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## EXPERIENCE

2023 - Pres

**UNIVERSITY OF LAHORE U.O.L**  
(LECTURER, ENGLISH LITERATURE)  
LAHORE

Courses taught,

1. Functional English
2. Introduction to English Literature
3. Contemporary Literary Theory

2020 - 2023

**THE CITY SCHOOL**  
(TEACHER, ENGLISH)  
LAHORE

2019 - 2022

**STEM SCHOOLING & MULTIPLE NGOS**  
(FACILITATOR & CURRICULUM DEVELOPER)  
LAHORE



## EDUCATION

2026

**M.A IN Philanthropy**  
INSTITUTE: LILLY FAMILY SCHOOL OF PHILANTHROPY,  
INDIANAPOLIS UNIVERSITY (IU)  
**CGPA: 3.67**  
Ongoing | Graduation: Expected August 2026

2022

**M.PHIL IN English Literature**  
INSTITUTE: COMSATS LAHORE  
**CGPA: 3.67**  
Focused on spectral geographies, eco-criticism & war trauma.

2018

**B.A HONS IN English Literature & Mass Comm.**  
INSTITUTE: FCCU LAHORE  
**CGPA: 3.55 | CUM LAUDE**  
Distinctions in Postcolonial Literature, Mass Media Ethics and Research Methods



## AREAS OF INTEREST

### RESEARCH:

- Philanthropy in the Global South,
- Muslim Charitable Traditions,
- Postcolonial Humanitarianism,
- Spectro politics of Aid and Displacement,
- Climate Justice and Faith-Based Giving,
- Refugee Zakat and Power,
- Ethics of International Nonprofit Governance



## RESEARCH WORK

### PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Forthcoming Work:

Ashraf, Y. (in press). *Refugee power and ghostly humanitarianism: An interpretive meta-analysis of Muslim NGOs.*

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Ashraf, Y., Gardezi, S. M. J. H., & Saeed, F. (2021). *A comparative analysis of gender and educational leadership in Pakistan and the United Kingdom.* *Pakistan Social Sciences Review*, 5(4), 484-498. [https://doi.org/10.35484/pssr.2021\(5-IV\)37](https://doi.org/10.35484/pssr.2021(5-IV)37)

Ashraf, Y., & Wasif, R. (2020). *Consciousness Raising in the New Woman of Shobhaa De's novels Starry Nights & Socialite Evenings.* *Research Journal of Social Sciences and Economics Review*, 1(2), 70-78.

#### Book Reviews:

Ashraf, Y. (2025). Review of *Muslim Volunteering in the West*, by M. Peucker & M. Kayikci. *IU Journal of Philanthropic Studies*, 9(1), [page range if known]. Critique of comparative fieldwork on khidma-based volunteerism in the UK, Germany, and Australia.



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## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

2024

*"Echoes in the Ether: Proto-Cybergothic Landscapes and the Haunted Boundaries of Nature and Identity."*  
Presented at International Conference on Digital Landscapes

2021

*"Corpus-Assisted Ideological Discourse of Ismat Chughtai's All for a Husband."*  
Annual National Conference on Linguistics & Literature

2021

*"Stylistic Analysis of Adjective Use in OpIndia's Anti-Muslim News Headlines."*  
7th International Conference of the Linguistic Association of Pakistan (ICLAP)



## CERTIFICATIONS

2024

Gender & Feminist Theory – MITx | Safer  
Society for Children – US Embassy

2024

Counter Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia  
– Global Rights Campus

2023

Zakat Foundation Institute Fellowship

2020

TESOL Methodology – University of  
Maryland, Baltimore County (US State Dept.)



## AWARDS

2024

IU Graduate Certificate Scholarship  
(Philanthropic Studies)

2024

National Micro-Grant Recipient, Teacher-Led  
English Pedagogy, PDNET Program organized  
by Regional English Language Office (RELO)

2023

Cum Laude – FCCU



## LANGUAGES

**English:** Fluent

**German:** Enthusiastic Learner

**Urdu:** Native Speaker



## ANALYTICAL SKILLS

**Research:** APA 6 / MLA / NVivo / SPSS

**Writing:** Academic & Editorial Writing

**Tools:** Voyant Tools, Qualtrics, M.S Suite