

RABIA NADIR

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EDUCATION

Lahore School of Economics, Lahore, Pakistan May 2013
M.Phil. Environmental Science and Policy
Dissertation: "Between the Old and the New: The Settlement of Pathan Migrants in the Walled City of Lahore"

Pratt Institute, New York, U.S.A. May 1988
B.A. Architecture

Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan May 1983
B.A. Philosophy, Political Science and Fine Arts

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor and Head of Department Jan. 2009 – Present
Centre for Media Studies, Art and Design, Lahore School of Economics
Courses taught: Visual Communication, Media and Environment, Urban Ecology, Media and Environment, Popular Culture and the documentary and Lahore-City and representation.

Associate Professor May 2013 – Present
M.Phil. Environment Science and Policy Studies, Lahore School of Economics
Courses taught: Community and Space, Sustainable Urban Planning and Management and Urban Ecology

Assistant Professor (Contract position) Feb. 2005 – Dec. 2007
M.A. Interior Design Program, National College of Arts, Lahore Jan. 2001 – Apr. 2004
Courses taught: Interior Design Studio and Thesis Studio

Visiting Instructor Sept. 2007 – June 2008
Department of Architecture, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore
Design Studio 2nd Year Architecture

Visiting Lecturer Sept. 1998 – May 1999
Lahore School of Economics
Courses taught: Cultural Studies, Urban Studies

Assistant Professor (Contract position) Sep 1992 – May 1997
Department of Architecture, National College of Arts, Lahore
Courses taught: Design Studio, Building Construction and Thesis supervision

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager, Partner Urban Unit Private Ltd.

Documentation and strategic plan for Urban Renewal and Revitalization of Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam
Lahore. Mar. 2007-Nov. 2009

Principal Architect

Rabia Nadir and Associates, Architects and Interior Design Consultants Feb. 2005 – Dec. 2009
Mar 1992 – Oct. 2003

Residential, commercial and institutional buildings, interiors and graphic design, including;
Flagship store for Qmart Mall in Bhalwal. Interior, finishes, landscaping and signage.
Extension and remodeling of Sanjan Nagar Arts Centre, Lahore.
Masterplanning for Khoj Ghar, Institute for Punjab Studies Kasur.
Masterplanning and design for Youth Hostel Burban.

Project Manager

Nov. 2003 – Feb. 2005

Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre (CRC), Lahore
Responsible for managing all aspects of an internationally-acclaimed conservation project in Uch Sharif South Punjab. In addition to project management work included writing and producing a handbook of appropriate design for south Punjab, and arranged two workshops, one in Multan in January 2004 and the other in Bahawalpur in March 2004 with all stakeholders in construction industry and clients to share findings of research on appropriate building design for South Punjab.

Project Manager

Jan. 1990 – Aug. 1991

Department of General Services, City of New York, U.S.A.
Led assigned building projects from consultant contract development to construction contract award and execution. Project include Masterplanning for North Brother Island and emergency construction on Rikers Island penitentiary.

Assistant Architect

May 1989 – Jan. 1990

Albert Melniker & Associates New York, U.S.A.
Commercial and residential projects.

Assistant Architect

Aug. 1988 – May 1989

William N. Boudova & Associates, Staten Island, New York, U.S.A.
Worked on Rehabilitation of Metro station at Herald Square. Airport terminals at John F Kennedy and La Guardia airport

EDITORIAL DUTIES

Editor Special Issue on Covid-19. *Lahore Journal of Policy Studies* (Published online) August 2022
Guest editor Special Issue: Ecologies of Work, *Lahore Journal of Policy Studies* Vol. 8, Dec. 2019.
Guest editor Special Issue: The Production of Nature, *Lahore Journal of Policy Studies*, Vol. 7, Dec 2017.
Guest Editor Special Issue: Environment of Small Cities, *Lahore Journal of Policy Studies*, Vol. 6, Nov. 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

Rabia Nadir, Kamal Munir, and Shafqat Hussain. "Turning Walled City Lahore into a spectacle: the unintended consequences of heritage conservation." *Third World Quarterly* (2025): 1-19

Rabia Nadir, 'Resisting Assimilation-Pathans in Walled City of Lahore', Lahore Biennale Reader 02, Lahore Biennale Foundation, Pakistan, 2024.

Rabia Nadir et al, Pauperization and Migration-the continuing violence of the green revolution. et al Geographien Südasiens 15, 2024

Chapter 'Absent Presence-erasure of working class presence in conservation plans for Walled City of Lahore' in *Museums and the Working Class* ISBN 9780367465476S September 17, 2021 edited by Adele Chynoweth, Routledge publication.

"Disaster and Help in Balakot-birth of a new ecology" Co-authored with Fizza Batool, Ayesha Ijaz and Dr. Munir Ghazanfar. *Lahore Journal of Policy Studies*. Vol. 8, Dec. 2019.

"The Trouble with Tourism", *Dawn, EOS*, October 20th, 2019 Co-authored Anika Khan and Rabia Nadir

"Is Modernity Depleting Bhera?." Co-authored with Fizza Batool and Dr. Munir Ghazanfar. *Lahore Journal of Policy Studies*. Vol. 6, Nov. 2016.

"Reclaiming the City of the People." *The News on Sunday*. 5th Feb. 2017.
<http://tns.thenews.com.pk/reclaiming-city-people/>

"Is Modernity Depleting Bhera?." Co-authored with Fizza Batool and Dr. Munir Ghazanfar. *Lahore Journal of Policy Studies*. Vol. 6, Nov. 2016.

"Pashtuns in Lahore." *Tanqeed*. Issue 10, Jan. 2016.
<http://www.tanqeed.org/2016/01/pashtuns-in-lahore/>

Handbook of Appropriate Building Design for South Punjab (2004). Published by Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre (CRC) for Global Environment Facility (GEF) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Paper Presentations:

'Storying development-narratives of development and social change in Tharparkar', at Lahore School of Economics conference 'Narratives of Place- Multidisciplinary perspectives in Media Studies, Art and Design', May 3, 2024

Annual Meeting of the Arbeitskreis Südasiens of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geographie (DGfG), Eberswalde University of Sustainable Development 2nd February 2023. Paper presentation 'Pauperization and Migration, the continued violence of the green revolution'.

WERN 2022 conference ‘Working environments, unruly nature – no politics of work without nature, no nature without work’, Bonn University June 8-10th 2022. Paper presentation ‘Five onslaughts and final exodus’ jointly researched with Dr. Munir Ghazanfar, Fizza Batool, Huda Javed and Human Naeem.

Conference on ‘Environmental history of Lahore’, (Online) University of Southampton December 2020

‘Disaster and Help-the birth of a new ecology’ co-authored with Fizza Batool and Dr. Munir Ghazanfar at international workshop on ‘Everyday Life in Times of Ruination’ Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) 12th March 2020 .

‘Walled city Lahore’ Centre of South Asian Studies. Cambridge University 21st May 2019

“Songs of Production and Nature, Reading Production of Nature in the Poetry of Guru Nanak.” Co-authored with Huma Safdar. International Conference on “Production of Nature,” Lahore School of Economics. Dec. 2016.

“Can Money Compensate? Stories from a Suburban Frontier.” Co-authored with Huda Javed. International Conference on “Production of Nature,” Lahore School of Economics. Dec. 2016.

“Walled City to Small City.” Presented at “Future Directions in Pakistan Studies” at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Apr. 2015.

“Socio-Environmental Change in Chakwal: Rifts and Shifts in Global Times.” Co-authored with Nasir Mubarek and Nameeka-tul-Nabi. International Conference on “Environment of Small Cities of Pakistan,” Lahore School of Economics. Apr. 2015.

“Development and Regeneration of Walled City Lahore: Predicting the Unpredicted,” 2nd Pakistan Urban Forum, South Asian Cities Conference, Karachi. Jan. 2014.

Participation:

Discussant at roundtable on design at Future Fest 2024 expo on technology, innovation and music 27th January 2024

Participant and presenter, Workshop on Everyday Urbanisms with Martina Reiker and AbdouMalik Simone. LUMS
March 2018

Participant and discussant, “Negotiating Space, Gender, Language, Volatilities and Hegemonies,” International workshop on conflict-induced displacement and migration in Europe and South Asia, Quaid-e-Azam University. Jan. 2017.

Guest Lecturer, “Environment of Walled City Lahore,” Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan, 19th Leadership Development Program. Oct. 2016.

Lead Instructor, field trip to Chiniot city. Faculty mentoring workshop on Architectural History and Theory organized by the American Institute of Pakistan Studies. April 2016

Participant, 2 day Workshop with Dr. Saba Mahmood ‘Recent Debates in Critical theory’, LUMS. March 2016

Participant, 2 day Workshop with Dr. Barbara Harris White 'Informality across frontiers'. LUMS march 2016

Discussant, "Asian Ecologies" conference, Lahore University of Management Sciences. Apr. 2013

Session Chair, "What is the Pakistani Public?" conference, Lahore University of Management Sciences. Dec. 2012.

Organizer and presenter, 4 day Workshop on Appropriate architecture for south Punjab. Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre (CRC). Multan and Bahawalpur January and March 2004.

Rapporteur, "International Conference on Conservation of Heritage in Pakistan," organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Conservation and Rehabilitation Centre. Apr. 1999.

Member Organizing Committee, Arc Asia Conference Lahore 1993

AWARDS

Charles Wallace Trust Visiting Fellowship 2018-2019

American Institute for Pakistan Studies Travel Grant 2016

COMMUNITY WORK

Lahore Chitrkar 2001-2009

Founding member and director Lahore Chitrkar a non-profit centre for the arts. Arranged numerous events and conducted children's art programs with schools and summer camps at Lahore Chitrkar, theatre workshops, heritage walks and discussion forums on Lahore city.
