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### Present Position:

**Research Associate** (Assistan Professor Grade) since 20<sup>th</sup> January 2007 till date at **Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia** (A Central University by an Act of the Indian Parliament).

### Positions Held(Employment History):

- **Research Associate** (Lecturer Grade) since July 1999 to 19<sup>th</sup> January2007 at **Zakir Hussain Institute of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.**
- **Researcher** at the **Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)**, New Delhi since November 1994 to March 1998.

### Specialisation:

- Role of External Powers, particularly the US in the West Asian Region
- Security of the Persian Gulf
- Evolution of the History of both sides of the Gulf
- Indo-Gulf Relations

### **Other Areas of Research Interests:**

- Geo-politics of Oil & Gas and the Gulf,
- India's Energy Security,
- Role of Islam in Politics
- The Issue of Democratisation in the region.

### **Experience of Guiding & Supervising Research**

#### **Guiding following two Ph. D students**

- ❖ **Mr. Rashid Ansari** is working on his thesis on ***"US Invasion of Iraq: Role of the US Media"***
- ❖ **Ms. Bushra** is working on her thesis on ***"Islam and Discourse of Democracy in West Asia: The Muslim Brotherhood and Political Pluralism in Egypt"***

#### **Guiding following three M.Phil students**

- ❖ **Mr. Belal Ahmad** is engaged in writing his dissertation on ***"Coverage of West Asia Issues in India's Arabic Journals and Periodicals Since 2001"***
- ❖ **Mr. Uvaidullah Akhtar** is engaged on writing his dissertation on ***"State Sovereignty, US Invasion and Human Rights of Prisoners of War: A Case Study of Abu Gharib Prison in Iraq"***
- ❖ **Mr. Saifudheen Kunju** is engaged on writing his dissertation on ***"Turkey's Foreign Policy towards the European Union Under the AKP Government"***

**Teaching Experience:**

**6 Years**

### Teaching two courses:

- **Modern History of West Asia**
- **US and the Gulf Region**

**Taught** following two papers to post graduate students at the Dept. of Islamic Studies, JMI.

- Islamic World in the Modern Age (from 1800 A.D. onwards).
- Muslim Reform Movements & Thinkers.

### Fellowships & Distinctions:

- Qualified the **National Eligibility Test (N.E.T.)** in 1991, an All-India Test for the Eligibility of Lecturership
- Awarded Field Trip Grant by **the School of International Studies, JNU** in 1993 for Visiting the UK & UAE
- Awarded **the University Grants Commission (UGC)** Fellowship under the Area Studies Programme of the "Gulf Studies" in 1987 for a period of five years from 1987 to 1992.
- Awarded the Junior Fellowship by **the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)**, New Delhi from 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1993 for two years.

### Published Work:

#### Book:

**Conflict in the Gulf: British Quest for the Domination and the Ottoman Response.** Delhi: Academic Excellence, 2004.

### Chapters Published in the edited books and forthcoming:

- **“India’s Search for the Energy Security and Role of the Gulf”** in Amb. R. Abhyankar (ed.) *West Asia and the Region: Defining India’s Role*, Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2008
- **“India’s Relations with Iraq: A Critical Review”** in Bansidhar Pradhan(ed.) *the Fertile Crescent, Great Powers and India*
- **“A Critique of India’s Policy towards Iran in the Contemporary Era”** in A. R Vijapur(ed) *Nehruvian Vision of India and the World: Mapping Contemporary Realities*
- **“Indo-West Asian Relation: Dilemma, Challenge and Prospect”** in Shiv Bahadur Singh (ed) *India’s Foreign Policy: Challenges & Opportunities*
- **“Iran-Pakistan-India Gas Pipeline as a Factor in Indo-Iran Relationship”** in Syed Fazal Mahmood (ed.) *India & West Asia Relations: Change & Continuity.*

#### **Research Papers/Articles:**

- ❖ **“GCC Looks East: Saudi Arabia’s Engagement with India”**, India Quarterly, Delhi, Vol. LXII No. 4 Oct. Dec. 2006.
- ❖ **“US Invasion of Iraq: A Critical Analysis of Its Mitivation”**, Islam and the Modern Age, Vol. XXXVI, No. 2, May 2005
- ❖ **“Iran’s Islamic Revolution: An Overview”**, Islam and the Modern Age, Delhi, Vol XXXIV, No.2 May 2003
- ❖ **“The Rise of the AKP: A Challenge before Turkey”**, Islam and the Modern Age, Delhi, Vol. XXXIII No. 4, November 2002.
- ❖ **“The Role of Refah Party in Turkish Politics”**, Journal of Peace Studies, Delhi, Vol. 9, No. 2, March-April 2002.

- ❖ **“The Anglo-Russian Power Game in Iran: A Study in Historical Perspective”, Islam and the Modern Age, Delhi, Vol. XXXII No. 4, November 2001.**
- ❖ **“Pro-Islamic Party led Coalition Government in Turkey”, Islam and the Modern Age, Delhi, Vol. XXXII No. 2, May 2001.**
- ❖ **“Exodus of Indians from UAE”, Strategic Analysis, Delhi, Vol. XIX, No. 9, Dec. 1996**
- ❖ **“Formation of the Government in Turkey”, Strategic Analysis, Delhi, Vol. XIX, No. 7, Oct 1996.**

**Book review:**

**“Reform in the Arab World: External Influences and Regional Debates”** by Talmiz Ahmad, India Research Press, Delhi, 2005 in the Journal of Peace Studies, Delhi, Vol.12, No. 4, Oct.- Dec. 2005

**Research Monographs (unpublished):**

- **The Organization of the Islamic Conference: Perspective, Perception and Prospect.**
- *India and the OIC: Opportunities & Challenges.*
- *Rise of Islamists in Turkish Politics: A Threat to Democracy or A Democratic Challenge?*

## Papers Presented at International Conferences

- **“India’s Relations with Iraq: A Critical Review”** for an international conference on ***the Fertile Crescent, Great Powers and India*** Organised by the Centre for West Asian Studies, JNU from February 9-11, 2010
  
- **“Contextualising Al-Qasimi’s Resistance against the British Imperialism in the Gulf”** for an international conference on ***People, Culture and Goods in Motion: India-Arab Maritime Historical Relations*** organised by the Gulf Studies Programme, Centre for West Asian Studies, JNU from 3-4 March 2010.
  
- **“Dynamics of Indo-Iran Relation in the Post 9/11 Era: US as a Factor”** at an International Conference on ***India and the Major Powers in Central and West Asia: Challenges and Opportunities*** organised by the Academy of Third World Studies and CWAS, JMI from ***22-23 rd October 2008***
  
- **“Contours of Indo-Turkish Relation in Modern Era, with special reference to Pan-Islamism”**, at an International Conference on ***India, Central Asia and Turkey: Understanding Past Matrix and Present Realities*** Organised by the Academy of Third World Studies, JMI, New Delhi from ***29-30 August, 2007***
  
- **"The GCC Looks East: The Case of Saudi Arabia and India"** at an International conference on ***Global Gulf*** organised by the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, from 4-6 July 2006 (paper accepted but could not attend the conference)
  
- **“Imperative of Iran-Pakistan-India Gas Pipeline: Challenges and Prospects”** at an International Conference on ***Energy & Security: Asian Vision*** organised by the Institute for Political & International Studies and Institute for International Energy Studies, Tehran, from March 12-14, 2006.
  
- **“US Occupation of Iraq and its Implications for the Gulf Region”** at an International Conference on ***Persian Gulf: The Regional Security and Cooperation in the Process of the Changing World Politics*** organised by the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), Tehran, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2005.

- **“Late Shaikh Zayed’s Role in the Nation Building”** at an International Conference on ***Bedouin Society in the Emirates: the Reliability of Documents Vs the Accuracy of Narration*** organised by the Centre for Documentation and Research, Abu Dhabi” from 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

## Papers Presented at National Seminars/Conferences

- ✓ **“A Critique of India’s Policy towards Iran in the Contemporary Era”** at a National Seminar on ***Nehruvian Vision of India and the World: Mapping Contemporary Realities*** Organised by the Centre for Nehru Studies, Department of Political Science, AMU Aligarh from 4-5 April 2011
- ✓ **“Indo-West Asian Relation: Dilemma, Challenge and Prospect”** at a national seminar on ***India’s Foreign Policy: Challenges & Opportunities*** organised by the Department of Political Science, DAV College, Varansi from 26-27 March 2011
- ✓ **“Dynamics of Conflict in Iraq in the post Invasion Period: Challenges and Prospect for Peaceful Resolution”** at National Seminar on ***Conflict in South & West Asia: Prospect of Peace*** organised by the Centre for West Asian Studies, AMU Aligarh from 21-22 December 2010
- ✓ **“Role of Evangelicalism in the US Foreign policy towards West Asia”** at a national seminar on ***Ideological Trends in West Asia*** organised by the Centre for West Asian Studies, AMU Aligarh from 16-18 February 2010
- ✓ **“Changing Dynamics of India’s Relations with Arab World since 1947”** for a national seminar on ***Indo-Arab Relations: Past, Present and Future*** organised by Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, UP from 13-15 March 2010
- ✓ **“Creation of the UAE: A Historical Perspective”** at a national Seminar on ***the Contemporary UAE and Indo-UAE Relations***, organised by the by the Gulf Studies Programme, Centre for West Asian Studies, JNU on 23 March 2009

- ✓ **“India’s Search for Energy Security and the Role of the Gulf”** at a National Conference on ***West Asia and the Region: Defining India’s Role*** organized by the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 21-22 August, 2006.
- ✓ **“Iran-Pakistan-India Gas Pipeline as a Factor in Indo-Iran Relationship”** at a National Seminar on ***India & West Asia Relations: Change & Continuity*** organised by the Center for West Asia, A.M.U. Alligarh from 18-19, January 2006.
- ✓ **“Role of the OIC/Arab League in the West Asian Peace Process”** at a National Seminar on ***The Peace Process in West Asia: Challenges and Prospects*** organized by the Academy of Third World, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi” in March 2000.
- ✓ **“Iran’s Foreign Policy Since the Revolution”** at a National Seminar on ***Iran: Twenty Years of Islamic Revolution*** organized by the Centre for West Asian & African Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in March 1999.

### **Talks/Lectures/Presentations:**

- Spoke on **“Turkey as a Model for Democratisation”** at a panel Discussion organised by the Subject Association of the Centre for West Asian Studies, JMI on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- Delivered a Lecture on **“Evangelicals’ Influence on the US Policy towards West Asia: with Special Reference to Israel”** at the Centre for West Asian Studies, JMI on 20/10/10
- Delivered Lecture on **US Policy towards West Asia** at the Refresher Course for West Asian Studies organised by the Academic Staff College, JMI in March 2010
- Delivered Lecture on **Emerging Political trends in West Asia in the Post 11 Era** at the refresher course for West Asia organised by the Academic Staff College, JMI in February 2009
- Presented M.Phil Course on **“Modern History of West Asia”** at a Workshop Organised by the Centre For West Asian Studies, JMI in May 2008`
- Prepared following two Courses for M.Phil Programme and Presented before the Faculty Memebers of the Centre: (1) **Modern History Of West Asia** Presented on 5/10/2007 (2) **US and the Gulf Region** on 14/11/2007



- Delivered a lecture on "**Critical Evaluation of Mustafa Kemal's Role in the Nation Building**" in a pannel discussion on the theme of "**Foundation of the Republic of Turkey and the Principles of Kemal Ataturk**" organized by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on 1 Nov. 2006.
- Delivered a talk on "**The Contemporary Political Situation in the Gulf**" at the Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi in May 1995.

### **Abroad visits for Academic Purpose**

- Visited **Tehran twice** for the Presentation of papers at international conference organized by the IPIS, Tehran in 2005 and 2006
- Visited **United Kingdom twice** during June 1993 to Nov. 1993 for presentation of a paper at an international conference, and for the collection of source-materials for Ph.D thesis at *the British Library (India Office and Library Records) and the Public Record Office (PRO)* as well as interaction with faculty members at various universities in the UK, in particular, Prof. Derek Hopwood (University of Oxford) and (Late) Dr. Robin Bidwell (University of Cambridge).
- Visited **United Arab Emirates** several times for the presentation of paper at an international conference at the Centre for Documentation & Research, Abu Dhabi in 2006. Also visited in 1993, 1995, 1997 for collecting source-material at the *Centre for Documentation and Research, Abu Dhabi; National Archives, Abu Dhabi; Department of History, United Arab Emirates University, Al-Ain* and interaction with (Late) Dr. Morsy Mohammad Abdullah, former Director of Centre for Documentation and Research; and Dr. Abdullah Abu Ezzah, Superintendent of National Archives.
- Visited **Sultanate of Oman** in 1995 and 1997 for interaction with faculty members at the Department of History, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat.
- Visited **Turkey (Istanbul)** in November 1993 for the collection of source-materials for Ph.D thesis and interaction with faculty members at universities.

## **Educational Qualification:**

- **Ph.D.** (Doctor of Philosophy) in 1995 from the Centre for West Asian and African Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Thesis title: **“Dimensions of the Ottoman and British Imperial Interests in the Arabian Peninsula 1890-1914”**.
- **M.Phil.** (Master of Philosophy) in 1989 from the Centre for West Asian and African Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Title of Dissertation: **“The Revolution of 1958 in Iraq and the Coup D’etat of 1960 in Turkey: A Comparative Study”**.
- **M.A.** (Master of Arts) in 1986 from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh  
Subject: **History: Specialisation-Modern History**.
- **Diploma in Arabic** (One-year part-time course) in 1982 from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
- **Certificate in Arabic** (One-year part-time course) in 1981 from Aligarh Muslim

## **Language Proficiency:**

English, Urdu, Hindi and elementary knowledge of Arabic.

## **Membership of Professional Bodies:**

Member of the Association for Central & West Asian Studies (ACWAS), New Delhi., and Associate member of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA).