

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### 1. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

DESIGNATION	INSTITUTION	DATES
Assistant Professor	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies (Former Department of Sociology), University of the Punjab, Pakistan	2010 – to date
Lecturer	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies (Former Department of Sociology), University of the Punjab, Pakistan	2003-2010
International Guest Professor	Institute of Sociology, Bielefeld University, Germany on Erasmus + International Faculty Exchange Program	Oct-Dec 2017
Scholar-in-Residence (Fellowship)	Centre for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, USA	January-May 2016
In-Charge	National Centre for Resettlement & Rehabilitation, University of the Punjab, Pakistan	2016- to date 2012-2015
Short-Term Consultant	The World Bank	June 2015
Focal Person - University of the Punjab	Active Citizen Program, British Council & Higher Education Commission, Pakistan	May 2015-2016
Consultant	Ministry of Women Development, Social Welfare, & Sp. Edu., Pakistan	2003-2004
Lecturer	Department of Sociology, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Canada	2002-2003
Lecturer	Department of Sociology, University of New Brunswick, NB, Canada	1998-1999
Research & Teaching Associate	Department of Sociology, University of New Brunswick, NB, Canada	1997-2000
Research Associate	ASR Resource Centre, Lahore, Pakistan	1996-1997

## 2. EDUCATION

DEGREE	DEGREE AWARDING INSTITUTION	YEAR
Ph.D. Sociology	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan	2020
Master of Arts in Sociology	University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada	2002
Master of Arts in Sociology	Department of Sociology, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan (Gold Medalist)	1995
Bachelor of Arts– Sociology	Islamabad College for Girls, Punjab University, Islamabad, Pakistan	1992
Diploma in Computer Applications	One Year Diploma in Computer Applications. Petroman Training Institute, Islamabad under Punjab Board of Technical Education.	1991

## 3. ACHIEVEMENTS

Erasmus + International Faculty Exchange Program: Served as International Guest Professor, Institute of Sociology, Bielefeld University, Germany. Taught one semester-two courses of Graduate and Undergraduate levels each. (October-December 2017)
Scholar-in-Residence Programme Fellowship, Centre for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, USA, funded by American Embassy in Pakistan. (January-May 2016)
First position (Gold Medal), Masters of Arts in Sociology, University of the Punjab (1995).
Nel Anderson Research Grant (dissertation fellowship), for MA in Sociology Dissertation, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada (2001)

## 4. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES:

- Member, Disciplinary Committee for Unfair Means Cases, University of the Punjab
- Member, Board of Faculty, Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of the Punjab
- Member, Board of Studies in Sociology, University of the Punjab
- Member Departmental Admission Committee
- Paper Setter and External Examiner, University of the Punjab
- Coordinator, M. Sc. Sociology Program, ISCS, University of the Punjab
- Coordinator, BS Sociology Program, ISCS, University of the Punjab
- Coordinator, Masters in Population Sciences Program, ISCS, University of the Punjab
- Member, Sexual Harassment Committee, ISCS, University of the Punjab
- Member, Disciplinary Committee, ISCS, University of the Punjab
- Associate Don, McCloud House, International Housing, University of New Brunswick, Canada

## 5. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### 5.1. Courses Taught (Pakistan)

COURSE TITLE	LEVEL	INSTITUTION
Gender Studies	M. Phil/ MA/BS	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan Lahore College for Women University, Lahore
Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation	M. Sc.	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Sociology of Ageing	M. Sc.	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Sociology of Urbanization	M. Sc.	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Social Thought	M. Sc.	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Sociological Theory	M. Sc.	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Introduction to Social Sciences	M. Sc.	Institute of Communication Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Introduction to Sociology	M. Sc./BS	-Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan - Center for Clinical Psychology, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Urban Sociology	BS	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
Research Methods	BS	Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan

### 5.2. Courses Taught (International)

COURSE TITLE	LEVEL	INSTITUTION
Development-Induced Displacement and Sociology of Resettlement	Graduate	Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University, Germany.
Women and Infrastructure Development	Undergraduate	Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University, Germany.
Introduction to Sociology	Undergraduate	Department of Sociology, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.
Introduction to Demography	Undergraduate	Department of Sociology, University of New Brunswick, NB, Canada

## 6. PUBLICATIONS:

Rahat, Rahla (2020). Resistance and Potential for Development: Examining the Role of Religion in the development of women in the Infrastructure Projects in Pakistan, *The Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization*. HEC: X Category

Rahat, Rahla (2016). Dam Women: Gender and Development in Mega Projects in Pakistan. *Trending Pakistan: A History Workshop*. Proceedings of conference held on April 28 & 29, 2016 at Arizona State University, Tempe Campus. Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, USA.

Ayesha Bugvi, **Rahla Rahat**, Rubeena Zakar, Muhammad Zakria Zakar, Florian Fischer, Muazzam Nasrullah. Riffat Manawar (2014). Factors associated with non-utilization of child immunization in Pakistan: Evidence from the Demographic and Health Survey 2006-07. *BMC Public Health*. Impact factor: 2.04 (cited 80 times-Google Scholar) HEC-W category

Rahat, Rahla (2007). Women, Politics and Gendered Spaces: A Critical Introduction. *International Conference on Women's Empowerment and Social Transformation*. Held on 23-24 April, 2007. Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. (Conference Proceedings)

Rahat, Rahla (2006). Experiences of First Generation South Asian Women with the Healthcare Services in Toronto, Canada. Paper presented at the Seventh Annual Population Research Conference: Population and Development at the Cross Road. Organized by the Population Council of Pakistan. Held on November 28-30, 2006, by at the University of Peshawar, Pakistan. (Conference Proceedings)

## Forthcoming

Rahat, Rahla (2019). Challenges of Policy-Making on Development of Women in Infrastructure Projects for Sustainable Development in Pakistan, *Pakistan Journal of Social Issues*. Accepted for Publication. HEC: Y Category.

## 8. DISSERTATIONS

Development of Women through Infrastructural Projects: Challenges of Gender Equality in Pakistan. Dissertation **Ph. D. in Sociology**, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. 2020.

Experiences of First Generation South Asian Women with the Healthcare Services in Toronto, Canada. Dissertation for **MA in Sociology**, Department of Sociology, University of New Brunswick, NB, Canada, 2001.

## 9. CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

University of the Punjab, Pakistan, and Leeds University, UK.	International conference on Religion and Society: <i>Creating Tolerance Through Socio-religious Harmony, at Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan</i> . November 13, 2019.	Core Conference Organizing Committee
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Arizona State University, USA and University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan.	International conference on Pakistan Futures: Imagination, Impact, and Dialogue, at the Avari Hotel, Lahore, May 12-13, 2018	Core Conference Organizing Committee
National Centre for Resettlement and Rehabilitation, University of the Punjab, in collaboration with the World Bank	National Stakeholders' Conference on Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation in Pakistan, at the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, July 3-4, 2013.	Focal Person
Department of Human Rights and Minority Affairs, Government of the Punjab & University of the Punjab, Pakistan	National conference on "Human Rights, Local Culture and Globalism" organized by Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore in collaboration with the. March 13, 2012.	Focal person from University of the Punjab
Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) & University of the Punjab, Pakistan	Annual Research Conference "Pakistani Youth: The Ultimate Resource". November 22-24, 2011.	Focal person University of the Punjab
Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan	International Conference on Women's Empowerment and Social Transformation. Held on 23-24 April, 2007.	Core Organizing Team
Department of Sociology, University of the Punjab, Pakistan	National Conference on Population of Pakistan: Prospects and Challenges. Held on 13-14 April, 2005.	Core Organizing Team

## 10. PAPERS PRESENTED

*Sustainable Development, Gender, and Religion-Nexus: Lessons from Hydropower Projects in Pakistan* at the International Conference on Religion and Society: Creating Tolerance Through Socio-religious Harmony, at Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Pakistan. November 13, 2019.

*Formulating Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy for Sustainable Development in Pakistan: Prospects and Challenges*, at the International Conference on Empirical Economics and Social Sciences (ICEESS'18), at Bandirma Onyedi Eylul University, Bandirma-Balikesir, Turkey. June 27-28, 2018.

*Challenges of Formulating Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy for Sustainable Development in Pakistan*, at the International conference on Pakistan Futures: Imagination, Impact, and Dialogue, Jointly organized by Arizona State University, USA and University of the Punjab, Pakistan at Avari Hotel, Lahore, Pakistan. May 12-13, 2018.

*Development of Women Through Infrastructural Projects: Challenges of Gender Equality in Pakistan*, at Colloquium Series on Global Migration as the New Social Question, Sociology of Transnationalization, Development, and Migration by the Faculty of Sociology and Gender Studies, Bielefeld University, Germany. November 21, 2017.

*Dam Women: Gender and Development in mega Projects in Pakistan*, at “Trending Pakistan: A History Workshop”, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict in cooperation with the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Arizona State University, USA. April 28-29, 2016.

*Urban Sprawling and Forced Migration: a Developmental concern*. National seminar on Population, Internal Migration and development Nexus: Strategy for Change. Migration Research in collaboration with UNFPA. Chamber of Commerce Auditorium, Lahore, Pakistan. November 12, 2012.

*Contribution of Women in Urban Economy and Services-* Panelist. Urban Forum. Organized by the Urban Unit, Department of Planning and Development, Government of Punjab & Urban Resource Centre at Alhamra Arts Council, Lahore, Pakistan. March 1, 2011.

*Women, Politics and Gendered Spaces: A Critical Introduction*. International Conference on Women’s Empowerment and Social Transformation. Held on 23-24 April, 2007. Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan.

*Experiences of First Generation South Asian Women with the Healthcare Services in Toronto, Canada*. Paper presented at the Seventh Annual Population Research Conference: Population and Development at the Cross Road. Organized by the Population Council, Pakistan. Held on November 28-30, 2006, at the University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

## 11. FUNDED PROJECTS/ASSIGNMENTS

Organization	Project/Assignment	Role	Dates
Department of Literacy and Non-formal Basic Education, Govt. of Punjab	Research project on “Utilization of Local Resources to Improve Literacy & Non-Formal Basic Education program in Punjab”.	Co-Principal Investigator	December 2016-2017
Department of Literacy and Non-formal Basic Education, Govt. of Punjab	Research project on “Gender-based Educational Needs of Learners in Literacy and Non Formal Education Program”.	Co-Principal Investigator	December 2016-17
The World Bank	Development of Training Modules on “Gender Mainstreaming in Hydropower Projects in Pakistan”	Team Member	2015
The World Bank	Development of Charter and Business Plan for the Pakistan-China Centre for Resettlement & Social	Consultant	2015

	Safeguards to be established at the University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan in collaboration with Hohai University, China		
The World Bank	Country Assessment on “Enhancing Social Sustainability of Energy Development by Gender Mainstreaming in Pakistan”	Resettlement Expert	2014-15
The World Bank	Establishment of National Centre for Resettlement & Rehabilitation at Punjab University, Lahore	Team Member & Coordinator	2013
The World Bank	Three-credit hours graduate level course development on “Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation”	Team Member & Coordinator	2013
WAPDA	Review of Chilas Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) as part of the Resettlement Action Plan of Diamir-Bhasa Dam (Reviewed the project report)	Team Member	2013
University of the Punjab	Research Project on “Land Acquisition Practices and Collective Community Decision Processes of Private Mega Housing Projects in Lahore”	Principal Investigator	2014-2015
Contech International	Evaluation of Health Interventions at Primary Schools in District Chakwal and Mansehra, Pakistan	Fieldwork Coordinator	2004
Family Planning Association of Pakistan	Evaluation of the Family Planning Centres working at the Military Hospitals in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa	Fieldwork Coordinator	2002

## 12. TRAININGS CONDUCTED AS MASTER TRAINER & DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING MATERIAL

ORGANIZATION	TITLE	DATES
WAPDA	Training on “Capacity Building Training of Dasu Hydropower Project Environment Team on Implementation of Environmental Management Plan (EMP)”	December 18-20, 2017
WAPDA	Trainings on “Capacity Building Training of Social team of Dasu Hydropower Project on Implementation of Social and Resettlement Management Plans (SRMP) with Reference to the World Bank Guidelines and Policies”.	August 23-25, 2017
The World Bank	Three-days training on the World Bank Operations and Social	June 15-17,

	Safeguards	2015
The World Bank	Development of Training Modules on “Gender Mainstreaming in Hydropower Projects in Pakistan”	2015
WAPDA	Two-days Capacity Building Workshop on Grievance Redress in Resettlement Planning and Implementation for Tarbela-IV Hydropower Project, Tarbela, Pakistan	Jan 5-6, 2014
National Centre for Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Punjab Uni.	One-day Training on Land Acquisition, Resettlement & Rehabilitation for Interns of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)	July 23, 2013.

### 13. TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS PARTICIPATION

Organization	Training/ Workshop	Dates
Pakistan Academy of Rural Development, Peshawar, Pakistan	5-Day Training Workshop on Women Empowerment and Economic Development.	June 17-21, 2019
Higher Education Commission, Pakistan	Member, National Curriculum Revision Committee (NCRC) in the discipline of Gender Studies (BS-MS) at HEC Regional Centre Karachi.	April 20-22, 2017
The British Council & Higher Education Commission, Pakistan	Web Portal Orientation Session for Citizenship Education and Community Engagement Programme- Active Citizen in Universities	October 14, 2015
The British Council & Higher Education Commission, Pakistan	Training of Facilitators for Citizenship Education and Community Engagement Programme- Active Citizen in Universities	June 1-3, 2015
Higher Education Commission, Pakistan & University of the Punjab	Indigenous On-Campus Faculty Training.	December 8-12, 2014.
The World Bank, Pinnawala, Sri Lanka	Regional Workshop on the World Bank Procedures and Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation in South Asia	November 17-21, 2015
The World Bank, Colombo, Sri Lanka	Regional Workshop on Course development and review on Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation in South Asia	July 14, 2013
The World Bank,	Regional Meeting of the National Management of Land	July 13,

Colombo, Sri Lanka	Acquisition, Resettlement & Rehab. Centres in South Asia	2013
The World Bank & Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad	International Workshop of National Centres of Excellence of Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation	May 25, 2013.
The World Bank & Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad	International Conference on Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation	May 20-22 2013.
The World Bank & the National Center for Resettlement & Rehabilitation, University of the Punjab, Pakistan	National Stakeholders Conference on Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, at	July 3-4, 2013
The World Bank & NESPAK, Pakistan	Three-days training on the Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation in Pakistan	Apr 10-12, 2012.
International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, India	Demographic Techniques & Application of Demographic Software Packages	Nov 14 - Dec 2, 2005
Columbia University, NY, USA	Ten Days Training on Preparing for Ageing Societies: Meeting Challenges of Health, Wellbeing & Poverty in Developing Countries	Jul 5-15, 2005
Population Council, Pakistan	Ten Days Training on Reproductive Health: Concepts and Reality, Karachi, Pakistan	Jun 21-Jul 1, 2004.
Population Council of Pakistan	Leadership Training in Reproductive Health, Population Council of Pakistan, Islamabad (Reproductive Health: Components, Issues and priorities, Research Methods, Project and concept development, Leadership style: Visionary, Bureaucratic and Collaborative, Conflict Management, Negotiation skills, Writing, Communication, Presentation Skills, & Gender Sensitization)	May 9 – Jun 5, 2004
University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada	Two weeks training on Effective Mentoring and Crisis Intervention, Training Series 2000-2001 -- Team Building, Mentoring and Programming, Psychological First Aid, Critical Incident Response, Active Listening, and Crisis identification & Intervention.	Sept 5-13 1999

#### 14. REFERENCES:

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2. Professor Dr. Rubeena Zakar,  
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