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ABOUT ME:

Rabela Junejo is an Architectural Historian and an academician, affiliated with the Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University of Engineering of Technology, Karachi, as an academic since 2007. As an architectural historian she harbors keen interest in exploring the built heritage of Pakistan. Her research interests are varied remaining within the scope of history of architecture however, she focusses on medieval and later funerary traditions in Sindh. This she furthered by her focused doctoral study on the architecture of Makli Necropolis, Thatta. As an academician she endeavors to fuse her two passions, history and teaching, by refocusing the architectural history pedagogy towards the study of local built heritage.

EDUCATION:

2014-2020 PhD - History of Architecture Program,
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

2010-2012 Masters in Architectural History
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

2000-2006 Bachelors in Architecture
Mehran University of Engineering & Technology,
Jamshoro.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

June 2013 – Present Assistant Professor, DAP – NEDUET, Karachi.

June 2007 – June 2013 Lecturer, DAP – NEDUET, Karachi.

July 2006 – June 2007 Architect, Mubarak Ahmad Associates, Karachi.

NON-TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Aug 2022 - Present Member BOS DAP-NEDUET

Jan 2021 – Present Managing Editor JRAP - NEDUET

Aug 2020 – Present Peer/Paper Reviewer, “Sindh-Antiquities”, Bi-annual Research Journal of Antiquities & Archaeology Department, Government of Sindh, ISSN: 2617-1996

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:

- 2026 Junejo, R., & Ahmed, N. (2024). **Mitigating Historic Amnesia Through Youth Engagement in the City of Karachi.** *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 61(1), 857-877. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096241300446> (Original work published 2026)
- 2025 Junejo, R. & Naeem, A., (2025) **Coding the carved: the development of a coding system for inventorying stone-carved graves in Pakistan,** *Archaeology International* 28(1): 9, 85–102.
doi: <https://doi.org/10.14324/AI.28.1.09>
- 2020 Shuja, S., & Junejo, R. (2020). **Appropriating Indo-Saracenic style: Bhai Ram Singh's contributions to the architectural identity of 19th century Lahore.** *Journal of Traditional Building, Architecture and Urbanism*, (1), 357–368. <https://doi.org/10.51303/jtbau.vi1.363>
- 2020 Junejo, R. 2020. **Architectural Encounters at Makli Necropolis (14th–18th Centuries).** Unpublished thesis (PhD), Middle East Technical University.
<https://open.metu.edu.tr/handle/11511/45810>
- 2018 Junejo, R. 2018. **Tomb of Isa Khan Tarkhan II: Place of Converging Architectural Idioms.** *Sindh Antiquities Quarterly Journal* 1 (4): 29–40.
- 2017 Paper presented at International Conference on Archaeological Heritage of Pakistan: Challenges, Potential and Way forward titled, **“National Museum of Pakistan: Subjective readings into Narrative of Display”**, (co-authored with Nida Jawed Ahmed) co-organized by Higher Education Commission (HEC), National History and Literary Heritage Division, UNESCO, Embassy of France in Pakistan, British Council, and Walled City of Lahore Authority (WCLA), held at Alhambra Lahore, 20th – 22nd Oct 2017.
- 2016 Paper presented at 24th International Conference of International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA 2016) titled, **“Pluralism of Funerary Monuments: Reading Architectural Encounters at Makli Necropolis”**. Conference theme was “Asian History, Culture and Environment: Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms” held in Islamabad, Pakistan from 5-9 December, 2016.
- 2014 Paper presented titled, **“Makli Necropolis (14th – 18th Century): Investigation into Geometric Ornamentation”** at

Nexus Conference on Relationships between Architecture and Mathematics, 9-12 June 2014, Ankara, Turkey

- 2012** R. Junejo, **Architectural permeability: stylistic encounter in the architecture of the Makli Necropolis**. M.A. Thesis - Master of Arts, Middle East Technical University, 2012.
<https://open.metu.edu.tr/handle/11511/22226>

RESEARCH PROJECTS: _____

- 2025 – ongoing** Title: “**GIS Mapping and webpage development for three Funerary Heritage sites of Sindh (pilot)**” MoST Endowment Fund managed by NEDUET, Karachi.
- 2022 -24** **INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECT – NEDUET 2022 -23 (ONGOING)**
Project title: “*Documentation and Mapping of Stone Carved Graves and Graveyards in Lower Sindh – Building A Data Bank / Repository*”, Funded by: NED University of Engineering and Technology.
- 2022** **PK-UK EDUCATIONAL LINKS - JAN to DEC 2022 – (Completed)**
Project title: “*Exploring Invisible Diversity in The City of Lights*”, Funded by: **British Council**, Project Partners: NED University of Engineering and Technology Karachi, Cardiff University, UK, and British Council, Time Frame: Jan 2022 – Dec 2023, Status: Completed.