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Academic Qualifications/Education

Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship from the German Development Institute/
Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, Germany, 2016-2018

PhD, Massey University, New Zealand, 2012

Post Graduate Diploma, Massey University, New Zealand, 2008

MA, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Pakistan, 2002-2004

Publications

Book

Murad Ali (2019): The Politics of US Aid to Pakistan: aid allocation and delivery from Truman to Trump (1st Edition): Routledge (London/New York), information available <https://www.routledge.com/The-Politics-of-US-Aid-to-Pakistan-Aid-Allocation-and-Delivery-from-Truman/Ali/p/book/9780367150730>

Peer Reviewed Publications (Selected)

1. Murad Ali 'China's Belt and Road Initiative in South Asia and beyond: Apprehensions, risks and opportunities', under review in IPRI Journal
2. Murad Ali, 'Monitoring and evaluation in South-South Cooperation: the case of CPEC in Pakistan', a chapter in the forthcoming book titled 'Development Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda: the way forward' editors Sachin Chaturvedi, Heiner Janus, Stephan Klingebiel, André de Mello e Souza, Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Dorothea Wehrmann, and Li Xiaoyun (Palgrave Macmillan)
3. Murad Ali, Imran Muhammad & Saleem Janjua (under review) 'Pakistan's experience of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) under the BRI', a chapter in upcoming book titled 'The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): Infrastructure Investment, Regional Collaboration and Urban-Regional Dynamics in the Asia-Pacific' (Routledge, to be published in 2020)
4. Murad Ali (2019), China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Prospects and Challenges, Contemporary South Asia 28(1), pp. 100-112 <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2019.1667302>
5. Ghulam Nabi, Murad Ali, Suliman Khan & Sunjeet Kumar (2019) 'The crisis of water shortage and pollution in Pakistan: risk to public health, biodiversity, and ecosystem', Environmental Science and Pollution Research, available at <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-019-04483-w> (IF 2.8)
6. Murad Ali (2018), 'Aid and Human Rights: the Case of US aid to Israel', Policy Perspectives 15 (3), pp. 29-46
7. Murad Ali (2018), Pakistan's quest for coal-based energy under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): implications for the environment, Environmental Science and Pollution Research, 25(32), 31935-31937, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-018-3326-y> (IF 2.8)

8. Murad Ali (2018) 'The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Tapping potential to achieve the 2030 Agenda in Pakistan', *China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies* Vol. 4, No. 2, 301–325 <https://doi.org/10.1142/S2377740018500094>
9. Murad Ali (2018) 'Monitoring and Evaluation in South-South Cooperation: the case of CEPC in Pakistan', Discussion Paper no 1/2018, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, Germany
10. Murad Ali (2017) 'Is CPEC Really a Gift? China's Model of Development Cooperation and its Rising Role as a Development Actor in Pakistan', *Regional Studies*, XXXV (4), pp. 29-51
11. Murad Ali (2017) 'Implementing the 2030 Agenda in Pakistan: The Critical Role of an Enabling Environment in the Mobilisation of Domestic and External Resources', Discussion Paper no. 14/2017, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, Germany
12. Murad Ali (2017) 'Role of Development Cooperation in implementing the 2030 Agenda: Time for more and better aid', *Regional Studies* XXXV (2), pp. 49-72
13. Murad Ali, Glenn Banks and Nigel Parsons (2016) 'Generous yet Unpopular: Developmental versus Political Role of Post-9/11 US Aid in Pakistan', *Regional Studies* XXXIV (4), pp. 44-65
14. Murad Ali (2016) 'US aid to Pakistan during the tenures of Democrat and Republican administrations', *IPRI Journal* XVI (2), pp. 31-48
15. Murad Ali, Glenn Banks and Nigel Parsons (2016) 'U.S.-Israel Special Aid Relationship: Dynamics and Implications for Pakistan' *Policy Perspectives*, 13 (2), pp. 109-129
16. Murad Ali (2016), Multiple factors behind extremism and militancy: a case study of Swat, Pakistan, *Regional Studies* XXXIV (3), pp. 94-109
17. Murad Ali (with Gohar Saeed, Alam Zeb and Farzand Ali Jan) (2016) 'Microcredit & its Significance in Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation: Evidence from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe, *The Dialogue*, XI (3), pp. 334-345
18. Murad Ali & Alam Zeb (2016) Foreign aid: origin, evolution and its effectiveness in poverty alleviation, *The Dialogue*, XI (1), pp. 107-125
19. Murad Ali (2015) Aid effectiveness in poverty alleviation in a post-conflict post-disaster situation: a case study of District Swat, Pakistan. PSSP Working Paper No. 029, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC, USA.
20. Murad Ali, Alam Zeb, Gohar Saeed (2015) Aid effectiveness in Pakistan: what the country has accomplished after the 2005 Paris Declaration? *The Dialogue* X (4), pp 434-453
21. Murad Ali, Glenn Banks & Nigel Parsons (2015) The United States-Pakistan aid relationship: a genuine alliance or a marriage of convenience? *Regional Studies* XXXIII (2), pp 3-32
22. Murad Ali (2015) The Role of Human Rights in US Foreign Aid Policy: An Assessment of US Aid to Pakistan and its Nexus with Human Rights, *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS)*, 35 (1), pp. 465-477
23. Murad Ali, Glenn Banks & Nigel Parsons (2015) Why donors give aid and to whom? A critique of the historical and contemporary aid allocation regime, *The Dialogue*, X (2), pp. 316-331
24. Murad Ali (2013) 'Aid for development or foreign policy: objectives behind US foreign aid allocations to Israel', *The Dialogue*, VIII (4), pp. 384-396
25. Murad Ali (2009). 'US foreign aid to Pakistan and democracy: an overview' *Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences (PJSS)* 29 (2), pp. 247-258

Newspaper Articles/Op-eds

I have been contributing columns to the op-ed pages of one of Pakistan's leading English newspapers, The News International and South Asia magazine (Karachi). Some of my recent columns appeared in The News International are below:

1. Dr Murad Ali, Learning from the Marshall Plan, The News International, June 5, 2020, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/667910-learning-from-the-marshall-plan>
2. Dr Murad Ali, Afghanistan and Foreign Aid Part – II, The News International, February 22, 2020 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/617697-afghanistan-and-foreign-aid>
3. Dr Murad Ali, Afghanistan and Foreign Aid Part – I, The News International, February 21, 2020 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/617121-afghanistan-and-foreign-aid>
4. Dr Murad Ali, A good partnership Part – II, The News International, November 10, 2019 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/553259-a-good-partnership-part-ii>
5. Dr Murad Ali, A good partnership Part - I, The News International, November 9, 2019 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/552797-a-good-partnership-part-i>
6. Dr Murad Ali, Turkey and the US, The News International, October 31, 2019 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/548497-turkey-and-the-us>
7. Dr Murad Ali, why we strike, The News International, September 20, 2019 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/528991-why-we-strike>
8. Dr Murad Ali, Breaking the cycle of atrocities, The News International, February 5, 2019 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/427907-breaking-the-cycle-of-atrocities>
9. Dr Murad Ali, The myths of December, The News International, December 16, 2018 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/406377-the-myths-of-december>
10. Dr Murad Ali, The quest for water security, Part II, The News International, December 7, 2018 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/402667-the-quest-for-water-security-part-ii>
11. Dr Murad Ali, The quest for water security, Part I, The News International, December 2, 2018 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/401019-the-quest-for-water-security>
12. Dr Murad Ali, Why does militancy arise?, The News International, November 6, 2018 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/390149-why-does-militancy-arise>
13. Dr Murad Ali, The death of journalist, The News International, October 21, 2018 <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/383389-the-death-of-a-journalist>
14. Dr Murad Ali, China's global reach, The News International, October 14, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/380498-china-s-global-reach>

15. Dr Murad Ali, Blueprints for prosperity, The News International, October 2, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/375510-blueprints-for-prosperity>
16. Dr Murad Ali, The BRI's Strategic Compass, The News International, September 19, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/370449-the-bri-s-strategic-compass>
17. Dr Murad Ali, The Economics of Influence, The News International, September 13, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/367766-the-economics-of-influence>
18. Dr Murad Ali, Door to Development, The News International, September 2, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/362663-door-to-development>
19. Dr Murad Ali, Europe and the BRI, The News International, August 26, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/359351-europe-and-the-bri>
20. Dr Murad Ali, The Bill of no rights, The News International, July 31, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/348420-the-bill-of-no-rights>
21. Dr Murad Ali, A Study of Errors, The News International, July 16, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/342207-a-study-of-errors>
22. Dr Murad Ali, Recipe for Institutional decay, The News International, July 5, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/337528-recipe-for-institutional-decay>
23. Dr Murad Ali, Beyond Hostile Trajectories, The News International, June 9, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/327436-beyond-hostile-trajectories>
24. Dr Murad Ali, Shifts in Development, The News International, May 31, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/323587-shifts-in-development>
25. Dr Murad Ali, What's in the Gift Box?, The News International, May 15, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/316823-what-s-in-the-gift-box>
26. Dr Murad Ali, A South Asian trade utopia?, The News International, May 8, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/313955-a-south-asian-trade-utopia>
27. Dr Murad Ali, From Poorhouse to Powerhouse, The News International, April 25, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/308659-from-poorhouse-to-powerhouse>
28. Dr Murad Ali, Is US aid tied to human rights? The News International, April 11, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/302793-is-us-aid-tied-to-human-rights>
29. Dr Murad Ali, No sign of Spring in Egypt, The News International, March 27, 2018, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/297121-no-sign-of-spring-in-egypt>
30. Dr Murad Ali, Untying Aid, The News International, March 18, 2018, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/293707-untying-aid>
31. Dr Murad Ali, No Guns, Only Roses, The News International, February 20, 2018, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/283132-no-guns-only-roses>

32. Dr Murad Ali, Falling for Fake News, The News International, February 7, 2018, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/277802-falling-for-fake-news>
33. Dr Murad Ali, A Candid Dialogue, The News International, January 16, 2018, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/268885-a-candid-dialogue>
34. Dr Murad Ali, Tales of Espionage, The News International, January 3, 2018, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/263713-tales-of-espionage>
35. Dr Murad Ali, Aid, appeasement and strategic interests, The News International, December 26, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/260585-aid-appeasement-and-strategic-assets>
36. Dr Murad Ali, China: aid, trade and investment, The News International, December 10, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/254211-china-aid-trade-and-investment>
37. Dr Murad Ali, Deadly migrations, The News International, November 27, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/249186-deadly-migrations>
38. Dr Murad Ali, CPEC: some ground truths, The News International, October 13, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/236675-CPEC-some-ground-truths>
39. Dr Murad Ali, The Pakistani-German Relationship on International Cooperation: Prospects for the 2030 Agenda, August 22, 2017, available at <http://blogs.die-gdi.de/2017/08/22/the-pakistani-german-relationship-on-international-cooperation-prospects-for-the-2030-agenda/>
40. Dr Murad Ali, Beyond these seventy years, The News International, August 16, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/223822-Beyond-these-seventy-years>
41. Dr Murad Ali, The Aid Factor, The News International, July 27, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/219231-The-aid-factor>
42. Dr Murad Ali, Dealing with disaster, The News International, July 11, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/215719-Dealing-with-disaster>
43. Dr Murad Ali, Aid Beyond Self-interest, The News International, July 06, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/214712-Aid-beyond-self-interest>
44. Dr Murad Ali, Coal-based Energy, The News International, February 09, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/184919-Coal-based-energy>
45. Dr Murad Ali, The 2030 Agenda, The News International, January 05, 2017, available at <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/176862-The-2030-agenda>

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

1. Reaping dividends of CPEC: going beyond security measures, paper presented at the 8th International Conference ‘The Dynamics of Change in the Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics, (Dis)integration and Reformation in the Borderland’, organised by University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation on September 6-8, 2019 at Baragali, Pakistan

2. Re-emergence of militancy: a case study of Malakand and its relevance with former FATA, delivered an invited talk/lecture on August 30, 2019 at the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad, Pakistan
3. Delivered a lecture/presentation on ‘An Overview of Financing for Sustainable Development/Managing the SDGs’ in Orientation Workshop on Public-Private Partnership (P3) organized by Planning and Development Department (P&DD), Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Germany’s Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on August 1-2, 2019 in Peshawar, Pakistan
4. Participated in a workshop on Agenda 2030 Implementation – Sharing the Work Experiences, organized by Germany’s Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on July 10, 2019 in Islamabad, Pakistan
5. Attended a training on Managing for Sustainable Development Goals in Bangkok, **Thailand** organized by Germany’s Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) from 11-06-2019 to 14-06-2019
6. Participated in a Round Table Discussion on Implementing Sustainable Development Goals on the Local Level, organized by Germany’s Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on May 3, 2019 in Islamabad, Pakistan
7. Participated in a panel discussion and side-event titled Development Cooperation for achieving the 2030 Agenda: Contestation and Collaboration organized by German Development Institute and Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) at the sidelines of the Second High-Level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40 Conference) on March 20, 2019 in Buenos Aires, **Argentina**
8. Participated and delivered a talk in an International Expert Workshop on Development Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda: Points of Convergence and Divergence, organised by German Development Institute in Buenos Aires, **Argentina** on March 19, 2019 at the margins of the Second High-Level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40 Conference)
9. China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in South Asia: socioeconomic prospects and geopolitical implications, paper presented at the 13th South Asian Studies Association (SASA) Annual Conference held in Claremont, California, **USA** from March 1-3, 2019
10. Foreign Aid and Conflict, delivered an invited talk at the International Summer School organised by University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation at Baragali Campus of the University of Peshawar from September 3-15, 2018
11. Geopolitical implications of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) for South Asia and beyond, paper presented at the 7th International Conference ‘The Dynamics of Change in the Pakistan-Afghanistan Region: Politics, (Dis)integration and Reformation in the Borderland’, organised by University of Peshawar and Hanns Seidel Foundation at Baragali Campus of the University of Peshawar from September 3-5, 2018
12. Participated in a panel discussion and side-event titled Development Cooperation for achieving the 2030 Agenda: convergence and divergence of Official Development Assistance (ODA) and South-South Cooperation, held during the 2018 High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) at the UN Headquarters, New York, **USA**, on May 21-22, 2018
13. South-South Cooperation and CPEC - Frameworks, Theories and Imperatives for Assessments, paper presented in International Expert Workshop on Development Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda: the Way Forward, organised by German Development

- Institute, Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, New York, **USA** on May 23, 2018
14. Monitoring and Evaluating South-South Cooperation (SSC): the case of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Pakistan, paper presented in the British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) Conference held in Exeter, **UK**, from April 18-20, 2018
 15. Is China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a form of South-South Cooperation?, paper presented in the 12th annual South Asian Studies Association (SASA) Conference held in Los Angeles, **USA**, from March 23-25, 2018
 16. Participated and presented in ‘UN Catalytic Support to South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Implementing Agenda 2030’, organized by United Nations System Staff College in Bonn **Germany** from October 17-19, 2017
 17. Addressing inequality in a globalized world, participated in a panel discussion during the 6th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, held in Lindau, **Germany** from August 22-26, 2017
 18. Post-disaster aid fragmentation and its implications: The case of the 2005 Kashmir earthquake in Pakistan, paper presented at the EADI (European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes) Conference, held in Bergen, **Norway** from August 20-23, 2017
 19. China-Pakistan Economic Cooperation under the OBOR: potential for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, keynote speech delivered at the Belt and Road Initiative International Forum, held at the Beijing Technology and Business University (BTBU) in Beijing, **China** from May 20-22, 2017
 20. ‘Practices and challenges in poverty reduction through economic initiatives: lessons learnt from Pakistan’, paper presented in International Seminar On Sharing Experiences in Poverty Reduction in Belt and Road Countries, held in Beijing, **China** from May 18-19, 2017
 21. ‘Role of higher education scholarships as a means of implementation for achieving SDG4’, paper presented at the international conference on “Role of Higher Education, Science and New Alliances for 2030 Agenda”, held at Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Berlin, **Germany** from March 20-21, 2017
 22. ‘China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the UN 2030 Agenda: Convergence of objectives and goals’, paper presented at the 2nd International CPEC Business and Research Conference, held at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, **Pakistan** from March 15-16, 2017
 23. ‘China’s One Belt, One Road initiative: Prospects and challenges for Pakistan’, paper presented at the international conference on ‘China’s “One Belt, One Road” Global Strategy: Implications, Prospects and Constraints’, held at Aalborg University, **Denmark** from January 19-20, 2017
 24. Effective and Inclusive Accountability Mechanism for the 2030 Agenda, paper presented at the Second High-Level Meeting (HLM2) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), held in Nairobi, **Kenya** from November 28 to December 01, 2016
 25. ‘The Global Aid Effectiveness Agenda: Challenges and opportunities for aid donors in Pakistan’, paper presented at the Network Meeting of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation held in Freiburg, **Germany** from October 05-07, 2016
 26. ‘From MDGs to SDGs: Lessons learnt and directions for the future’, paper presented at the Anneliese Maier Awards Ceremony and Interdisciplinary Colloquium, held in Berlin, **Germany** from September 7-8, 2016

27. 'Aid as a tool of foreign policy or development? The political and developmental implications of post-9/11 US aid to Pakistan', paper presented in the 3rd International Social Sciences Conference held in Islamabad, **Pakistan** from May 13-14, 2015
28. Is underdevelopment the sole cause of extremism? Exploring multiple dynamics behind religious militancy in Swat, Pakistan (paper presented in the 8th South Asian Studies Association (SASA) Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, **USA** from April 11-13, 2014
29. The Aid Effectiveness Regime in Pakistan: Expectations, Issues and Challenges. Presented during the DSG Brown Bag Seminar at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Headquarters in Washington, DC, **USA** on April 9, 2014.
30. 'Aid effectiveness in poverty alleviation in a post-conflict post-disaster setting: a case study of the Malakand region', paper presented in the Pakistan Strategy Support Programme (PSSP) Second Competitive Grants Conference held in Islamabad, **Pakistan** (February 8-10, 2013)
31. 'The geography of aid: the case of US aid to Pakistan', paper presented in the New Zealand Geographical Society Symposium: THE GEOGRAPHY OF AID, Victoria University of Wellington, **New Zealand** (April 20, 2011)
32. 'The gift theory and the allocation of US economic and military aid to Pakistan since 9/11', paper presented in the Massey University Doctoral Students' Symposium, Massey University, **New Zealand** (December 5, 2011)
33. 'USAID and the Paris Declaration: the case of Pakistan', paper presented in the Seventh Biannual Development Network (DevNet) Conference in Massey University, Palmerston North, **New Zealand** (December 1-3, 2010)
34. 'The 'war on terror', Pakistan and US bilateral aid', paper presented in the Asian Conference on the Social Sciences (ACSS) held in Osaka, **Japan** (June 18-21, 2010).
35. 'USAID development interventions in the context of the 2005 Paris Declaration partnership commitments', presented in the seminar series of the Institute of Development Studies at Massey University, Palmerston North, **New Zealand** (May 26, 2010)
36. 'The 'war on terror', Pakistan and the role of the International Community', paper presented in Asia-Pacific Week, South Asian Studies Summer School and Conference (SASSSC) at the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, **Australia** (February 8-11, 2010).
37. 'Religious militancy in Pakistan and the role of 'Ulama' (religious scholars): An overview', paper presented in Second International Seminar on Islamic Thought (2nd ISoIT) held at the University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) (National University of Malaysia) Kuala Lumpur, **Malaysia** (October 6-7, 2009).
38. 'United States bilateral aid to Pakistan: a marriage of convenience?' paper presented in the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) 6 at Daejeon, **South Korea** (August 6-9, 2009).
39. 'A comparative analysis of the United States bilateral aid policies towards Egypt, Israel and Pakistan', Paper presented in Asia-Pacific Week, South Asian Studies Summer School and Conference (SASSSC) (January 26-30, 2009) at the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, **Australia**.
40. 'United States foreign aid to Pakistan and democracy: Rhetoric versus reality', paper presented in Development Network 2008 Sixth Biannual Conference (December 3-5, 2008) at Victoria University of Wellington, **New Zealand**.

Research Grants and Awards

1. Grant from Germany's Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) that covered course fee, travel and accommodation costs to attend a training on Managing for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held in Bangkok, Thailand from 11-06-2019 to 14-06-2019
2. Travel grant by German Development Institute to participate in the Second High-Level UN Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40 Conference) and in an international workshop and side-event organized by German Development Institute and Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST) at the sidelines of the BAPA+40 Conference held from March 19-22, 2019 in Buenos Aires, Argentina
3. Travel grant from Higher Education Commission (HEC) to present paper in the 13th South Asian Studies Association (SASA) annual conference held in Claremont, California, USA from March 1-3, 2019
4. Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Return Fellowship 2018-2019
5. Was awarded travel grant by German Development Institute to participate in a panel discussion and side-event at the High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) at the UN Headquarters, New York (May 21-22, 2018) and in an International Expert Workshop on Development Cooperation for Achieving the 2030 Agenda: the Way Forward (May 23, 2018), held in New York, USA
6. Travel grant from German Development Institute to present paper in the British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) Conference held in Exeter, UK, from April 18-20, 2018
7. Travel grant from German Development Institute to present paper at the 12th annual South Asian Studies Association (SASA) Conference held in Los Angeles, USA, from March 23-25, 2018
8. Won a scholarship and grant from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and Council for the Lindau Nobel Meetings in a global competition among young researchers worldwide to participate in the 6th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings on Economic Sciences, held in Lindau, Germany from August 22-26, 2017
9. Travel grant from German Development Institute and Humboldt Foundation to present paper at the EADI (European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes) Conference, held in Bergen, Norway from August 20-23, 2017
10. Travel Grant from the EU-China Policy Support Dialogue Facility to present a paper at the International Seminar On Sharing Experiences in Poverty Reduction In Belt and Road Countries, held in Beijing, China from May 18-19, 2017
11. Travel grant from Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) and German Development Institute to present paper at the 2nd International CPEC Business and Research Conference, held at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, Pakistan from March 15-16, 2017
12. Partial funding from Aalborg University, Denmark to present paper at the international conference on 'China's "One Belt, One Road" Global Strategy: Implications, Prospects and Constraints', held at Aalborg University, Denmark from January 19-20, 2017
13. Travel Grant from German Development Institute for presenting paper at the international conference on 'China's "One Belt, One Road" Global Strategy: Implications, Prospects and Constraints', held at Aalborg University, Denmark from January 19-20, 2017
14. Travel grant from German Development Institute for presenting paper at the Second High-Level Meeting (HLM2) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), held in Nairobi, Kenya from November 28 to December 01, 2016

15. Travel grant from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for presenting paper at the Network Meeting of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation held in Freiburg, Germany from October 05-07, 2016
16. Travel grant from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for presenting paper at the Anneliese Maier Awards Ceremony and Interdisciplinary Colloquium, held in Berlin, Germany from September 7-8, 2016
17. Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Foundation to conduct research at German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany (August 2016- August 2018)
18. Travel grant from Higher Education Commission (HEC), Government of Pakistan for presenting paper in the 3rd International Social Sciences Conference held in Islamabad, Pakistan in May 2015
19. Travel grant (US\$ 3,000/.) from USAID/IFPRI for presenting paper in the 8th South Asian Studies Association (SASA) Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA from April 11-13, 2014
20. Travel grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for presenting paper/interim project report in the Pakistan Strategy Support Programme (PSSP) Competitive Grants Conference in Islamabad in January 2014
21. Research grant (US\$ 20,000/.) under the Pakistan Strategy Support Programme (PSSP) Competitive Research Grants from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in April 2013
22. Travel grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for presenting paper/research proposal in the Pakistan Strategy Support Programme (PSSP) Second Competitive Grants Conference in Islamabad in February 2013
23. Appointed as “Goodwill Ambassador” by Massey University and the Mayor of the City Council for the city of Palmerston North, New Zealand on October 6, 2011.
24. Travel grant from Higher Education Commission (HEC), Government of Pakistan, for presenting paper in the Asian Conference on the Social Sciences (ACSS) held in Osaka, Japan (June 18-21, 2010)
25. Scholarship and travel grant from the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, for presenting paper in the South Asian Studies Summer School and Conference (SASSSC) at the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia (February 8-11, 2010)
26. Member Annual Doctoral Symposium Committee 2010 held at Massey University, New Zealand by Pakistani Students Association on December 6, 2010
27. Financial Assistance from the organizers of the 6th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 6) annual conference to present my paper at ICAS 6 in South Korea held from August 6-9, 2009
28. Research grant from Graduate Research Fund (GRF), School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University, New Zealand for fieldwork to collect data for my PhD thesis in Pakistan in 2009
29. Scholarship and travel grant from the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, for presenting paper in the South Asian Studies Summer School and Conference (SASSSC) at the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia (January 26-30, 2009)
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