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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: **Associate Professor (NED University, Karachi-Pakistan)**
EDUCATION: **Ph.D. City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, UK**
NATIONALITY: **Pakistan**
LANGUAGES: **English, Urdu**
THEMATIC EXPERTISE: **Urban Planning and Development, Urban governance and Management, Urban Informality, Urban Design and Architecture**
GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: **Pakistan (Karachi)**

OVERVIEW

Dr. Saeed Ud Din Ahmed is a practicing Architect and an Urban Planner, working as an academic at the Department of Architecture and Planning NED University in the capacity of Associate Professor and the CO-Chairmen. Dr. Ahmed worked as an Architect for various consultancies from 2005 till 2009 and upon completion of Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning, he joined academia. He completed his PhD research at the Cardiff University UK, between 2012-2016; in which he explored informal land controls in the context of Karachi. He has been involved in different research assignments in individual capacity and as a member of Urban Research and Design Cell (URDC) DAP-NEDUET.

Saeed has been involved in **local and international research projects** around informal economy, environmental sustainability, urban services such as waste management, land supply-management and housing, urban design and environmental uplift projects, also city's profiling and master planning proposals are also part of his experience.

Saeed **teaches** Housing, Urban Development and Comprehensive Environmental Design Studios. Currently, he is Higher Education Commission's approved PhD supervisor, while at the university level, he is the co-chairmen of the department along with coordinator of post-graduate and the BS Development Studies Programmes.

Dr. Saeed has **supervised** more than hundred undergraduate final year projects, Six post-graduate research thesis, and is currently supervising two PhD scholars.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2016	PhD , Cardiff University, UK
2009	Masters in Urban and Regional Planning , NED University, Pakistan
2005	B. Architecture and Planning , NED University, Pakistan

ACADEMIA

2022- till date	Associate Professor, and co-chairmen Dept. of Architecture and Planning, NED University, Pakistan
2012-2022	Assistant Professor , Dept. of Architecture and Planning, NED University, Pakistan
2010-2012	Lecturer , Dept. of Architecture and Planning, NED University, Pakistan

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2010-date	Lecturer, Assistant Prof. & Associate Prof. , Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University, Karachi.
2007-2010	Project Architect , NESPAK, National Engineering Pakistan Ltd, Karachi.
2006-07	Project Architect , Surround, Architecture and Interior design practice, Karachi.
2005-06	Project Architect , ICON Architecture, Interior Design and Planning practice, Karachi.

MASTER PLANNING EXERCISES

Following Master Planning studies and exercises of various districts of Pakistan while working at NED University;
1- Quetta City Master Plan, 2023.

- 2- Study of Muzaffarabad and Landikotal and planning and urban design proposal for the UN-Habitat in 2012.
- 3- Master Planning proposal for the Lasbela district for Balochistan Government in 2016.
- 4- PC-II for Master Planning proposal of Awaraan district for the Balochistan Government in 2017.

RESEARCH PROJECTS & CONSULTANCIES

- 1- 2025 – Socio Economic baseline Development of Afghan and Host community slum settlements in 05 cities of Pakistan. UN Habitat Funded Project.
- 2- 2025 – Socio Economic Profile and analysis of Rohingya Community in Karachi.
- 3- 2023 – 2024 Advising Urban Unit Punjab in the development of **Karachi Climate Action Plan**, for the Karachi Local government, funded by UNDP.
- 4- 2023 – 2024 Assisting Urban Unit Punjab in the preparation of **Quetta City Master Plan** for Baluchistan Govt.
- 5- 2023 **SDG Compliant Master Planning Manual** development for Cities of Sindh-Pakistan.
- 6- 2023 **Socio-economic Profiling** of education city for inclusive future master planning.
- 7- 2022 – 2024 **Women, workability and mobility**. Exploring the **public transport** in the city of Karachi, and how it impact the choices of women living in the peripheral areas of Karachi. Funded by the British Asian Trust, UK.
- 8- 2022 – 2023 Assisting the Government to **align master** plans of the major district headquarter of Province of Sindh according to the **SDG 11**. UNDP funded project.
- 9- 2022 SPRET – **Sustainable Pathways for Renewable Energy Transitions**. A project funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering, Frontiers Challenge. Collaboration with Cardiff University UK to explore various technological and social innovative systems for the sustainable transitions. <https://suspret.org/>
- 10- 2021 – ongoing Understanding Water Supply System in Karachi and Related Issues. A collaboration with Dr. Nazia Hussain, Assistant Professor Tokyo University.
- 11- 2020-2022 Rubbish, Resource and Residues: Waste and Wellbeing in Ethiopia and Pakistan. British Academy funded project, focused on the waste management practices. In collaboration with LSE team led by Prof. Jo Beal. <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/projects/urban-well-being-rubbish-resources-residues-waste-ethiopia-pakistan/>.
- 12- 2018-21 Quantifying cities for sustainable development. An ESRC funded project, exploring alternative precise methods for population count, led by Prof. Sean Fox, Bristol University. <https://research-information.bris.ac.uk/en/projects/quantifying-cities-for-sustainable-development>
- 13- 2019-2022 Rural growth Centers. Pilot project, funded by EU and the Government of Sindh. <https://pnd.sindh.gov.pk/storage/resourcePage/OBUd19R7l0vYvmDujn6pnoBpwYk6GSJOn6fr31fO.pdf>
- 14- 2017 – 2021 Merewether Tower Precinct Project. Documentation, analysis and urban development proposals for sustainable development in the old city area of Karachi. Silk Bank funded project.
- 15- 2016-17 NED Precinct Project. An environmental upliftment strategy involving organic waste recycling possibilities involving NED University city campus and the famous food street of Karachi, Burnes Road. Higher Education Commission of Pakistan funded project.
- 16- 2016-2018 Role of informal in economic recovery of post conflict cities. An ESRC and DFID funded project, led by Prof. Alison Brown, Cardiff University. <https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=ES%2FM008789%2F1>
- 17- 2010-2012 Karachi, Land Issue. A research focussed on the land supply and housing issues in the city of Karachi and especially involving poor. IIED Funded Project.

PUBLICATIONS

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| 2025 | Mehmood, A., Cheema, A.R., Salam, M., Ahmed, S.U.D., Moghayedi, A., Vassilev, V. and Aburamadan, R., 2025. From theory to practice: lessons from transformative learning through a net-zero design competition. <i>Development in Practice</i> , pp.1-6. <Available at: https://doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2025.2520301 |
| 2023 | Ahmed, S. Ahmed, A. Ahmed, S. (2023). Role of charisma in creating social networks leading to development: Case of an informal neighbourhood in Karachi. <i>Journal of Xi'an Shiyong University, Natural Science Edition</i> . 09(05), pp. 1507-1514. <Available at: https://www.xisdjxsu.asia/V19I05-126.pdf |
| 2023 | Ahmed, S., Shakir, M.M., Ahmed, N. and Ahmed, S. (2023). Conflicting Binaries and Urban Spaces: the Case of Merewether Tower Precinct in Karachi (Pakistan). <i>Journal of Architecture and Planning</i> , |

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- 2022 Ahmed, N., Ahmed, S. and Ahmed, S. (2022). Predicaments and Possibilities Experienced by Homeless in Karachi. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, p.00219096221113581. **<Available at:** <https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096221113581>>
- 2022 Beall, J., Ali, M., Ahmed, S., Ahmed, S., Desta, H., Gebremariam, E. , da Cruz, N.F. (2022). [Why Integrated Solid Waste Management is so elusive – learning from Africa and Asia](#). Research Strand 03 (May 2022). LSE Cities Working Papers. **<Available at:** <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Cities/Assets/Documents/RRR/RRR-Working-Paper-ISWM.pdf>>
- 2022 Ahmed, S., Ali, M., Ahmed, S. (2022). [Social research and the uncertainties of a pandemic: report from the field in Karachi and Faisalabad](#). Field Report 02 (September 2022), Rubbish, Resources and Residues. LSE Cities. . **<Available at:** <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Cities/Assets/Documents/RRR/LSE-Cities-field-report-02-RRR-Pakistan.pdf>>
- 2022 Ahmed, S., Ali, M. (2022). [An overview of solid waste management systems in the city of Karachi: past and present](#). Field Report 03 (September 2022), Rubbish, Resources and Residues. LSE Cities.**<Available at:** <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Cities/Assets/Documents/RRR/LSE-Cities-field-report-03-RRR.pdf>>
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- 2021 Ahmed, N., Ahmed, S. and Ahmed, S.U., (2021). Impacts of judicial verdicts on land acquisition practices for real estate: cases from Pakistan. *ICONARP International Journal of Architecture and Planning*. **<Available at:** <https://doi.org/10.15320/ICONARP.2021.176>>
- 2021 Ahmed, N., Ahmed, S. and Ahmed, S.U., (2021). Examining challenges experienced by street vendors in the global south: case of district south in Karachi. *Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers-Urban Design and Planning*, pp.1-24. **<Available at:** <https://doi.org/10.1680/jurdp.20.00024>>
- 2020 Ahmed, S.U.D., Mehmood, A. and Brown, A.M., (2020). Informal power structures: towards provision of services and security of tenure. In *Communities, Land and Social Innovation*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2017 Brown, A & Ahmed, S. (2017). Local government dissolution in Karachi: Chasm or catalyst? *Third World Thematic: A TWQ Journal*. 01(06): 879-897. **<Available online at:** 10.1080/23802014.2016.1315318>
- 2016 Ahmed, S. (2016). *Informal Land Controls: A Case of Karachi-Pakistan*. Ph.D Thesis, Cardiff University. *Un-published*. **<Available at:** <https://orca.cf.ac.uk/92021/1/Final%20thesis.pdf>>
- 2015 Hasan, A. Ahmed, N. Sadiq, A. Raza, M. Ahmed, S. Sarwar, M. B. (2015). *Karachi: The Land Issue*. Karachi: Oxford University Press.
- 2014 Ahmed, S. (2014) Dominance of Private Sector in Housing; Rise of Informality and Right to the City: *Journal of research in Architecture and Planning*, 16(01): 18-32.
- 2013 Hasan, A. Ahmed, N. Sadiq, A. Raza, M. Ahmed, S. Sarwar, M. B. (2013). *Land ownership, control and contestation in Karachi and implications for low-income housing*. International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).
- 2013 Ahmed, S. (2013) Multiplicity of Land Owning Agencies and its Role in the Development of Informal Settlements in Karachi: *proceedings of the 8th Seminar on Urban and Regional Planning: Dynamics of Land in Planning*, Karachi, 30th March 2013.
- 2010 Sadiq, A., Shakir, M., Ahmed, S.(2010), Gated Living in the Context of Karachi, *Journal of research in Architecture and Planning*, 09(01): 50-64. **<Available at:** https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP_2010/5-Asiya-Masooma-Saeed.pdf>