

# Maria Amjad

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## *Education and training*

2019

### **Masters in International Relations**

'Before and After the Negotiations with Terrorist Organizations Data Decomposition and Dynamics Comparative Case Study of Pakistan and Nigeria'

University of Bologna - Bologna - IT

2015

### **Bachelors of Science in Political Science**

Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) - Lahore - PK

## *Academic experience*

2020 - ONGOING

### **PhD candidate in Security and Strategic Studies**

University of Genoa - Genoa - IT

Research topic Rebel Groups Willingness to Negotiate with the States in the Peace Negotiation Process

## *Work experience*

2020

### **Counterterrorism Analyst Intern**

The Counterterrorism Group (CTG) - US

Worked as a Counterterrorism Analyst for the Weapon Tactics Team at CTG. Wrote weekly reports and analysis on the major terrorism trends by specifically focusing on the weapon-type location-type and target-type preferences of the extremist groups. I also acted as a world-watch officer and threat hunter to find report and register the latest terrorist activity around the world. I developed knowledge of extremist networks and associated groups their policy and action plans.

2018 - 2019

### **Intelligence and Security Analyst**

Intelligence Fusion (IF - GB)

Worked as Intelligence and Security analyst for monitoring the security situation of Pakistan. Learnt to apply OSINT and GIS skills to provide timely and accurate intelligence updates on Pakistan using IFs unique online

Ambix platform and mapping tools. Received training from highly experienced security and intelligence professionals for the specific skills such as imagery intelligence and geolocation intelligence reporting and threat identification. Learnt to judge the quality and reliability of the sources.

2017

### **Research Intern**

Hudson Institute - US

Worked virtually for Professor Richard Weitz of Hudson Institutes Center for Political-Military Analysis for analyzing the political risks of US sanctions on Iran especially on its Nuclear Program. Collected disseminated analyzed edited and produced research on foreign defense intelligence and homeland security/counter-terrorism policy issues. Wrote literature reviews and read existing literature and articles for the search of additional sources. Learnt qualitative research analysis.

2017

### **Data Analyst**

Gallup Pakistan - Lahore - PK

Worked with Gallup Pakistan for a project on business innovation and mobile technology use in personal and professional setting to analyze the security and reliability of the mobile wallet mobile payments and branchless banking services. Tasks involved translating and transcribing interviews and transforming the survey data into quantitative data for the further evaluation.

2015 - 2016

### **Teaching Assistant**

Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) - Lahore - PK

For the senior-level courses Comparative Religions Philosophy and Politics of Global Ecology and Dialogue and Critique in the Age of Terror. Assisted the instructor with students evaluations for class presentations and assignment. Helped undergraduate students with the course material assignments and acted as liaison/mediator between students and the instructor.

## ***Language skills***

### **Urdu**

Mother tongue

### **English**

Proficient

### **Panjabi**

Proficient

### **Hindi**

Independent

### **Italian**

Basic

## ***Research interests***

I am mostly interested in the topics related to conflict resolution and peacebuilding including, but not limited to, rebel groups' behavior in civil

war, women's participation in rebel, terrorist, and community-based violent organizations and military operations against the insurgents.