

Huma Saeed, PhD

KEY SKILLS

- Over 20 years of professional experience in the area of human rights and post-conflict justice
- Experienced researcher with periods of fieldwork in Afghanistan
- Evaluation experience as senior expert with international organizations
- Published author in international academic journals and books
- Managerial skills, public speaking and inter-cultural networking
- Fluency in multiple languages

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Research (2008-present):** Focused on transitional justice, economic-state crime, human rights norms and regimes in post-conflict contexts. Wrote PhD dissertation and published numerous articles in international academic journals, books and blogs: [REDACTED]
- **Human rights work (1996-2012):** Designed, implemented and monitored human rights projects in two of the most challenging contexts: Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Researched and communicated the Afghan human rights condition to the international forums
- **Awards and scholarships:** PhD studies (Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, USA), MA (declined four, including two Erasmus Mundus awards) and BA (Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars, USA). Political Science Outstanding Senior Award, UMBC Department of Political Science (2008-2009). Listed among twenty outstanding UMBC graduate of the year (2009).

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Research and evaluation | 2017-Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affiliated researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Leuven• Independent consultant with ECHO, Alert International, GIZ, OGP and HRW• Employ desk and applied research in studying socio-legal and political processes in Afghanistan | |
| Program Officer, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Kabul | 2011-2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided projects' overall oversight and strategic guidance• Networked with key national and international justice institutions to exchange knowledge• Liaised with key partners and the donor community | |
| Program Manager, Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization, Kabul | 2010-2011 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held consultancy meetings with civil society and women's rights groups• Advocated in the Afghan Parliament to generate support for the project• Researched and analyzed Afghanistan's compliance with international human rights treaties | |
| Human Rights practitioner, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Internationally | 1996-2003 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed, implemented and monitored humanitarian aid among Afghan refugees in Pakistan• Advocated and networked nationally and internationally• Delivered public speaking and fund raising internationally | |

EDUCATION

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| • PhD in Criminology , Faculty of Law, University of Leuven (KUL) | 2012-2012 |
| • MSc Human Rights , London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) | 2009-2010 |
| • BA (Hons) Political Science and Anthropology , University of Maryland (UMBC) | 2005-2009 |