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DESIGNATION:

Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Karachi, Karachi-75270, Pakistan

EDUCATION

- 1 PH.D. in Philosophy**, University of Karachi, Thesis Title: **The Farāhī-Isḳlāhī Objectivist Approach to Qur'ānic Hermeneutics: Subjective-Objective Distinction of Hermeneutical Approaches to the Qur'ān in Connection with Western Hermeneutics.**
- 2 M.A. PHILOSOPHY**, 1st class 3rd position, University of Karachi, major subjects of Western & Muslim Philosophy
- 3 B.Sc. HONORS CHEMISTRY**, 2nd division, University of Karachi, major subjects of Chemistry, Physics & Mathematics

LANGUAGES:

Arabic, English, German (a short course), Greek (basic knowledge), Persian, Urdu

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST:

Islamic and Western Hermeneutics, Phenomenology

MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES

1. International Society of Phenomenology and Sciences of Life, New Hampshire, USA
2. Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, Washington DC, USA

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles in International Journals and Book Series

1. **Freedom and the Human Positioning in the Lifeworld: the Transcendence-Immanence Contrast in Simon de Beauvoir's Existentialist Feminism**, *Analecta Husserliana, Vol. CXXII* (Dordrecht, Springer, 2016), (upcoming)
2. **Sartre's Atheistic Existentialism in the Nexus of Descartes' Theistic Metaphysics**, *Analecta Husserliana, Vol. CXXI*, (New Hampshire, WPI Press), 2015, Vol. 38 (upcoming)
3. **Interpreting the Divine Word and Appropriating a Text: The Farahi-Ricoeur Thematic Affinity**, *The Logos of Life and Cultural Interlacing, Islamic Philosophy and Occidental Phenomenology in Dialogue, Vol. VII*, (Dordrecht, Springer, 2014), pp.161-172.
4. **The Cave, the Lifeworld and the Tradition: the Transcendence-Immanence Contrast Perspective**, *Phenomenology of Space and Time, Analecta Husserliana, Vol. CXVII* (Dordrecht, Springer, 2014), pp.111-134.
5. **Apel's Project of Cognitive Anthropology for Non-Western World and a Supplement of Muslim Proposal**, *Phenomenology and the Human Positioning in the Cosmos, Analecta Husserliana, Vol. CXIII* (Dordrecht, Springer, 2013), pp.83-96
6. **The Heideggerian Triad of Ontical, Ontological and Hermeneutical Approaches to Sein**, *Transcendental Philosophy Journal, Vol. 13* (London, LAIS Press), December 2012, pp. 97-117
7. **Habermas' Hermeneutical Project of Intersubjectivity: The Pragmatic-Analytic-Hermeneutic Approach to the Empirical-Analytic Sciences of Action**, *Phenomenological Inquiry, Vol. 36* (New Hampshire, WPI Press), October 2012, pp. 101-124
8. **Book Review of Textual Relations in the Qur'an: Relevance, Coherence and Structure by Salwa M. S. El-Awa (London, Routledge, 2016)**, in *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies* (London, ICAS Press), Winter 2011, Vol. IV, No. 1, pp. 131-135
9. **The Notion of Hermeneutic Circle through the Rise of Romanticist Hermeneutics**, *Phenomenological Inquiry, Vol. 35* (New Hampshire, WPI Press), October 2012, pp. 91-114
10. **Teleology of Islam in Western Framework and Mawdudi's Politico-Styletic Pragmatics**, *Transcendent Philosophy Journal, Volume 11* (London, LAIS Press), December 2010,

11. **Farāhī's Objectivist-Canonical Qur'ānic Hermeneutics and its Thematic Relevance with Classical Western Hermeneutics**, *Transcendent Philosophy Journal, Volume 10* (London, LAIS Press), December 2009, pp.231-266
12. **Multi-Subjectivism and Quasi-Objectivism in Tabari's Qur'anic Hermeneutics**, *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies, , Volume II, Number 3* (London ICAS Press), Summer 2009, pp.285-306
13. **Zamakhshari's Hermeneutical Approach to the Qur'an**, *Transcendent Philosophy Journal, Volume 9* (London, LAIS Press), December 2008, pp.191-204
14. **The Historicity of Linguistic Signs and the Ahistoricity of Meanings: The Role of Divine Neologisms in the Making of Islamic-Arab Tradition**, *Timing and Temporality in Islamic Philosophy and Phenomenology of Life, Islamic Philosophy and Occidental Phenomenology in Dialogue, Vol. III*, (Dordrecht, Springer, 2007), pp.193-219
15. **The Notions of Mahiyyah and Eidos: A Comparison between Sadra's Transcendent Philosophy and Husserl's Phenomenology**, *Transcendent Philosophy Journal, Volume 5* (London, LAIS Press), March-December 2004, pp.161-180

Articles in National Journals and Others

16. **Emilio Bettei's Canonical Hermeneutics: An Objectivist Hermeneutical Approach to the Text**, in Dr. Ghazala Irfan (Ed.), *Ethics, Values and Society: Social Transformation-Conference Proceedings* (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2006), pp.7-18
17. **Complete Man & Incomplete Hermeneutics: The Philosophic Foundation of Dilthey's Hermeneutics**, *Pakistan Business Review, Volume 05* (Karachi, Institute of Business Management, January 2004), No.04, pp.21-34
18. **From Biblical to General Hermeneutics: A Historical-Thematic Development**, *Renaissance, Volume.10* (Lahore, Danish-Sara, December, 2000), No.11, pp.14-33
19. **Understanding the Quran: Some Initial Conditions**, *Renaissance, Volume 09* (Lahore, Danish-Sara, October 1999) , No.10, pp.12-18 (This article of mine is a translation of 1st chapter of Islahi's book, *Mubadi-e-Tadabbur-e-Quran*)
20. **Bachpan, Siyah Rozan aur Nozaida Kainatain**, *Irtiqa*, Karachi, Irtiqa Institute of Social Sciences, November 1996, Volume.18, pp.74-89 (This is a translation of the 1st chapter of Stephen Hawking's book, *Black Holes and Baby Universes & Other Essays*)
21. **Oxford aur Cambridge, Siyah Rozan aur Nozaida Kainatain**, *Irtiqa*, Karachi, Irtiqa Institute of Social Sciences, November, 1996, Volume.18, pp.90-98 (This is a translation of the 2nd. Chapter of Hawking's book)
22. **ALS aur Main, Siyah Rozan aur Nozaida Kainatain**, *IRTIQA*, Irtiqa Institute of

Social Sciences, Karachi, June 1997, Volume.19, pp.108-114 (This is a translation of the 3rd chapter of Hawking's book.)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & SEMINARS:

- 1 **The Historicity of Signs and the Ahistoricity of Meanings: The Role of Divine Neologisms in the Making of Islamic-Arab Tradition**, Symposium titled ***The Temporal and Temporality in Islamic Philosophy and Phenomenology***, organized by *the World Institute for Advanced Phenomenological Research and Studies* (USA) in collaboration with American Philosophical Association held at New York Hilton during December 27-30, 2005
- 2 **Heidegger's Phenomenological Hermeneutics and the Possibility of Interpretation of Tradition**, the International conference titled "***Islam and the West: Hermeneutics, Society and Tradition***" held at the Department of Philosophy, University of Karachi in collaboration with Catholic University of America, Washington DC, USA on November 28, 2005 (I was the convener of the Conference)
- 3 **Emilio Betti's Canonical Hermeneutics: An Objectivist Hermeneutical Approach to the Text**, the International Conference "***Ethics, Value and Society: Social Transformation***" held at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) during March 31-April 03, 2005)
- 4 **The Notion of Essence as Expounded by Sadra and Husserl: Two Different Versions of Transcendent Approach to Reality**, the Second Mullah Sadra World Congress held in Tehran, Iran during May 21-25, 2004
- 5 **The Fundamentalist-Modernist Distinction of Teleological Approaches to Islam: Focus on Pakistan**, *Pakistan in the Current Global (Dis)order: Perspectives from the Social Sciences*, The Third Annual Social Sciences Conference held at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) from Fri 14 to Sun 16, December 2007

RESEARCH PROJECTS

1. **Complete Man and Incomplete Hermeneutics: Dilthey's Hermeneutics of the *Geisteswissenschaften***, awarded by the Research Facility Center, Faculty of Arts, University of Karachi, Karachi, during 2001-2002
2. **Being, Understanding and Interpretation: The Heideggerian Amalgam of Ontic, Ontological and Hermeneutical Approaches to Being**, awarded by the Research Facility Center, Faculty of Arts University of Karachi, Karachi, during 2004-2005

3. **The Possibility of Interpretation of Tradition in Contemporary Hermeneutics**, awarded by the Research Facility Center, Faculty of Arts, University of Karachi, Karachi, during 2006-7

RESEARCH STUDENTS SUPERVISED BY ME

A. Ph.D. Students who have already received the Degree

1. **Student's Name:** Dr. Abdul Khaliq Aboya, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Karachi
Topic of Research: Modern Trends in Muslim Educational Philosophy in the Subcontinent in Connection with the Western Philosophy of Education: Focus on Aligarh (2015)
2. **Student' Name:** **Dr.** Muhammad Ateq, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Karachi
Topic of Research: Methodological Individualism and Possibility of Tolerant Soceity: Focus on Karl Popper (2015)
3. **Student's Name:** Natasha Kiran (Area Study Centre for Europe),
Topic of Research: The Concept of Woman and Liberation in Simone de Beauvoir's Feministic Philosophy (2015)

B. Ph.D. Student who are continuing with their Research

1. **Student's Name:** Irfan Muhammad, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Karachi
Topic of Research: The Self-Other Relationship in Gadamer's and Ricoeur's Hermeneutics