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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies

**LANGUAGES:** English (fluent), Urdu/Hindi (native), Pushto (native), Portuguese (Intermediate), Punjabi (Intermediate)

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Inclusive politics, inequality, democratisation and authoritarianism, local governance, informal institutions and intermediaries, and the political economy of public policy

**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** South Asia and the Western Balkans

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## EDUCATION

**2011** **PhD, Development Studies**  
Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK

**2002** **MA, Governance and Development**  
Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK

**2001** **MA, Sustainable International Development**  
Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, USA

**1997** **BA (Hons), Political Science and Economics**  
McGill University, Canada

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## EMPLOYMENT

**2012 – PRESENT** **Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK**  
Lead of the Governance Research Cluster since 2019  
Lead of the IDS Pakistan International Initiative since 2019

**2002 – 2007** **Teaching Fellow, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan**

**1998 – 2000** **Research Associate, United Nations Development Program, Pakistan**

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Book Chapters

- Mohmand, S. K.** (2019) [Crafty Oligarchs, Savvy Voters: Democracy Under Inequality in Rural Pakistan](#), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Mohmand, S. K.** (2021) ['Hybrid Clientelism as Democracy in the Global Indian Ocean'](#), in H. Verhoeven and A. Lieven (eds) [Beyond Liberal Order: States, Societies and Markets in the Global Indian Ocean](#), New York: Oxford University Press
- Liaqat, A.; Cheema, A. and **Mohmand, S.K.** (2020) ['Who do Politicians Talk to? Political Contact in Urban Punjab'](#) in M. Mufti, S. Shafqat and N. Siddiqui (eds) [Pakistan's Political Parties: Surviving Between Dictatorship and Democracy](#), Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press

- Mohmand, S.K.** (2008) 'Local Government Reforms in Pakistan: Strengthening Social Capital or Rolling Back the State?' in D. Gellner and K. Hachhethu (eds), Local Democracy in South Asia: Microprocesses of Democratization in Nepal and its Neighbors, New Delhi: Sage Publications
- Mohmand, S.K.** and Cheema, A. (2007) 'Decentralization and Inequality in Pakistan: Bridging the Gap that Divides?' in M. A. Saqib (ed.), Devolution and Governance: Reforms in Pakistan, Karachi: Oxford University Press
- Mohmand, S.K.** (2005) 'Representative Decentralization vs. Participatory Decentralization: A Critical Analysis of Local Government Plan 2000' in L.C. Jain (ed.), Decentralization and Local Governance, New Delhi: Orient Longman

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## Journal Articles

- Mohmand, S.**, Boogaard, V.v.d., Gallien, M. and Javed, U. (2024), '[Vaccine Hesitancy among Informal Workers: Gendered Geographies of Informality in Lahore](#)'. *Dev Change*.
- Mohmand, S. K.**, & Anderson, C. (2023). [Researching governance in difficult times and places: Reflections from Mozambique, Myanmar, Nigeria, and Pakistan](#)'. *Development Policy Review*, 41(S1).
- Mohmand, S. K.**, Loureiro, M., & Sida, L. (2023). '[What Lies Beneath Pakistan's Disastrous Floods](#)'. *Current History*, 122(843), 149–154.
- Cheema, A., Khan, S., Liaqat, A., & **Mohmand, S.K.** (2022). '[Canvassing the Gatekeepers: A Field Experiment to Increase Women Voters](#)' Turnout in Pakistan. *American Political Science Review*, 1-21.
- Hartman, A., Khan, S., Lake, M., Karim, S., Cheema, A., Liaqat, A., & **Mohmand, S.K.** (2022). '[Field Experiments on Gender: Where the Personal and Political Collide](#)'. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 1-5.
- Araujo, S. Afzal, W., Chopra, D., Gallien, M., Javed, U., Khan, S., **Mohmand, S.K.**, Qureshi, M.N., Sohail, S., van den Boogaard, V. (2022). '[The Distances that the Covid-19 Pandemic Magnified: Research on Informality and the State](#)', *IDS Bulletin* 53(3): 111-128.
- Mohmand, S.K.**; Anderson, C.; Gallien, M.; Harrison, T.; Joshi, A.; Loureiro, M.; Mascagni, G.; Occhiali, G. and van den Boogaard, V. (2021) '[Governance for Building Back Better](#)' *IDS Bulletin* 52(1): 163-179
- Mohmand, S.K.** (2020) '[Pakistan's Closing Civic Space](#)', *Current History* 119(816): 146–151
- Mohmand, S.K.** (2020) '[Response to Book Forum on Crafty Oligarchs, Savvy Voters](#)', *Contemporary South Asia* 28:2: 267-271
- Mohmand, S.K.** and Loureiro, M. (eds.) (2017) '[Interrogating Decentralisation in Africa](#)', *IDS Bulletin* 48(2)
- Mohmand, S.K.** (2014) '[Losing the Connection: Party-Voter Linkages in Pakistan](#)', *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics* 52:1: 7-31
- Mohmand, S.K.** and Misić Mihajlović, S. (2014) '[Connecting Citizens to the State: Informal Local Governance Institutions in the Western Balkans](#)' *IDS Bulletin* 45(5): 81-91
- Zaidi, S.; **Mohmand, S.K.**; Hayat, N.; Mejia Acosta, A. and Bhutta, Z. (2013) '[Nutrition Policy in the Post-Devolution Context in Pakistan: An Analysis of Provincial Opportunities and Barriers](#)' *IDS Bulletin* 44(3): 86-93
- Mohmand, S.K.** and Cheema, A. (2007) '[Accountability Failures and the Decentralization of Service Delivery in Pakistan](#)', *IDS Bulletin* 38(1): 45-59

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## Selected Working Papers

- Cheema, A.; Liaqat A.; Khan, S.; **Mohmand, S.K.** and Rauf, S.F. (2021) [The Empty Promise of Urbanization: Women's Political Participation in Pakistan](#), IDS Working Paper 547, Brighton: IDS
- Cheema, A.; Khan, S.; **Mohmand, S.K.** and Liaqat, A. (2019) [Invisible Citizens: Why More Women in Pakistan Do Not Vote](#), IDS Working Paper 524, Brighton: IDS

- Mohmand, S.K.** (2019) *The Implications of Closing Civic Space for Sustainable Development in Pakistan*, IDS Working Paper 521, Brighton: IDS.
- Hossain, N.; Khurana, N.; **Mohmand, S.K.**; Nazneen, S.; Oosterom, M.; Roberts, T.; Santos, R.; Shankland, A. and Schröder, P. (2018) *What Does Closing Civic Space Mean for Development? A Literature Review and Proposed Conceptual Framework*, IDS Working Paper 515, Brighton: IDS
- Mohmand, S.K.**; Befani, B.; Dowd, C.; Justino, P.; Loureiro, M.; Scott-Villiers, P. and Shaw, J. (2017) *Innovative Methods for Research on Social and Political Action in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings*, IDS Working Paper 487, Brighton: IDS
- Mohmand, S.K.** and Misić Mihajlović, S. (2016) *Integrating Informal Institutions in Local Governance: Does it Matter?*, IDS Working Paper 473, Brighton: IDS
- Mohmand, S.K.** (2016) *Informal Local Governance Institutions: What They Do and Why They Matter*, IDS Working Paper 468, Brighton: IDS

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### Selected Policy and Commissioned Research

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- Mohmand, S.K.** (2021) *Goals of Equality and Representation: Does Decentralisation Work?* in UNDP's *Development Advocate Pakistan 7.3*
- Reuterswärd, C., Khachidze, K. and **Mohmand, S.K.** (2021) *Promoting Local Democratic Governance, Participation and Accountability in Georgia*, Brighton, SDC-IDS
- Mohmand, S.K.**, Baliqi, B. and Goswami, I. (2021) *Incentivising Participation and Responsiveness within Kosovo's Local Governance System*, Brighton: IDS-Helvetas
- Mohmand, S.K.** and Žikić, M. (2019) *Political Economy Analysis of Local Economic Development in Serbia*, Brighton: SDC-IDS
- Carter, B.; Apgar, M. and **Mohmand, S.K.** (2019) *Guidance Note on Scaling up Social Norm Change*, K4D Emerging Issues Report, Brighton, UK: Institute of Development Studies
- Cheema, A.; Khan, S.; **Mohmand, S.K.**; Liaqat, A. and Kuraishi, A. (2019) *Women's Political Participation in Pakistan's Big Cities: Evidence for Reform*, IDS Policy Briefing 166, Brighton: IDS
- Mohmand, S.K.** (2018) *Making Local Governance Inclusive for the 'Leave No One Behind' Agenda*, SDC-IDS Briefing Note 5, Brighton: IDS
- Cheema, A.; **Mohmand, S.K.** and Liaqat, A. (2017) *Competing to Deliver? Political Workers and Service Delivery in Pakistan*, Making All Voices Count Research Briefing, Brighton: IDS
- Mohmand, S.K.** (2017) *Strengthening Municipal Councils in Albania: Political Economy and Power Analysis of Albania's Decentralisation Reforms*, Brighton: IDS-Helvetas
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### ACADEMIC AND POLICY GRANTS

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| <b>2020 – PRESENT</b> | <b>Co-Principal Investigator:</b> ESRC Large Research Grant on 'Sustaining Power: Women's struggles against contemporary backlash in South Asia'.   |
| <b>2019 – PRESENT</b> | <b>Co-Principal Investigator:</b> 'Inequality, Trust and Tax Compliance in Pakistan', ESRC Research Grant on 'Inequality and governance in unstable democracies: The mediating role of trust' |
| <b>2020 – 2022</b>    | <b>Principal investigator:</b> 'Informality and Trust in times of Covid-19'. Funded by FCDO, Covid Collective.  |
| <b>2020 – 2022</b>    | <b>Principal investigator:</b> 'Incentivising Responsiveness in Local Governance in Kosovo'. Funded by Helvetas.  |
| <b>2016 – 2021</b>    | <b>Principal Investigator:</b> 'Gendered Contentions in Fragile, Conflict- and Violence-Affected Settings'. Funded by the Action for Empowerment and Accountability programme, IDS-DFID.      |
| <b>2017</b>           | <b>Principal Investigator:</b> 'Political Economy of Local Governance in Albania'. Funded by Helvetas.  |
| <b>2012 – 2015</b>    | <b>Principal Investigator:</b> Studies of Political Economy of Local Governance in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Macedonia. Funded by Swiss Development Cooperation.                    |

<b>2006 – 2010</b>	<b>Principal Investigator &amp; Project coordinator:</b> 'Comparative study of Informal Institutions and State Capacity in India and Pakistan'. Funded by the Centre for the Future State, IDS-DFID.
<b>2005 – 2007</b>	<b>Research collaborator:</b> RISEPAK (Research and Information Systems for the Earthquake in Pakistan). Stockholm Award-winning web site to coordinate relief and rehabilitation efforts after the 2005 earthquake in northern Pakistan.

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## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING EXPERIENCE

<b>2019</b>	'Research Design and Innovative Research Methodologies' for revenue authorities in Uganda and Rwanda
<b>2017</b>	'Innovative Research Methodologies' for university faculty in Albania
<b>2014 – 2017</b>	<b>Research Coordinator, Evidence and Learning from Latin America (ELLA) programme, IDS, UK</b> Research design and capacity building component of a comparative policy research programme on evidence and learning between Africa and Latin America
<b>2011 – 2015</b>	<b>Lead, Multi-Methods Research Course (MMRC)</b> Multi-method training programme composed of 10 different modules for mid-career faculty in African universities (co-delivered with Partnership for African Social and Governance Research). Advisory position with programme until 2018 as it transitioned to the PASGR Advanced Research Methods Institute.

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## TEACHING

<b>2012 – PRESENT</b>	<b>Institute of Development Studies, UK</b> 'Democracy and Public Policy' (Graduate course) (2013-present) 'Research Design' (Graduate course) (2014-present) Doctoral workshop on Research Design (2015-present) Co-teach on 'Making Public Policy' and 'Political Economy Perspectives in Development' (Graduate courses) (2018-present)
<b>2002 – 2007</b>	<b>Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan</b> Taught various courses on the Politics and Economics undergraduate major in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.
<b>2000</b>	<b>Brandeis University, USA</b> 'Development Economics - Poverty' (Graduate course tutor)

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## SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

### Invited Talks

<b>2023</b>	EADI Virtual Dialogue: 'Why Climate Change Disasters are Governance Disasters: the Case of Pakistan's 2022 Floods'
<b>2022</b>	Brown University, Saxena Centre for South Asian Studies at Watson Institute: 'Political History of Pakistan'
<b>2021</b>	University of California, Berkeley: Workshop on gender and politics in South Asia
<b>2021</b>	Book talks at University of California, Berkeley; and Pakistan Institute of Development Economics.
<b>2020</b>	Sussex Development Lecture
<b>2019</b>	Book talks at Yale University; Brown University; University of Pennsylvania; Johns Hopkins University; Saint Joseph's University; King's College London; and Lahore University of Management Sciences.

### Selected Conferences

<b>2023</b>	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
<b>2021</b>	Political Science Association (PSA) Annual Meeting
<b>2021</b>	Development Studies Association (DSA) Annual Meeting
<b>2020</b>	European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting
<b>2020, 2019, 2018</b>	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meetings
<b>2014, 2012</b>	European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS)

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## MEDIA AND PODCASTS

BBC Asian Network Newsbeat (2023), International Financing Review (2022), Politiken (Denmark, 2022), BBC World Service (2018), BBC World News (2018), BBC Scotland (2018), CNBC (2018)  
Podcasts: Between the Lines (2021); Lekh Review (2021); Developing Pakistan Conversations (2020)

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## REVIEWER

APSA Book Prize Committee, Cambridge University Press; American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science, Medical Anthropology; Journal of Women; Politics and Policy; Political Behaviour.

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## AFFILIATIONS

Editorial Board of the Modern South Asia Series of Oxford University Press (New York).

Co-founder of Pathways to Development Annual Conference, Pakistan.

Associate Fellow, Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives (IDEAS), Pakistan.

Fellow, Mahbub ul Haq Research Centre, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan.

Fellow, Higher Education Academy, UK.