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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Department of Political
Science, Boston University
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EDUCATION

Expected 2028 **Boston University**
PhD Candidate, Political Science

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
Areas of Interest: State-building, Religion and politics, Historical
institutionalism, Educational governance, South and Southeast Asia

Dissertation: Religion, Education, and State Building in South and Southeast
Asia

Committee: Jeremy Menchik (Chair), Taylor Boas, Steven Rosenzweig

2023 **San Diego State University**
MA in Political Science

Thesis: Islam and Democracy: Comparing Islamic Organizations in Pakistan
and Indonesia

Chair: Ahmet T. Kuru

2022 Advanced Certificate in Comparative and Global Politics

2019 **University of the Punjab (Pakistan)**
M.Phil. in Political Science
B.S. (Hons) Sociology and Socio-Cultural Studies

WORKING PAPERS

Religion and State Formation in South and Southeast Asia (Under Review with Comparative
Politics).

The Study of American Democracy in Crisis (with Spencer Piston) (Manuscript in progress).

A “Tolerant” Indonesia? Indonesian Muslims in Comparative Perspective (with Jeremy
Menchik) (Manuscript in progress).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024-2026 **Boston University, Department of Political Science**
Teaching Fellow for Democratic Erosion (PO 333)
Teaching Fellow for Political Violence (PO 334)
Teaching Fellow for Introduction to International Relations (IR 271)

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2020-2021 **Department of Political Science, University of Management and Technology, Pakistan**
Lecturer in Political Science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall 2025 **Department of Political Science, Boston University**
Research Assistant to Professor Spencer Piston

Summer 2025 **Department of Political Science, Boston University**
Research Assistant to Professor Jeremy Menchik

Summer 2022 The Acton Institute
Intern (paid)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2025 "Religion and State Formation in South and Southeast Asia," Institute on Culture, Religion & World Affairs (workshop presentation)

Panelist, "Higher Education's Internal Vulnerabilities & External Threats," The University and Democracy, Boston University Law Review Fall Symposium, Boston University School of Law, Nov. 14, 2025.

2024 "The Role of Superior Courts in Democratic Erosion and Resilience," **International Conference on Democratic Governance in a Turbulent Age, University of Vienna** (Vienna, Austria)

2022 Graduate Colloquium on Capitalism, Free Trade, and Globalization with Dr. Ross Emmett, Co-sponsored by **Liberty Fund, Inc. and Acton Institute, Michigan**, July 14-17.

Symposium on Muslim Politics and the World Society by **the Indonesian International Islamic University**, June 21-22.

2021 "CPEC is a New East India Company: National Sovereignty, Economic Interdependence and the War of Narratives," **International Conference on China Pakistan Economic Corridor Building Narratives, International Islamic University** (Islamabad, Pakistan)

2019 "Culture, Politics and Democracy: Exploring the Case of Pakistan," **International Conference, University of the Punjab** (Lahore, Pakistan)

"Democratization in Pakistan: A Study of General Elections 2018," **Winter Symposium on Electoral Dynamics of Pakistan, University of**

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Management and Technology in collaboration with Gallup Pakistan, LUMS, and University of Gujrat (Lahore, Pakistan)

"Politics of Ethnicity in Pakistan: Exploring the Case of Pashtuns,"
International Conference, University of Peshawar, sponsored by the Hanns Seidel Foundation (Peshawar, Pakistan)

- 2018 Participated in Bali Democracy Students Conference: Democracy for Prosperity: The Youth's Perspective in Nusa Dua, Bali, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia, December 6-7.
- 2016 Participant in the 3rd International Summer School (August 22-September 5) organized by the University of Peshawar and sponsored by the **Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany**, from August 22 to September 5.

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2025 The study of Religion in Comparative Politics, **University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan**
- 2024 Religion and Liberty at **Idara Fikre Jadeed, Lahore, Pakistan**
- Sunni-Shia Relations in the Contemporary Muslim World: The Case of Pakistan at the **Islamic University of Indonesia**.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants

The Acton Institute's Collins Center for Abrahamic Heritage Fellowship (\$5,000)
Completion of Research and Creative Activity Fellowship, San Diego State University (\$5,000)
Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) Grant (\$2,000)

Boston University

Center for Innovation in Social Science (CISS) (\$500)
Institute on Culture, Religion & World Affairs (CURA) Research Grant (\$2,500)
Institute on Culture, Religion & World Affairs (CURA) Travel Grant (\$2,000)

University of Punjab (Pakistan)

Rizvi Excellence Award
Chughtai Excellence Award

MEDIA EXCERPTS

- 2024 "Power Demands Compliance." **The Nation**, October 28th.

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"In Memoriam: James C. Scott (1936-2024) – A Dissident Voice in Political Science." **Boston University Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies.**

- 2023 "ESSAY: Is polarization really so bad?" **Dawn**, September 1st.
- "Liberty Is Not the Product of Any One Religion," **The Acton Institute**, May 18.
- 2022 "Essay: Individual Freedoms and Islam," **Dawn**, October 09.
- "Abolishing blasphemy laws in Pakistan will lead to more violence." **The Acton Institute**, July 28.
- "Is Indonesia's 'Civil Islam' a model for the Muslim world?" **The Acton Institute**, July 14.
- "Essay: The Politics of Blasphemy and Lynching," **Dawn**, December 19.
- "Is Islam compatible with liberty?" **Dawn**, November 28.
- 2021 "Top 3 ways Taliban's takeover will revive Islamist movements," **Global Village Space**, August 26.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2024 "The Promise of Piety: Islam and the Politics of Moral Order in Pakistan" by Arsalan Khan. **Muslim Politics Review**, 3(2), 438-442.
- "Politics As Worship: Righteous Activism and the Egyptian Muslim Brothers" by Sumita Pahwa, **Reading Religion** (American Academy of Religion's blog), October 24.
- 2023 "Sacred Foundation: The Religious and Medieval Roots of the European State" by Anna Grzymala-Busse, **Reading Religion** (American Academy of Religion's blog), October 21.
- Sunni Chauvinism and the Roots of Muslim Modernism by Teena U. Purohit. **Dawn**, September 17.
- The Return of the Taliban: Afghanistan After the Americans Left by Hassan Abbas. **Dawn**, August 20th.
- 2022 "Legacy of Violence: A History of the British Empire" by Caroline Elkins, **Political Studies Review**, August 22.
- "Making a Muslim: Reading Publics and Contesting Identities in Nineteenth-Century North India" by S. Akbar Zaidi, **George Mason University**, December 8.

SERVICE

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Boston University, Department of Political Science

Graduate Student Organizer for the Research in Comparative Politics Workshop (2025-2026)

San Diego State University, Department of Political Science

Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association

RELEVANT SKILLS

Training and Experience 2026 - The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) at the University of Syracuse

Languages English, Urdu (Native), Saraiki (Native), Bahasa Indonesia (Elementary)