective manuscripts and authors prior to acceptance for review and subsequent publication (if successful).
- Preliminary analysis of manuscripts and/or articles suspected of potential plagiarism on a case- by-case basis.

**Digital Rights Foundation** / Research Associate / May 2015 – January 2018

Lahore, Pakistan

- Responsible for internal organisational editorial oversight within Digital Rights Foundation.
- Involved with campaigns to spread digital security awareness, tackle online harassment and to advocate for progressive cybercrime legislation in Pakistan.
- Speechwriter to the Executive Director.
- Writer on digital rights topics for Digital Rights Foundation and partnering organisations, including the Electronic Frontier Foundation, *Privacy International*, *The Berkman Klein Centre for Internet & Society at Harvard University* and the *Dangerous Speech Project*.
- Co-editor and co-contributor to the Pakistan section of the 2016 edition of Freedom House’s “*Freedom On The Net*” report.
- Co-editor, “The Art of Digital Security For Pakistani Women” - Pakistan’s first digital security manual designed for women.
- Copy editor, researcher, contributor and joint general editor for Digital Rights Foundation’s “Blasphemy in the Digital Age” research report. (*For safety reasons, this is not available online, but is available on request.*)
- Co-editor and researcher for Privacy International’s “*State of Privacy*” country report on Pakistan (2017).
- Co-editor for Digital Rights Foundation’s joint legal analyses on Pakistan’s cybercrime bill, the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2016, with Privacy International and Article 19.
- Authored and launched the first review of Pakistan’s cellular network providers and their approaches to

the protection of customer privacy in 2016, "Telecoms Privacy & Data Protection Policies in Pakistan", which received coverage in Pakistani media.

**United Nations Institute for Training and Research** / Trainee, Governance Unit /  
September 2011 – March 2012  
Geneva, Switzerland

- Researched key current local development trends, such as green growth, governance, decentralisation of urbanisation, e-learning, 'north-south' cooperation, youth unemployment, environment, and city-to-city cooperation.
- Drafted overview reports and concept papers covering the feasibility of Public-Private Partnerships in Sub-Saharan African nations.
- Collated and developed research materials for e-learning courses on Public-Private Partnerships.
- Developed a Resource Mobility database for sustainable development in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Lahore University of Management Sciences** / Communications Officer / July 2010 – June 2011  
Lahore, Pakistan

- Coordination with senior university faculty and non-academic staff in regards to department-relevant promotional material and events.
- Coordination of university outreach presentations and open day events in Lahore and other large cities of Pakistan.

**Lahore University of Management Sciences** / Research Associate / August 2008 – May 2009  
Lahore, Pakistan

- Worked alongside Dr Imran Ali, then-Professor of Economic History and Business Policy (now Professor Emeritus) researching existential and sustainability threats to Pakistan from 1947 leading up to 2009.
- Researched empirical literature pertaining to existential threats to infrastructural stability.

**Sustainable Development Policy Institute** / Support Consultant / January 2006 – May 2006  
Islamabad, Pakistan

- Assistant to Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, then-SDPI Assistant Executive Director (now Executive Director).
- Coordinated the Asian markets segment of the "Regoverning Markets" research project, in conjunction with the heads of involved international organisations.
- Researched into national policy towards sustainable education, development goals and benchmarks, as well as coordination of projects to further improve said goals and benchmarks.

**National AIDS Control Programme** / Support Consultant / January 2005 – December 2005  
Islamabad, Pakistan

- Undertook extensive research into the HIV/AIDS epidemic as it pertained to Pakistan, leading up to December 2005.
- Participated actively in dialogues/meetings with Provincial Project Coordinators.
- Editor of the Project Inception Report (PIR) and subsequent quarterly reports for the programme.
- Responsible for the compilation and layout design of the aforementioned Project Inception Report and quarterly reports.

### **Education:**

**University of Sheffield** / MA Archaeology  
Sheffield, United Kingdom, 2007

**Area of focus:** Political usage of archaeological methodology and research.

**Dissertation:** "*The Eagle and The Black Stork: Investigating the connection between National Socialist appropriation of archaeological theory and the American Eugenics movement in the early 1900s.*"

**Pace University, New York** / BA Politics and Government  
New York, United States of America, 2006

**Area of focus:** International Relations, with a focus on post-September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 geopolitics.

### **Selected Publications:**

- *The Roots of Gendered Disinformation: A Historical Study*, in *Perspectives On Gendered Disinformation*, Digital Rights Foundation and Heinrich Böll Stiftung (January 2022), pp 35-40.
- *Pakistan's Blasphemy Law: Using Hate Speech Laws to Limit Digital Rights*. Co-authored with Nighat Dad, in *Perspectives on Harmful Speech Online*, The Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society (August 2017), pp 21-23.
- *Is Wearing A GPS Tracker Really a Solution for Domestic Violence In Pakistan?*  
Co-authored with Nighat Dad, in *International Women's Day 2016: Privacy International Global Network*, Privacy International (March 2016), pp 10-12.
- *Unlawful Interception: Pakistan's Intelligence Agencies, Hacking Team, & The Abuse of Communication Surveillance Powers*, *Digital Rights Foundation (July 2015)*.