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Summary

I am a demographer (MA in Social Science from the University of Chicago and PhD in Sociology/Demography and Human Development from Cornell University). During 1981-1998, I worked as a research consultant to the UN in New York; a Research Fellow at the East-West Center in Hawaii; an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan; and a Senior Associate in the Dept. of Population Dynamics, School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. In 1998-99, I was awarded a fellowship by the London School of Economics to conduct research on the demographic impact of migration between India and Pakistan. From 2000 to 2008, I was a Professor and Head of the Reproductive Health Program at Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan. In 2005, at the invitation of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University, I spent a semester conducting research on immigrants to America from Muslim-majority countries. I also served as a thesis supervisor of students enrolled in PhD programs at London University and Carnegie Mellon University. From 2008 to 2010, I was a Senior Research Fellow at Pew Research Center in Washington DC and later joined the School of Public Policy at George Mason University as a Research Professor, where I am still holding the position of Distinguished Senior Fellow. Since 2023, I have been a Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Arts & Sciences and in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan.

On various occasions, I was a research consultant to UNFPA in New York and the World Bank in Washington DC. In 2023, on behalf of UNFPA, I served as an advisor to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for planning the first digital census in Pakistan.

Besides over 70 research articles or book chapters, my other publications include, as co-editor/co-author, "Migration in Pakistan"; "Islam, the State and Population"; "Linkages between Population and Millennium Development Goals: The Asian Perspective"; "Sharing Population and Development Research across South and West Asia"; "The Future of the Global Muslim Population" and "Megacities: Crises and Challenges". My current research interests include:

"South Asian and Middle Eastern Immigrants and Diaspora in America," and "Human Development and Demographic Transition in South Asian, West Asian and North African countries". I am a founding member of the Asian Population Association and the present President of the Population Association of Pakistan.

Education

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA.

PhD, Demography/Sociology · (1977 - 1980)

University of Chicago, Chicago IL USA.

MA, Social Sciences · (1970 - 1971)

University of Chicago

Master's degree, Social Sciences · (September 1970 - August 1971)

Experience

Aga Khan University and George Mason University Professor Emeritus, and Affiliated Faculty

January 2023 - Present (3 years 1 month) Karachi, Pakistan and Arlington, VA, USA

Demographic and Public Health Data Analysis.

George Mason University - Schar School of Policy and Government Distinguished Senior Fellow

January 2021 - Present (5 years 1 month) Arlington, Virginia, United States

Conducting research on:

“Population Growth and Human Development in South Asia”

“Demographic and epidemiological transition in West Asian and North African countries”

“Immigrants to the United States and their descendants from South Asian and Arab countries”.

“Socioeconomic and demographic profile of Muslims in America”

Malir University of Science & Technology

Vice Chancellor and Executive Director, Centre for Studies in Population & Health (on sabbatical)

July 2016 - August 2020 (4 years 2 months) Karachi, Pakistan

George Mason University

Distinguished Senior Fellow and Research Professor, School of Public Policy

January 2011 - May 2016 (5 years 5 months) Arlington, VA USA:

<http://iir.gmu.edu/people/mkarim2>

- Team Leader for US State Department funded grant for establishment partnership with the University of Karachi for research capacity building of junior faculty members in the Faculty of

Management & Administrative Sciences.

- Conducted Research on:

- Managing Megacities: A case study of Karachi

- Attitudes, aspirations and entrepreneurship potentials among youth in cities of Pakistan

- South Asian and Middle-Eastern Diaspora in USA using the 2010 US Census and American Community Survey data.

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life Senior Research Fellow

July 2008 - December 2010 (2 years 6 months)

Pew Research Center, Washington DC. Senior Research Fellow in World Religions Future Project. Created demographic and socioeconomic profiles of Muslims around the world and projected their future demographic trends in about 60 countries in Asia, the Middle-East, Africa, Europe, and North & South America. For the purpose traveled widely in most of the countries. The report is available on

http://www.pewforum.org/uploadedFiles/Topics/Religious_Affiliation/Muslim/FutureGlobalMuslimPopulation-WebPDF-Feb10.pdf

ga Khan University

Professor & Head Population & Reproductive Health Program September 1999 - June 2008 (8 years 10 months)

- Taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in Survey?research Methods, Demographic Analysis, Social Determinants of Population Health
- MSc thesis Adviser to students enrolled in Epidemiology and Health Policy & Management. PhD thesis adviser to candidates enrolled at University of Karachi, Hamdard University and London University
- Directed large scale household health, socioeconomic and demographic surveys and prepared reports of six surveys conducted in Pakistan.