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Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi, Pakistan

EDUCATION

- PhD in Urban and Regional Planning, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi (2023–2027). Doctoral Research: Exploring Local and Indigenous Knowledge (LIK) for Resilience of Marine-Dependent Communities through Participatory Governance
- Master of Urban and Regional Planning, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi (2010–2012)
- Bachelor of Architecture, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi (2003–2007)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Architecture & Planning, NED University of Engineering & Technology (2018 Present)
- **Lecturer**, Department of Architecture & Planning, NED University of Engineering & Technology (2009 2018)

CURRENT RESEARCH INITIATIVES

- **PhD Research (2023–2027):** Exploring Local and Indigenous Knowledge (LIK) for Resilience of Marine-Dependent Communities through Participatory Governance
- Global Disaster Preparedness Center (2025) Funded project: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge with Formal Governance for Disaster Resilience
- British Council Climate Futures South Asia Programme (2025–2026) Funded project: Weaving Together: Local Art for Social Cohesion and Climate Resilience

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

• Exploring Inclusive Tourism Development - Case Study of Beachfront Development in Manora, Pakistan. Xi'an Shiyou Daxue Xuebao, Vol. 18, Issue 11, 2022, pp. 270–279.

Book Chapters

• "Meaning of Insularity and Isolation for Karachi's Manora Island", in Living with Water: Development and Urbanism in South Asia, Routledge, 2025.

Reports & Editorial Projects

• Editor and Project Coordinator, Karachi: A Selected Bibliography Vol. 1, DAP-NEDUET.

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

- Manora A Living Manifestation of Diversity, The Express Tribune, Jan 1, 2023. https://tribune.com.pk/story/2393691/manora-a-living-manifestation-of-diversity
- Waves of Trash, The News Shehr, May 22, 2022. https://www.thenews.com.pk/tns/detail/959627waves-of-trash
- Sustainable Tourism ARCHITIMES, May 5, 2022. http://www.architimesonline.com/site/sustainable-tourism/
- Development: Making Manora Shine, Dawn EOS, May 1, 2022. https://www.dawn.com/news/1687726

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- Workshop on Dynamics of socio-ecosystems, local knowledge and adaptation strategies, Social Sciences Winter School, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, 11–15 December 2023
- Time Management Training, Faculty Development Programme by Dr Sajida Zaki, NED University, 11–13 January 2022
- Class Advisors Training by Dr Asif Shaikh, 25 October 2021
- Online Participant, Jaipur Heritage Workshop, India Architectural Pedagogy Focus, 22–26 July 2019

- Designing the Design Studio Workshop by Board of Architectural Education, NUST Islamabad, by Nuno Soares and Dr Thomas Daniell, 1–5 July 2013
- Practicing Islamic Architecture Workshop for Developing Design Skills in Building Traditions of the Sub-Continent, by Taimoor Khan Mumtaz, Department of Architecture and Planning, NEDUET, 6–16 February 2012
- Presentation & Communication Skills Workshop by HEC, by Dr Sajida Zaki, NEDUET Karachi, 21–23
 April 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

- Architect, A.R.C.H.R.I.Z (2007–2009)
- Consulting Work at NED-UET: Business Incubation Center and ORIC Plaque Design

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Conference

- Convenor Conference on Architecture Pluralism in Architecture of South Asia and Other Regions (Nov 2023), Department of Architecture & Planning, NEDUET.
- Co-convenor 1st History Group Conference History: Pedagogy and Scholarship (Oct 2013),
 Department of Architecture & Planning, NEDUET.

• Workshops, Seminars, and Competitions

- o Convenor *National Student Design Competition for Affordable Housing* (March 2022), promoting innovation in socially responsive design.
- o **Urban and Regional Planning Seminars** (2010–2022), contributing to event planning, graphic and souvenir design, and event announcements.
- o **History Group Workshops' coordinator** (2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2022) and served as an active member in related seminars and events

• Editorial and Archival Roles

- Newspaper Compilation and Promotion Section of ARCHIVES, curating material related to architecture and urbanism.
- o Served as a **Committee Member** for the *Centre for Urban Planning Newsletter*, Department of Architecture and Planning, NEDUET.

• Community Engagement and Advocacy

 As General Secretary of Tameer-e-Nau – Regenerating Karachi, contributed to various urban improvement initiatives focused on Karachi's built environment.

• Student Engagement and Representation

- Acted as Faculty Representative in the Department of Architecture's Student Council, coordinating diverse student-led events including outstation trips, Independence Day celebrations, Spring Festivals, fundraising activities, and annual dinners.
- o **History Group Tours** for participants of the 2nd Pakistan Urban Forum and South Asian Cities Conference (Karachi, 2014), providing curated experiential learning opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

• Member, Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP)