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**CITIZENSHIP:** Kenyan  
**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Climate Change, Human Security, Environmental Diplomacy.  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

## **April 2010 – December 2014: University of Nairobi, Kenya - Doctor of Philosophy in International Studies**

**Thesis Title:** “Climate Change and Human Security in Africa: A Case Study of the Mau Forest Complex, 1963-2012”.

### **Skills Acquired:**

- Research competence in the area of study
- Broad understanding of social science research methods
- Independent decision-making and problem solving
- Time management and endurance to work under pressure
- Motivation for original research
- Critical thinking and ability to investigate a phenomenon
- Competitiveness, innovation, and creativity
- Goal orientation and enjoyment of new challenges

## **2007-2009: University of Nairobi, Kenya - Master of Arts in International Studies**

**Course Units Covered and passed:** Diplomacy, International Relations, International Economics, Elementary French, International Business, International Organizations, International Law, Social Science Research Methods, International Political System, International Economic Policy Analysis, International Conflict Management, and International Relations of African States.

**Research Project Title:** “An analysis of Economic Relations between China and Africa: A Case Study of Sudan in the Post Mao Era”.

**Grades:** 5As, 6Bs, 2 Cs

## **2003-2004: Al-Huda International, Pakistan. Certificate course in the Understanding of the Quran**

### **Skills Acquired:**

- Understanding of the language of the Quran
- Developed the ability to understand and ponder upon the Quran
- Comprehend and implement the Quran in my daily life
- Share Quranic knowledge with others
- Inculcated positive thinking
- Acquired knowledge of the history of mankind

## **1996-1997: International Correspondence Schools of London, Diploma in Interior Design**

### **Skills Acquired:**

- Interior decoration
- landscaping
- Space planning

## **1985 - 1987: University of the Punjab, Pakistan - Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics**

**Grades:** First Division (2As, 1C)

## **1983 – 1985: Government College for Women Madina Town, Faisal Abad, Pakistan - Faculty of Science**

**Grades:** First Division (3As, 4Bs)

**1975 - 1983: Government Kohi-Noor Girls High School Faisal Abad, Pakistan - Matriculation Certificate**

**Grades:** First Division (3A\*s, 1A, 2Bs, 2Cs)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**August 2016-August 2021: lecturer, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, University of Nairobi**

**September 2021- present: Senior Lecturer, Department of Diplomacy and International Studies, University of Nairobi**

**September 2017-present: Associate, Institute of Climate Change and Adaptation, University of Nairobi**

Duties and Work activities include;

- Delivering routine lectures and seminars.
- Designing and preparing teaching materials, assessing students' course work, setting and marking exam papers.
- Regular supervision of students' research projects at Ph D, M.A, B.A, Post Graduate Diploma, and Ordinary Diploma levels (I have successfully supervised more than 200 research projects in the past few years.)
- Providing mentoring and consultations to students.
- Carrying out institute's administrative responsibilities by active involvement in the FSS Board and department's committees.(Member DDIS committees: Graduate progemmes, Seminar, workshops, Research and Publications committee, Curriculum matters, Strategic Planning committee, Students' welfare committee, FSS Committees: Environmental sustainability committee, Gender Mainstreaming committee)
- Participating in staff training activities for continuous professional development.
- Sharing Knowledge by writing up research papers for conference presentations and publications.
- Contributing to wider research by undertaking new research projects.

**January 2012- June 2016: Part-time lecturer, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, University of Nairobi.**

**Skills Acquired:**

- Expertise in various sub-fields of Diplomacy and International Studies.
- Enhanced academic ability by sharing knowledge.
- Passion for teaching and mentoring.
- Written and verbal communication abilities.
- Leadership.
- Confidence in presenting ideas in front of the audience.
- Capacity to work individually as well as collaboratively.

**1999 - 2003: Freelance Interior Design Consultant**

**Skills Acquired:**

- Creativity in the Art of interior design, orchestrating of colours, textures, and the design of fabrics.
- Constructive and cooperative interpersonal skills
- Meeting client needs and demands within specific budget
- Organising, planning, and prioritising work by developing and accomplishing specific goals
- Adopting environmentally sustainable life-styles
- Time management especially under pressure

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **2004 – Present:**

I have more than fifteen years' experience in community service. My particular areas of volunteer work and community service are; creating awareness on environmental conservation; supporting girls and women empowerment; and fund raising for helping the needy. I mainly support the East African Ecological Society (EAES), The Green Belt Movement and Friends of Nairobi National Park as these organisations work for environmental conservation programs where I have held many Seminars/Webinars/Lectures on environmental sustainability, tree planting activities, Wildlife conservation and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

In addition, I provide moral and material support to young girls, women and youth empowerment initiatives. My aim is to serve the deprived and less privileged members of society so that they can become self-reliant and resilient. I have been a member and an associate of various CBOs and NGOs such as Know Your World Initiative (KYWI), Al-Momin Foundation (Aisha Siddiqa Vocational Training Centre), Mahad Girls Institute, Project Deen whereby I support their various programmes by fund raising and active participation.

### **Skills Acquired:**

- Organisation of community work
- Active listening and emotional intelligence
- Service orientation by looking for ways to help the disadvantaged members of society
- Fund raising and management of resources
- Hosting and organizing lectures, seminars, and workshops for charity based projects for environmental sustainability and women and girls empowerment

### **LANGUAGES**

- Very good understanding of English, Kiswahili, Urdu, and Punjabi
- Basic knowledge of Arabic and French

### **COMPUTING SKILLS**

- Good knowledge of Microsoft word, Excel, and Power Point presentation

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books:**

- *China- Africa Economic Relations in the Post Mao Era*, Lambert Academic Publications, Germany, 2014.
- *Climate Change and Human Security in Africa: Issues and Perspectives*, University of Nairobi Press, ( In the process of writing)

#### **Book Chapters:**

- Chaudhry, S. (2021) Political Economy of Forest Degradation and Climate Changes in Kenya: Case Study of the Maasai Mau Forest. In: Leal Filho W., Luetz J., Ayal D. (eds) *Handbook of Climate Change Management*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-22759-3\\_80-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-22759-3_80-1)
- Chaudhry, S, D, Ong'ech and P, Njoroge, 'Responses to Covid-19 and climate Action in the EAC: Lessons from the case of Kenya' Africa Research and Impact network, Kenya (Approved for publishing by early 2022)

#### **Newsletter Papers and Journal Articles:**

- Chaudhry, S., (2014) 'Climate Change and Regional Security', *Horn of Africa Bulletin*, January-February 2014.
- Chaudhry, S. (2016) 'The Impact of Climate Change on Human Security: The Case of the Mau Forest Complex', *Development*, 58.2/3, Society for International Development (SID), Macmillan Palgrave Production, UK. Available at <https://rd.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41301-016-0022-4>

- Chaudhry, S. (2016), 'Climate Change Impact on Mount Kenya: Lets Save the Glaciers' *Utafiti News*, Issue No. 4, December (2016), University of Nairobi.
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- Chaudhry, S, and Otondi, Sekou Toure (2018) "The Role of the African Union and Regional Economic Communities as Impetus for Peace and Security: A Case Study of the Economic Community of West African States," *International Journal of Security Studies*: Vol. 1 : Issue. 1, Article 6. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/ijoss/vol1/iss1/6>
- Chaudhry, S. (2019). Politics of land excisions and climate change in the Mau Forest Complex: A case study of the South-Western Mau Forest. *Journal of Sustainability, Environment and Peace*, 1(2), 52-62. Available at <http://uonjournals.uonbi.ac.ke/ojs/index.php/jsep/article/view/201>
- Ronoh, K. James. & Chaudhry, S., (2019). 'Root causes of environmental conflicts that undermine socio-economic development in Kuresoi Sub County, Kenya.' *International Academic Journal of Law and Society*, 1(2), 242-261 Available at [http://www.iajournals.org/articles/iajls\\_v1\\_i2\\_242\\_261.pdf](http://www.iajournals.org/articles/iajls_v1_i2_242_261.pdf)
- Chaudhry, S. Addressing Climate Change Adaptation Challenges for the Mountain Communities in Kenya: A Case Study of Mount Kenya', (in the process of writing)
- Wachira, J. & S, Chaudhry, (2021)'How East African Countries can Adapt to Climate Change during Covid-19', *Democracy in Africa*, 9 February 2021 Available at: <http://democracyinafrica.org/how-african-countries-can-adapt-to-climate-change-as-they-battle-covid-19/>
- Chaudhry, S. & Ouda, J., (2021), Perspectives on the Rights of Climate Migrants in the Horn of Africa: A Case study of Somalia, *Journal of Somali Studies*, Volume 8, (Number 1), June, 2021 pp 13-40, <https://journals.co.za/doi/abs/10.31920/2056-5682/2021/v8n1a1>

## **SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

- 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 --- Grant Proposal Writing Workshop, organized by UNES, University of Nairobi.
- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 --- Symposium on "Countering Terrorism: In Search of a Grand African Strategy", Organised by IDIS, UON and Africa Policy Institute, Nairobi.
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 --- "Forum on Women, Islam and Law". Presented a paper on "Islam and the Role of Women in Environmental Conservation" organized by Runda Mosque, Nairobi.
- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 --- Attended "National Conference for Women in Security Sector", organized by UN Women and Ministry of Defense, Kenya.
- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 --- presented a Seminar Paper on "Climate Change and Human Security in the Mau Forest Complex" organized by Institute of Climate Change Adaptation, University of Nairobi.
- 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 --- on "Acquiring food security: Tibbe Nabwi and Use of Natural foods for keeping healthy lifestyle".
- 22 July 2016 --- Panel discussion on the screening of "He named me Malala", in the UN Complex Nairobi. The event was organized by "Know Your World Initiative".
- 17-20 October 2016 --- Attended "World Mountain Forum" held in Mbale, Uganda. Delivered a presentation on "Climate Change and the Human Security Challenges for the Mount Kenya Communities".
- 21-25 November 2016 --- Attended "2016 Africa Ecosystem Services Partnership Conference" held in Nairobi, Kenya. Participated in discussion panel for the Youth session.
- 1-2 February 2017 --- Attended "Symposium on Rainwater-Smart Management in Sub Saharan Africa: Fostering the use of rainwater for food security, integrated landscape restoration and climate resilient, and poverty alleviation", Best Western Premier Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 5-7 April 2017 --- Participated in the IPCC Pre-scoping meeting "International Scientific Conference on Climate Risk Management", The Boma Hotel Nairobi, Kenya.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 --- Participated in National Science Week 2017, KICC, Nairobi. Theme: Research, Technology and Innovation to Address Climate Change.

- 26-28 September 2017 --- Participated in various discussion sessions in ‘Environment and Emergencies Forum’ held by UN Environment and OCHA, UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 11-13 April 2018 --- Attended ‘Africa Carbon Forum’, UN - Environment, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 18-20 October 2018 ---- Attended Pedagogy Training, University of Nairobi, Kenya.
- 26-28 November 2018 ---- Attended Blue Economy Conference, KICC, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 11-12 April 2019 ---- Attended Kenya-Nordic Green Hub Summit, Sarova PanAfric, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 4 July 2019 ---- Attended Scientific Revival Day of Africa Celebrations 2019, Organised by Kenya National Academy of Sciences, Presented a research paper entitled “ Climate Change and its Impacts on Food Security in the South-Western Mau Forest”, Nairobi Safari Club, Nairobi, Kenya.
- 09-10 December 2019, Attended Consolidated Launch of the Africa Governance Report 2019, Crown Plaza, Nairobi.
- 25 February 2020 ---- Attended Inaugural Policy Brief Development Training, Organised by the office of the DVC Research and Extension, University of Nairobi.
- 25 February 2020 ---- Organised a Seminar with a guest speaker Dr. Japhet Biegon (Africa Regional Advocacy Coordinator, Amnesty International) “Silencing the Guns in Africa: Progress, Pitfalls and Prospects”, University of Nairobi Towers.
- 21 April 2020 ---- Organised a Webinar “Global Health Security and Covid-19”, speaker Dr. Anbar Ganarta.
- 28 April 2020 ---- Organised a Webinar “Energy crisis in the Age of Covid-19 and its impacts on International Security”, speaker Dr. Kenneth Mbali
- Attended ARIN International Conference on Africa in the Post-COVID-19 World ---- held online, 18th - 20th of November 2020. Presented a paper titled ‘Responses to Covid-19 and climate Action in the EAC: Lessons for Kenya’.
- Attended an online write shop for Covid-19 Book chapters, 8-10 February 2021, Organised by ARIN, Nairobi, Kenya.
- Attended ARUA-CD workshop (online) on Climate Change Curricula for lecturers in Africa and presented on ‘policy landscape and the politics of climate change in Africa’ 27 May -1 June 2021.
- Attended and moderated a session at ARUA-NDC Workshop for Kenya, 18-19 August 2021, held at Nairobi Serena Hotel.
- Presented a book chapter summary (as a lead author of “Understanding the nexus between COVID-19 responses and climate action in the East African Community: Key lessons from the case of Kenya”) at the 2021 ARIN International Conference on Evidence – Driven Knowledge for Sustainable Recovery from Global Interactable Problems, 18-20 November 2021, (held virtually).

## **HOBBIES**

- Reading
- House crafts and indoor gardening
- Sightseeing and nature walks
- Keeping fit
- Networking with like-minded people

## **References**

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