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Work Experience: _____

Course 2018-2019 - Present

Affiliated Professor

Barcelona Institute for International Affairs IBEI. Subject: International Relations in the Middle East.

Course 2022- 2023

Affiliated Professor

Universitat Oberta de Catalunya UOC. Subject: Human Rights and Democracy in the Arab, African and Muslim World.

From 2018 to 2021

Affiliated Professor

Universitat de Barcelona. Master món àrab i Islàmic (Master Arab and Islamic World). Module on South Asia Islam.

December 2018 – Present

Senior Associate Researcher

Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, CIDOB. Expert in South Asia.

October 2006 – Present

Associate Researcher

Observatory of Politics and Elections in the Arab and Muslim World, OPEMAM. Countries of research: Pakistan and Afghanistan.

October – December 2016

Consultant / Analyst

International IDEA, for Club de Madrid. Consultant / Analyst. Collaboration in the research, analysis and drafting of the Agendas of Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia – Oceania for the project Next Generation Democracy (project in partnership between Club de Madrid, International IDEA and Bertelsmann Stiftung).

May 2015 – March 2016

Research Fellow

Escola de Cultura de Pau (School for a Culture of Peace). Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Conflict and Peace studies. Tasks: political analysis of armed conflicts, tensions and peace processes in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India; diffusion of a culture of peace, respect for human rights, engagement with civil society organisations in countries of research; development of external research funding applications; administrative support.

*September 2008 - June 2010**Associate Researcher*

Social Psychology and Methodology Department, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Research & Development project: “Psychosocial analysis of the determinants of risk behaviour and group violence, as well as its processes of social marginality.” Archival research, reviews of literature, scoping study; qualitative and quantitative analysis of data; fieldwork; questionnaires; interviews and discussion groups. Research for PhD focussed on Islamic groups of South Asian origin (religious pluralism).

*October 2008 – December 2009**External Researcher*

Project: “Public Management of Religious Diversity”, conducted by the University of Castilla-La Mancha and financed by Ministry of Justice, Spain. PI: Miguel Hernando de Larramendi. Qualitative research of a Muslim community in Sonseca (Toledo).

*September– December 2008**Visiting Fellow*

Barcelona Centre for International Research CIDOB, Barcelona. Project: Atlas of Pakistani Migration in Spain (financed by Casa Asia - Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

*October 2008 – December 2009**Consultant / Researcher*

Project: “Public Management of Religious Diversity”, conducted by the University of Castilla-La Mancha and financed by Fundación Pluralismo y Convivencia (Ministry of Justice, Spain). Qualitative research; fieldwork, interviews with members of the local administration, security forces and civil society organisations.

*November 2002–February 2004**Member of the Social Action Team*

PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited, Madrid (Spain). Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing of International Cooperation Projects financed by Madrid City Council. Evaluation of the technical completion and economic analysis of domestic and international projects.

Education and Training: _____

27 June 2013

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Islamic and Arab and Oriental Studies. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain. Title of the thesis: “Religious Behaviours and Sectarianism in Islam in Pakistan. Multidisciplinary Study of Sectarianism in Origin and in the Pakistani Diaspora in Spain.”

Nov. 2004 – Apr. 2005

Expertise Course on Prevention and Management of International Conflicts. Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, Spain.

Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2002

PhD Research. International Studies, South Asia Division. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India.

Oct. 1999 – Jun. 2000

MPhil: Economy and International Relations. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain.

June - July 1999

Analysis of International Crises. Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.

Oct. 1995 – June 1999 *Licenciatura Arab and Islamic and Oriental Studies*. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain.

Languages

Spanish (mother tongue).

English: C1/C2, Proficient user.

Arabic and French: B1, Independent user.

Urdu, A2, Beginners.

Publications

Monographs

Pakistán. Madrid, Síntesis Publ., April 2011. ISBN: 978-84-975673-1-2, 274 pages.

Atlas de Emigración Pakistani en España (In edition). Financed by Casa Asia Ruy de Clavijo grants (2009), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Entre la normatividad y el pragmatismo: las relaciones entre India y la Unión Europea”. *Araucaria. Revista Iberoamericana de Filosofía, Política, Humanidades y Relaciones Internacionales*. Vol. 52, Number 53 (2023). Second Quarter, June 2023. Pp. 115-147. ISSN 1575-6823 e-ISSN 2340-2199 <https://dx.doi.org/10.12795/araucaria.2023.i53.05>

“De hermanos y socios: las relaciones entre Turquía, Pakistán e India”, *Revista de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos*, Number 32. (December 2022), pp. 202-235. <https://doi.org/10.15366/reim2022.33.008>

“Constitutionalism and Shari‘a in Pakistan: A Debate over the National Narrative and the Identity of the State.” In “Shari‘a in the 21st Century – Islamic Law and Its Impact on Global Geopolitics, Economics and Society”, 1st vol. (Book Chapter). World Scientific Publishing Europe Ltd., London. Pp. 297-322.

“Las múltiples caras de Cachemira o la historia de un fracaso colectivo.” *Notes Internacionales CIDOB*, November 2021. doi.org/10.24241/NotesInt.2021/264/es

“Islamismes al Pakistan i l’Afganistan” en *Islamisme(s). Islam i política en un mon global*. Editorial Base, pp. 150-151.

“España-Pakistán: interés tardío en la senda europea y bajo el influjo de EEUU.” *Anuario Internacional CIDOB*, 2012, pp. 393-397.

“The Red Mosque: A Case Study of How Religion can Evolve into a Terrorist Cult.” *Cultic Studies Review*. Vol. 83(3), March 2009, pp.266 - 280.

“Pakistán en 2008: el avance de la democracia, del “todo sigue igual” y de los malos presagios”. *Revista Anuario Asia-Pacífico 2008*. Casa Asia – CIDOB – Real Instituto Elcano. Barcelona, 2009, pp. 143 - 151.

“Sectarian Violence in Pakistan: Origin and Impact” (co-author). Article in book. *Terrorism in South Asia*. New Delhi, 2004, Authors Press, pp. 107 - 136.

“Confidence Building Measures Between India and Pakistan”, (co-author), *Journal of Himalayan and Central Asian Studies*, Vol. 8(4), Oct.-Dec. 2004), pp. 40 - 54.

“Heroin Culture and Terrorism in Pakistan” (co-author). Review *Third Concept* (New Delhi), Vol. 16 (185), Jul. 2002, pp. 15 - 19.

“Religion and Politics of Terror in Central Asia” (co-author). *Journal of Peace Studies*, Vol. 9(3), May-June 2002.

“Terrorism in Central Asia” (co-author). Review *Third Concept* (New Delhi), Vol. 15(180), Feb. 2002, pp.10 - 17.

“Drug Trafficking and Drug Barons in Pakistan” (co-author). Review *India Quarterly* (Nueva Delhi), Vol. 58(1), March 2002, pp.119 - 138.

Research articles

“Human Rights in Asia”. *Revista IDEES*, Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya, March 2021, Vol. 50, 10/03/2021. <https://revistaidees.cat/en/els-drets-humans-a-lasia/?pdf=36320>

“Asia Central y Meridional: La paradójica convivencia del status quo y del cambio.” *Anuario Internacional CIDOB*, Junio 2019, pp. 187-196. file:///Users/anaballesterospeiro/Desktop/187-196_ARTI%CC%81CULO_ANA%20BALLESTEROS%20PEIRO%CC%81.pdf

“Pakistán y el islamismo instrumental”. *Política Exterior*, n. 185, Sept. – Oct. 2018, pp. 108-113.

“Pakistán y Asia Meridional” en Terrorismo Internacional. Análisis de la radicalización y estrategias para la prevención. *Cuadernos del Centro Memorial de las Víctimas del Terrorismo*, nº 2, December 2016, pp. 59-65.

“Pakistán, China y la estabilidad de Baluchistán”. *Política Exterior*, nº 171, May – June 2016, pp. 32-38.

“The EU-Pakistan relationship. Looking beyond the trading partnership.” *Real Instituto Elcano*, ARI 26 / 2015, 14th May 2015. http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/wps/portal/rielcano_en/contenido?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/elcano/elcano_es/zonas_es/asia-pacifico/ari26-2015-the-eu-pakistan-relationship-looking-beyond-the-trading-partnership

“Pakistán – Arabia Saudí: algo más que aliados”. *Política Exterior*, nº 164, March – April, 2015, pp. 96-107.

“Pakistán: romper las inercias, reforzar el Estado”. *Política Exterior*, July-August 2013, Vol. XXVII(154), pp. 116-125.

“EEUU-Pakistán: el precio de una alianza”. *Política Exterior*. Vol. 142. July-August 2011, pp. 102-115.

“The Pakistani Ahmadiyya: Transnationality and Configuration: the Basharat Mosque in Cordoba”. Publication for the Panel: Religiones en movimiento. Deslocalización, transnacionalidad y neoetnicidad entre las comunidades musulmanas en España”. XII Anthropology Congress *Lugares, Tiempos y Memorias. Antropología Ibérica en el siglo XX*. September 2011.

“La ofensiva contra los talibán y las personas internamente desplazadas de Pakistán (IDPs): nuevo reto para la región.” *Opinion CIDOB*, n.38, June 2009.

“L’Índia i el Pakistan, o allò que tenen en comú. Musulmans de l’Àsia Meridional”. In: Pakistan, a la recerca d’una identitat. *CIDOB Review of International Affairs*. Barcelona, September 2009, pp. 33 - 37.

“Sectarismo Islámico en Pakistán: estudio de las militancias religiosas y sus causas”, *Culturas Review*, Vol. 1 (March 2008) Fundación Tres Culturas, Sevilla, pp. 41 - 50.

“Elecciones entre militares y ataques” (co-author). ‘*La Clave*’, nº 357, February 2008, pp. 15 - 21.

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“Año electoral en Pakistán. ¿Plus ça change...?”. *Esglobal*. 27/04/2023. <https://www.esglobal.org/ano-electoral-en-pakistan-plus-ca-change/>

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“Negociaciones ¿de paz? con los talibanes” *Esglobal*, 17/09/2019. <https://www.esglobal.org/negociaciones-de-paz-con-los-talibanes/>

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“Post-election Analysis: Pakistan, the Political Return of Nawaz Sharif”, *OPEMAM*, 19/05/2013. <http://www.opemam.org/node/1324?language=en>

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“The Offensive against the Taliban and the Internally Displaced People (IDP): a new challenge for the region”, Opinion Articles (38), *CIDOB*, 10/06/2009: http://www.cidob.org/es/publicaciones/opinion/fundacion_cidob/la_ofensiva_contra_los_taliban_y_las_personas_internamente_desplazadas_de_pakistan_pid_nuevo_reto_para_la_region

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“Analysis of the Presidential and Provincial Elections in Afghanistan 2009”, *OPEMAM*: http://www.observatorioelectoral.es/ImgBase/FE-Afganistan_presidenciales_provinciales_2009.pdf

“Analysis of the Legislative Elections in Pakistan”, *OPEMAM*, February 2008: http://www.uam.es/otroscentros/TEIM/observatorio/Pakistan/legislativas_pakistan_2008.pdf

“Pre-electoral analysis 2: The parties search for their spaces at national and provincial levels”, *OPEMAM*, 09/02/2008: http://www.uam.es/otroscentros/TEIM/observatorio/Pakistan/analisis_preelectoral_2.pdf

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“Analysis of the Presidential Elections in Pakistan 2007”, *Election Watch TEIM*: http://www.uam.es/otroscentros/TEIM/observatorio/Pakistan/presidenciales_pakistan_2007.pdf

As Speaker: _____

“Las relaciones exteriores de India con el mundo musulmán. Entre el nacionalismo hinduista y la competición global”. *Foro de Investigación del Mundo Árabe y Musulmán* FIMAM, Salamanca, 14-16 diciembre 2022.

Panel on “Local and External Actors: Forging an Effective Partnership” in the Workshop of “Reconstruction, IDPs and the Post-ISIS Era: Dialogue and Reconciliation”. Middle East and Security Forum at the American University of Kurdistan, Duhok (Iraq), 19-20th November 2019.

Invited Guest at the 14th Annual Conference “*Enriching the Middle East Economic Future*”, organised by the Center for Middle East Development, University of California Los Angeles UCLA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar, 12-13th November, Doha (Qatar).

Corrientes del islam en Asia: políticas nacionales de Pakistán a Malasia (Current trends of Islam in Asia: national policies from Pakistan to Malaysia). Curso Islam y Musulmanes Hoy. Fundamentos, diversidad y dinámicas de cambio. La Escuela Diplomática y Casa Árabe, Madrid, 13th May 2019.

South Asian involvement in the Middle East. “Secutirisation of identities and regional conflicts in the Middle East”. Aula Mediterrània Seminars. IEMed, Barcelona, 3rd April 2019.

Dinámicas de Radicalización en el Mundo Islámico. Round table, Summer course: “Análisis de la Radicalización y Estrategias para la Prevención”. El Escorial, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 06/07/2016.

Pakistán y los Derechos Humanos. Talk after film screening: “Among the Believers”. San Sebastian Human Rights Film Festival, 21/04/2016.

¿De dónde y por qué huyen los refugiados? Cicle: “¿Qué pasa en el mundo? Crisis de refugiados: origen, respuesta europea y acogida”. CIDOB, 13/10/2015.

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Being Pakistani, Woman and Writer. Talk with Kamila Shamsie at the Institute Miquel Tarradell on behalf of the Barcelona Centre of Contemporary Culture CCCB, Barcelona, 12/05/2015. <http://www.cccb.org/ca/multimedia/videos/el-ccb-programa-xerrades-als-instituts/216694>

Pakistán, contradicciones ideológicas en la construcción de un Estado. Conference for the Masters of Contemporary Arab and Islamic Studies. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, 16/03/2015.

Places: Dialogues with British Writers. Interview with Nadeem Aslam. Barcelona Centre of Contemporary Culture CCCB, 04/11/2013. <http://www.cccb.org/en/multimedia/videos/llocs-lugares-places-dialogues-with-british-writers/210619>

Pakistan Today. Conference for Casa Asia, Barcelona, 12/01/2012.

Plurality of Islam in Pakistan. “Pakistan mes à prop.” Organised by the *Minhaj-ul Quran International Association* in Barcelona. 15/10/2011.

The Pakistani Ahmadiyya: transnationality and configuration. The Basharat Mosque (Cordoba). Congress: *Religiones en movimiento. Deslocalización, transnacionalidad y neoetnicidad entre las comunidades musulmanas en España*” at XII Congreso de Antropología “Lugares, Tiempos y Memorias. Antropología Ibérica en el siglo XX”, 08/09/2011.

Not a question of theology. Sectarian harmony vs. sectarian violence, same sects in different environments: Pakistanis in Spain. “Psychological Manipulation, Cultic Groups, and Other Alternative Movements”, International Cultic Studies Association. Barcelona, 06-07/07/2011.

Pakistani Islam in Spain: the Plurality of Plurality. Congress: “Musulmanes en el espacio público. Visibilidad y presencia socio-política”, in XIII Latin-American Congress on Religion, Ethnicity: Dialogue, Rupture and Mediation in religious contexts. Granada, 13-16/07/2010.

Running of the Pakistani Democracy and the elections in Pakistan: weaknesses and strengths. Congress of the Mexican Society for Electoral Studies A.C., Salamanca, 28/10/2009.

Elections in Afghanistan. From success to failure in four weeks. Conference. Tres Culturas Foundation. Seville, 14/10/2009.

Pakistan, Security and Terrorism. Lecture at CIDOB “Pakistán en la cuerda floja: perspectivas de seguridad y desarrollo.” Barcelona, 16/12/2008.

“The Red Mosque: A Case Study of How Religion can Evolve into a Terrorist Cult.” International Annual Congress “Psychological Manipulation, Cultic Groups, and Other Alternative Movements” organised by International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (USA), 26-29/06/2008.

“Islam in Spain”, Lectures on *Islam in the West*. Council of Islamic Ideology, Islamabad (Pakistan), 14/02/2008.

The Phenomenon of Sectarianism in Pakistan in International congress “Psychological Manipulation, Cultic Groups, and Other Alternative Movements” organised by International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) in the Fondation Universitaire, Brussels, Belgium, 29/06-02/07/2007.

Sectarianism in Pakistan: the implications for India in Congress “Terrorism in South Asia”, Hindu University of Varanasi, India, March 2002.