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ACADEMIC – RESEARCH SCHOLAR – HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROFESSIONAL

Experienced academic with over twenty years of research, curriculum development and teaching profile at key faculty position. Extensive experience in undertaking self-derived research based initiatives on historic environments/ buildings, socio-cultural practices, historic traditions in arts and building crafts; particular focus on revival of historic areas and preventive conservation of heritage properties and cultural landscapes.

MOST RECENT AND ONGOING

- **Cultural Protection Fund – UK Government & British Council (2024) (April 2024 – January 2025); “Manchar Lake Mohannas – Safeguarding the Last Surviving Houseboat Village from Extinction”**; a project for restoration of wooden houseboats at Wadero Umer Village and community uplift. (Ongoing)
- **“Afloat for Centuries: The Flat-bottomed Indus Boats - An Abode, an Agency for Livelihood and an Expression of Cultural Identity”**; *Endangered Wooden Architecture Program (EWAP) Grant 2022* for documentation, mapping and inventory of indigenous Indus boats; December 2022 - February 2023. (https://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/Heritage/webpages/ewap/index.html)
- **“Community Based Inventorying in Tharparkar, Sindh”**; project undertaken in collaboration with UNESCO Islamabad Office for conduction CBI of Intangible Cultural Heritage. July 2022–January 2023 (www.ichinventorysindh.com).

EDUCATION

<i>PhD in Urban Design - Historic Preservation</i> Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK	2006-2009
<i>Technology of Stone Conservation - Certificate Course (SC03),</i> Venice; Italy (conducted by ICCROM)	April-July 2003
<i>MS. in Restoration and Preservation of Historical Monuments,</i> Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey	1994-1998
<i>Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch),</i> DCET; NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan	1987-1993

CAREER HISTORY

<i>Professor & Chairperson, Department of Architecture and Planning,</i> N.E.D. University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi	Jan.2018-to date
<i>Professor & Co-chairperson, Department of Architecture and Planning,</i> N.E.D. University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi	Jan.2010-Dec.2017
<i>Associate Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning,</i> N.E.D. University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi	May 2004-Dec. 2009
<i>Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning,</i> N.E.D. University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi	May 2000-May 2004

VISITING FACULTY/ RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

	1997-2000
Department of Architecture and Planning, Dawood College of Engineering and Technology, Karachi.	
Department of Architecture, Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi.	

PARTNER-CONSULTANT

Architecture, Interiors, Research and Urban Studies, Karachi

March 1999-May 2001

RESEARCHER/ CONSULTANT

2005- to date

Notable projects:

- **Community-based Heritage Research Project: Karachi Historic Areas, Pakistan;**
funded by Asian Coalition for Community Action (ACCA) and Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) (Phase I March-June 2012).
- **Karachi Historic Buildings Re-survey Project, Pakistan;**
commissioned by Department of Culture, Government of Sindh - more than 1900 historic properties in Karachi were identified and given official status of protected heritage through this initiative. A comprehensive inventory database for all listed properties was also developed.
- **Research based survey of Shikarpour Historic Town, Pakistan;**
carried through funding from Higher Education Commission of Pakistan - 1203 properties identified, mapped and officially declared as protected heritage through this initiative. A comprehensive inventory database of all listed properties was developed and published.
- **Initiator, Consultant and Co-coordinator of NED City Campus Restoration Project;**
historical-archival research, documentation, analytical evaluation, fundraising and restoration undertaken for Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University, Karachi - partially funded by National Fund for Cultural Heritage.
- **Heritage Consultant, TDF Magnificence Museum (Boundary Wall Restoration);**
Documentation, State of Conservation Report and Restoration/ restoration/ consolidation project.
- **Heritage Consultant, Lady Dufferin Hospital (Eduji Dinshaw Building);**
Documentation, State of Conservation Report and Restoration/ rehabilitation project.
- **Heritage Consultant, Hamdard Matab Restoration Project;**
Restoration and interior design development, documentation and rehabilitation of an old dispensary/ clinic of alternative medicine practice.
- **Heritage Consultant, Christ the King Monument Restoration (St. Patrick's Church);**
Documentation, State of Conservation Report and Restoration/ rehabilitation project.
- **Founder, Heritage Cell – Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi**
- **Founding Member and Member Editorial Board, NED Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning**

PUBLIC AWARENESS & COMMUNITY INTERACTIVE INITIATIVES

- **“Karachi Historic”** WMF Watch Nomination 2018-19: ‘Khori Garden and Precinct’ Public Awareness Campaign and Community Interactive Initiative https://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/Heritage/webpages/KHBRP-WMF-WatchDay-2018.html
- **“Shikarpour Heritage Safeguarding Campaign”;** ongoing efforts for revival and survival of threatened historic fabric through participatory community activism, and support from international forum of World Monuments Watch ([http://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/Heritage/webpages/SHCC\(2007-Ongoing\).html](http://www.neduet.edu.pk/arch_planning/Heritage/webpages/SHCC(2007-Ongoing).html))

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (Volunteering)

- **Member ICOMOS International/** Co-opted member of ICOMOS Executive Committee (2010 – 2011); **Secretary General, ICOMOS Pakistan** (2005-2020)
- **Expert Member, ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Towns (CIVVIH)**
- **Associate, Institute of Architects, Pakistan (IAP)**
- **Member, Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP)**
- **Member, Technical Sub-committee of Heritage Advisory Committee, Government of Sindh.**
- **Member Editorial Board and Chief Editor, NED Journal of Architecture and Planning, Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University, Karachi, since 2001.**
- **Member, Panel of Reviewers, and Book Review Editor, International Journal of Cultural Property, published by International Cultural Property Society.**

HONORS & AWARDS

- **Faculty Excellence Award (Senior Category) 2018**
Board of Architectural Education (BAE) – Institute of Architects, Pakistan (IAP)
- **Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO) Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2014-15** at Raymond Lemaire International Center for Conservation (RLICC), KU Leuven, Belgium (16 May-15 November 2015): Research topic “For an Economically Impoverished Context - Developing Viable Strategies to Guide and Encourage Community Initiated Actions for Preventive Conservation/ Restoration of Heritage Properties and Historic Areas”

- **World Wood Day Foundation (WWDF) Research Grant 2014-15** (May 2014–April 2015): Research topic “Wooden Symphonies of Bygone Times: Perishing Legacy of Traditional *Havelis*”

PUBLICATIONS

Published Works

• Books and Book Chapters

- (Book Chapter) **“A Requiem to the Ailing Landscape of an Ancient Culture: Manchar Lake and the Mohannas”** in **Routledge Handbook on Cultural Landscape Heritage in the Asia-Pacific** eds. David S. Jones, Kapila D. Silva & Ken Taylor; Routledge, January 2023, pgs. 495-516 (ISBN: 978-0-367-56938-9) (DOI: 10.4324/9781003099994-36). <https://www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-Handbook-of-Cultural-Landscape-Heritage-in-The-Asia-Pacific/Silva-Taylor-Jones/p/book/9780367569389>
- (Book Chapter) **“The Diminishing Wealth of TKS and Practices: a Growing Challenge for the Sustainability of Historic Environments and Cultural Landscapes in Pakistan”** in **Traditional Knowledge Systems and the Conservation and Management of Asia’s Heritage** ed. Wijesuriya, G. & Court, S.; ICCROM-CHA Conservation Forum Series, January 2020, pgs. 31-45; (ISBN 978-92-9077-286-6) <https://www.iccrom.org/sites/default/files/publications/2020-10/traditional-knowledge-systems.pdf>
- (Book Chapter) **“Evolution and Repercussions of Heritage Designation Process in Sindh: Lessons from Karachi and Shikarpur”** in **Routledge Handbook on Historic Urban Landscapes in Asia Pacific** ed. Silva, K.; Routledge, January 2020, pgs. 131-148; (ISBN 9781138598256) <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9780429486470-7/evolution-repercussions-heritage-designation-process-sindh-pakistan-anila-naeem?context=ubx&refId=8caca797-a4e8-47e4-95d1-ea10380562a6>
- (Book Chapter) (Co-authored) **“Beyond Nostalgic Appeal – the Means and Measures Dictating Heritage Management Trends in Pakistan”** in **Routledge Companion of Global Heritage Conservation** eds. Bharne, V. & Trudi, S.; Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, London & New York, April 2019, Pgs. 56-69; (ISBN 978-1-138-96298-9). <https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Companion-to-Global-Heritage-Conservation-1st-Edition/Bharne-Sandmeier/p/book/9781138962989>
- (Book) **“Urban Traditions and Historic Environments in Sindh: The Fading Legacy of Shikarpur Historic City”**; Amsterdam University Press (AUP)/ International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Amsterdam, April 2017; (ISBN 978-946-2981-591). <http://iias.asia/books/urban-traditions-historic-environments-sindh-fading-legacy-shikarpur-historic-city>
- (Book Chapter) **“Cultures of the Landscape: A Paradigm of Enriching Diversity Un-recognized in the World Vision of Heritage in Pakistan”** in **Cultural Landscapes of South Asia: Studies in Heritage Conservation and Management** eds. Sinha, A. & Silva, K.; Routledge, New York/ Abington February 2017, pgs. 39-58; (ISBN 978-138-94757-3). <https://www.routledge.com/Cultural-Landscapes-of-South-Asia-Studies-in-Heritage-Conservation-and/Silva-Sinha/p/book/9781138947573>
- (Book Chapter) **“The Conflict of Ideologies and Ambiguities in Conservation Policy: A Legacy of Shared Built Heritage in Pakistan”** in **Asian Heritage Management: Contexts, Concerns and Prospects** eds. Silva, K. & Chapagain, N. K.; (ISBN 978-0-415-52054-6), Routledge, February 2013, pgs. 87-104. <https://www.routledge.com/Asian-Heritage-Management-Contexts-Concerns-and-Prospects/Silva-Chapagain/p/book/9780415520546>
- (Monograph) **“Shikarpur Historic City, Sindh Pakistan: Inventory and Mapping of Heritage Places – Vol. I & II”**; Endowment Fund Trust for Preservation of Heritage in Sindh, Karachi, February 2013; (ISBN 978-969-9860-01-0).

• Peer Reviewed Journals, Proceedings

- **“Wooden Symphonies of Bygone Times: The Perishing Legacy of Traditional Havelis in Sindh, Pakistan”**, *International Journal of Wood Culture* (Online ISSN: 2772-3194/Print ISSN: 2772-3186) (21July2021). Pgs.1-28 <https://brill.com/view/journals/ijwc/aop/article-10.1163-27723194-20210001/article-10.1163-27723194-20210001.xml>
- **“Mohannas of Manchar Lake, Sindh: An Indigenous Cultural Tradition Pushed to the Edge”** in ed. Vandal, P., 5th THAAP Conference ‘Culture, Art and Architecture of the Marginalized and the Poor’ (7-9 November 2014, Lahore), Trust for History, Art and Architecture, Pakistan (THAAP), Lahore. (ISBN 978-969-9359-08-8); November 2015, pgs.97-118.
- **“Shikarpur: Experiences of a City under Shadows of a Glorious Past”** in ed. Vandal, P., 3rd THAAP Conference ‘Life in Small Towns’ (9-10 November 2012, Lahore), Trust for History, Art and Architecture, Pakistan (THAAP), Lahore. (ISBN 978-969-9359-08-8); December 2013, pgs.123-136.
- **“NED City Campus Restoration – Setting Benchmarks for Conservation Practices”** *NED Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning*, (ISSN 1728-7715); Vol. 12, First Issue 2012; pgs. 1-12. [https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP_2012\(First%20issue\)/04.pdf](https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP_2012(First%20issue)/04.pdf)

- **“Attempting Typological Classification of Sindh’s Historic Urban Landscape”** in **Asian Urban Heritage: Proceedings of International Conference of ICOMOS Thailand** (Phuket, 15th –17th October, 2011), published in July 2012 (ISBN 978-676-90599-4-3), pgs. 256-265.
 - **“Eroding Historic Townscapes: A Case of Shikarpoor, Sindh”** in ed. Naeem, A. & Karrar, M., ‘Historic Urban Landscapes: Retrospection - Transformation - Revival’, Proceedings of the Sixth Seminar on Urban and Regional Planning, Department of Architecture and Planning, N. E. D. University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi. (ISBN 978-969-8620-05-2); March 2011, pgs. 56-75.
 - **“Inventory of Historic Places: A Systematic Method for their Identification, Evaluation and Determining Significance Part I: Core Data and Inventory Form”** NED Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning, (ISSN 1728-7715); Vol. 10, First Issue 2011; pgs. 1-23. [https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP_2011%20\(First%20Issue\)/01.pdf](https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP_2011%20(First%20Issue)/01.pdf)
 - **“Inventory of Historic Places: A Systematic Method for their Identification, Evaluation and Determining Significance Part II: Case Studies”** NED Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning, (ISSN 1728-7715); Vol. 10, First Issue 2011; pgs. 24-34. [https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP_2011%20\(First%20Issue\)/02.pdf](https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP_2011%20(First%20Issue)/02.pdf)
 - **“Understanding Urban Built Form Traditions Using Methodical Study of Historic Sources”** in ed. Vandal, P., 1st THAAP Conference ‘Historiography of Architecture of Pakistan and the Region’, (28-29 November 2010, Lahore) Trust for History, Art and Architecture, Pakistan (THAAP), Lahore. (ISBN 978-969-9359-06-4); November 2011, pgs. 29-44.
 - **‘Sindh’s Imbalanced Urbanization: Seeking Sustenance through Revival of Historic Urban Centres’** Journal of Sustainable Development, Volume 4, No.5; October 2011 (ISSN 1913-9063); pgs. 94-106. <https://www.ccsenet.org/journal/index.php/jsd/article/view/11053>
 - **‘Sindh’s Historic Towns: Mapping and Analysis in a Historic Timeframe’** Global Built Environment Review, Volume 7, Issue 3, 2011 (ISSN 1474-6832); pgs. 22-43.
 - **“Shikarpoor: De-spirited and Defamed - Waiting to Be Salvaged”** in ed. Forget, C., ‘Reflecting on and Practicing the spirit of Place’, Laval University Press, Quebec City, Canada. (ISBN 978-2-7637-9115-9); May 2011, pgs. 163-184.
 - **“Institutionalizing Conservation Training: South Asian Perspective – Focusing on Pakistan”** in eds. Elwazani, S., Malhis, S. & Al-Qawasmi, J., 5th International Conference of the Centre for the Study of Architecture in the Arab Region - Responsibilities and Opportunities in Architectural Conservation: Theory, Education and Practice’, (04-07 November 2008, Amman), CSAAR/Petra University, Amman, Jordan. (ISBN 978-2-7637-9115-9); November, 2008; pgs. 401-416.
 - **“Karachi: Losing its Historic Face”**: NED Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning, ‘Conservation and Cultural Heritage’, (ISSN 1728-7715); Vol. Three. 2004; pgs. 78-91. <https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP-2004/07.pdf>
 - **“Rural to Urban Transformation – Karimabad, Hunza”**: NED Journal of Architecture and Planning, Vol. 01, November 2001; pgs. 54-69. <https://jrap.neduet.edu.pk/arch-journal/JRAP-2001/06.pdf>
- **Articles in Professional Magazines, Newspapers, etc.**
- **“Star Denim: Creating a Niche for Responsible Environmental Consciousness and Use of Passive Energy for Optimal User Comfort”**, Architecture plus Interiors (A+I), Volume 72, Winter Issue, October-December 2022); pgs. 58-67. Archi Press, Karachi, Pakistan.
 - **‘World Monuments Watch Day: Shikarpoor Enlivens to Renewed Pride and Raised Hopes’** WMF Journal; December 2014 (<http://www.wmf.org/journal>)
 - **‘Empowering the Community Through Information Sharing’** WMF Journal; November 2014 (<http://www.wmf.org/journal>)
 - **‘A Fading Legacy of Sindh’s Urban History’** WMF Journal November; 2014 (<http://www.wmf.org/journal>)
 - **‘Reborn @ 80: NED City Campus Restoration’** Architecture Design Art (ADA), Volume 4, No.16; 2011 (ISSN 1997-7891); pgs. 61-68.
 - **“Heritage Damaged by Arson and Fire”**: Architecture + Interiors (A+I); Vol. 24, 2009; pgs. 94 – 97.
 - **“Stories of Time Gone By”**: Herald; December 2007, pgs. 128-128c
 - **“Shikarpoor Historic City Center Included in 2008 World Monuments Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites”**: Architecture + Interiors (A+I); Vol. 18, 2007, pgs. 100-105.
 - **“Quaid-e-Azam House Museum: Restored but Rarely Rejoiced”**: Architecture + Interiors (A+I); Vol. 17, 2007; pgs. 92 – 101.
 - **“Fiddling with Heritage”**: Article in newspaper ‘Dawn – Magazine’ April 18, 2004
 - **“The End of that Sinking Feeling”**: Article in newspaper ‘Dawn – Magazine’ February 15, 2004.
 - **“Zapped into a New Time Zone”**: Architecture + Interiors (A+I); Vol. 07, July. – December 2003; pgs. 92 - 103.
 - **“Heritage at stake: An Issue of Misplaced Priorities”**: Architecture + Interiors (A+I); Vol. 05, Jan. – March 2003; pgs. 116 - 127.
 - **“Heritage on Agenda: A Time to Prioritize”** paper presented in the International Symposium “Integrating Cultural Asset Rehabilitation with Post-War Redevelopment”, Mostar, July 2002; published on the website for conference proceedings www.mostar2004-ircica.org

- **“The Baltit Fort: One of the Pioneering Works of Restoration in Pakistan”**: Architecture + Interiors (A+I); Vol. 02, Jan. – March 2002; pgs. 112 - 121.
- **“A City Created by Destroying a Forest”**: – research paper, published in newspaper ‘DAWN - Magazine’, March 2000 (Received ‘Honorary Mention’ in ‘Media Save Art’ - International Competition organized by ICCROM).
- **“More Monuments Blasted”**: Article in newspaper ‘DAWN - Magazine’; November, 1998.
- **“Restore our Past, Save our Future”**: Article in newspaper ‘DAWN - Magazine’; April 1997.

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- **“Karachi’s Heritage Legacy: A Crisis of Management Failures and Misplaced Priorities”**, Conference on Cities, Urban Change and Heritage Management – IBA Winter School, Institute of Business Administration, 21st November, 2022 (invited speaker).
- **“Safeguarding Historic Sites and Mitigating Damage in Disasters”** Conference on Disaster Management: Cultural Monuments and Heritage, Endowment Fund Trust for Preservation of Heritage in Sindh, 29th October, 2022 (invited speaker).
- **ICCROM-CHA 3rd Forum on ‘Applicability and Adaptability of Traditional Knowledge Systems in Conservation and Management of Heritage in Asia’**; 14-16 December, Bangkok, Thailand. “Diminishing Wealth of Traditional Knowledge Systems and Practices - A Growing Challenge for Sustenance of Historic Environments and Cultural Landscapes in Pakistan” (invited paper presenter).
- **World Wood Day (WWDF) Symposium**, organized by the International Wood Culture Society; Eskishehir, Turkey, 18th-27th March. (Paper presenter).
- **Municipal Heritage Symposium’** Coubourg, Canada, 18th October 2014.
- **General Assembly of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)**, Paris, France, November - December 2011. Representation of ICOMOS Pakistan as its Secretary General.
- **ICOMOS Thailand International Conference ‘Asian Urban Heritage**, Phuket, Thailand, 15th –17th October, 2011. “Attempting Typological Classification of Sindh’s Historic Urban Landscape” (presented paper)
- **Workshop ‘Community Building in Penang Heritage Sites’**; organized by **Asian Coalition for Housing Rights**; Penang, Malaysia, September 19 – 21, 2011. “Karachi Historic Buildings Re-survey Project” (presentation)
- **General Assembly of the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)**, Quebec, Canada, September - October 2008. Representation of ICOMOS Pakistan as its Secretary General.
- **International Visitor Leadership Program of the US Department of State – ‘Cultural Heritage Preservation’** Washington D.C., Charleston, Jackson Hole, Chicago, **June 14 – July 05, 2007**. (invited participant).
- **General Assembly of the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)**, Xi’an, China, October 2005. Representation of ICOMOS Pakistan as its Secretary General.
- **World Monuments Fund Conference “Heritage Conservation: New Alliances for Past, Present and Future”** held in Colombo, Srilanka, **July 2004**. (invited discussant).
- **15th International Course on Technology of Stone Conservation** held in Venice, Italy, **24 April – 4 July 2003**. Organized by ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property). (invited participant).
- **International Symposium Mostar 2004: Integrating Cultural Asset Rehabilitation with Post-War Redevelopment**; Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, **July 2002**. ‘Heritage on Agenda: A Time to Prioritize’ (presented paper)

TEACHING AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Introduced, developed and taught the following courses in the undergraduate and graduate program curriculum.

- **AR-650 ‘Historiography: Methods and Sources – Identification and Interpretation’** course offered in PhD Program at Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University, July–October 2014.
- **AR-651 ‘Integrated Planning in Development of Historic Cities’** course offered in PhD Program at Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University, July–October 2014.
- **AR-635 ‘Case Studies in Architectural Conservation and Restoration in Developing Countries’** elective course offered in the Master’s of Architecture (MArch) Program, NED University, since 2011.
- **AR-704 ‘Advanced Studies in Heritage and Zoning’** course offered to PhD candidate at Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University, January 2011 – May 2011.
- **AR-618 ‘Urban Area Conservation’** elective course offered in the Master’s of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) Program, NED University, since 2004.
- **AR-602 ‘Advanced Architectural Design II’** core course offered in the Master’s of Architecture (MArch) Program, NED University, since 2018.

- **AR-391 'Introduction to Architectural Conservation'** offered as an elective in the Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch) program, NED University, since January 2001.
- **AR-101 'Basis Design'** offered as a compulsory design studio in first year Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch) program, NED University.
- **AR-301 'Architectural Design II'** offered as a compulsory design studio in third year Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch) program, NED University.