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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Urban/regional planning, urban studies, critical infrastructure studies, urban political ecology, political economy, gender studies, development studies

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: South Asia, East Africa, Southeast Asia

OVERVIEW

My research looks at the interactions between vulnerability, climate change impacts - e.g., heat (extreme, chronic), urban flooding - and post-colonial histories/contexts of infrastructural violence, land displacement and anti-poor urban planning in the urban Global South. I am interested in understanding the multi-dimensional risks and uncertainties that arise from these interactions, and the gendered/intersectional implications and impacts on urban systems, people, and public health. I am also interested in understanding how the environment/climate has been represented in post-colonial, mid-20th century, modern architectural practice/thought. My research and teaching interests lie at the intersection of critical urban studies, anthropology, urban ecology, and political economy. I am Principal Investigator and Co-I on several grants that center on themes such as climate change, infrastructural developments, and land displacement. I have sole-authored and co-edited books, journal articles and research reports, and have begun new research projects. I supervise PhD, Masters and BSc thesis projects for students interested in research related to cities, climate change and urbanization. I am also the Founder and Director of the Karachi Urban Lab (KUL) at IBA. My core geographical area is South Asia but also extends to Africa and S.E. Asia.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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| 2007 | Doctor of Philosophy in Regional and Urban Planning
Columbia University, Program of Urban Planning (GSAPP), US
<i>Specialisation: Comparative Urban Studies and Development</i> |
| 1992 | MIA, International Policy Analysis and Public Management
Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, US |
| 1985 | BA (Hons) Political Science
City University New York (CUNY), Hunter College, US |

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2021 – PRESENT	Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK Cities Cluster
2011 – PRESENT	Professor and Director, City Regional Planning, Karachi Urban Lab, Pakistan School of Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Business Administration
2012 – 2014	Postdoctoral Fellow, National University of Singapore, Singapore Asian Urbanisms Cluster, Asia Research Institute (ARI)
2008 – 2009	Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, US
2000 – 2006	Secretary and Outreach Officer, ITA CEC, UK
1991 – 1992	Teaching Assistant, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, US

CONSULTANCY/ADVISORY EXPERIENCE

2010	Guest Lecturer, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, NED University, Karachi, Pakistan
2010 – 2011	Guest Lecturer, Humanities and Social Sciences Program, Agha Khan University (AKU), Karachi, Pakistan
2010 – 2011	Academic Advisor, Virtual Education Project Pakistan (VEPP), H.E.J. Research Institute of Chemistry, Karachi University: Academic Advisor to the Director of HEJ on designing and delivering online English language course for public sector universities across Pakistan.
2008 – 2010	Academic Advisor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS), Agha Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan: Academic Advisor on planning and development of AKU FAS Core Curriculum program for establishment of undergraduate liberal arts university in Karachi, Pakistan.

ACADEMIC SERVICE, PARTNERSHIPS AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

July 2023 – present	Member Advisory Committee of the <i>Humanity's Urban Future</i> research program, CIFAR, a Canadian-based, global research organisation with more than 1,000 researchers from over 30 countries contributing to the research programs as fellows, advisors, Canada CIFAR AI chairs, and CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars over the years.
Aug 2022 – present	Member of Technical Global Advisory Group (TAG), WHO-WMO Department of Climate Change, Environment and Health & Global Heat Health Information Network.
Dec 2021 – present	Member of Leadership Council, SDSN-PK, Institute for Global Health and Development, Agha Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan.
Feb 2021 – present	Member of Editorial Board, <i>International Journal of Urban & Regional Research</i>

(IJURR) – Tier 1 journal for urban studies/urban planning/urban geography/
urban sociology.

Oct 2020- present Member of Board of Directors, Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB).

Aug 2020- present Member of GUO-Net Sterling Committee, UN Habitat.

2016 – present Founder and Director, Karachi Urban Lab (KUL), Institute of Business Administration (IBA), a collaborative endeavour to promote creative and critical thinking on researching, teaching and practice on cities and climate change in Pakistan and the Global South.

2015 – 2016 Partner, Reimagining Inclusive Urban Futures for Transformation (RIUFT).

2013 – 2014 Member of Editorial Committee, ARI/NUS Working Paper Series.

2012 – 2014 Convenor, Asian Graduate Students Forum on Southeast Asian Studies and Asian Graduate Student Fellowship Program, National University Singapore: Work encompassed screening applications and selecting postgraduate students from universities across Southeast Asia. This brought annually 25 graduate students working on Southeast Asia to Singapore for a six-week period of research, mentoring and participation in an academic writing workshop. The aim of the fellowship is to enable young scholars to make use of a wide range of resources at libraries of NUS, to have access to writing classes and make academic presentations and write proposals.

Also a member of: Association of American Geographers (AAG), Association of Asian Studies (AAS), Regional Studies Association (RSA), Royal Geographical Society (RGS).

COURSES TAUGHT, GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION

Introductory Level: Introduction to Urban Studies; Introduction to Sociology; Introduction to Social Sciences; Contemporary Perspectives in Urban Anthropology; Introduction to Research Methods in Social Sciences.

Fourth Year Level: Culminating Experience II; Gender, Violence & Vulnerability in Urbanizing Asia; Managing Cities of the Global South in the 21st Century; Theorizing Southern Urbanisms; Cities, Gender and Climate Change.

Graduate Level: Advanced Urban Sociology Seminar, Cities, Gender and Climate Change.

Solely responsible for course content; Courses designed as lectures and seminars. Supervised student research projects and Culminating Experience (CE) projects. Evaluated consistently for exemplary teaching style and for stimulating independent thinking.

PhD Supervision: External Examiner for PhD student Faizaan Qayyum's thesis "Ethnicized Displacements: A Comparative Study of the Lived Experiences of Afghan Pashtuns and Afghan Hazaras in Quetta, Pakistan", Department of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Illinois, US.

PhD and Master's thesis supervision at IDS/University of Sussex.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Books and Book Chapters

Recio, Redento B. *et al* (2023) *COVID-19 and Informal Workers in Asian Cities: Impact, Response, and Implications for Urban Recovery*, United Kingdom: Regional Studies Policy Impact Books

Anwar, N. and Sur, M. (2020) 'Climate Change, Urban Futures, and the Gendering of Cities in South Asia', in A.N. Ahmad and Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (eds), *Climate Justice and Migration: Mobility, Development and Displacement in the Global South*, Berlin: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

Anwar, N. (2018) 'Planning Mega Futures in South-Central Asia: Infrastructure's "Contingent" Utopia', in T. Bunnell and D.P.S. Goh (eds), *Urban Asias: Essays on Futurity Past and Present*, Berlin: Jovis

Anwar, N.; Viqar S. and Mustafa, D. (2018) 'Intersections of Gender, Mobility and Violence in Urban Pakistan', in J. Salahab, J. de Boer and M. Gottsbacher (eds), *Social Theories of Urban Violence in the Global South: Towards Safe and Inclusive Cities*, London: Routledge

Anwar, N. (2015) 'The Bengali Can Return to His Desh but the Burmi Can't Because He Has No Desh: Dilemmas of Desire and Belonging Among the Burmese-Rohingya and Bangladeshi Migrants in Pakistan', in M. Baas (ed), *Transnational Migration and Asia: The Question of Return*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press

Anwar, N. (2015) *Infrastructure Redux: Crisis, Progress in Industrial Pakistan & Beyond*, London: Palgrave Macmillan

Anwar, N. (2015) 'Mapping Politics in/of the City: Cartography as Representation', in Z. Malkani and S. Rajani (eds), *Exhausted Geographies: An Experimental Art Publication Mapping the City of Karachi*, Karachi: Karachi Press

Anwar, N. (2009) 'Retail Restructuring and Spatial Dynamics in South Asia: Global TNCs, Local Neighbourhoods and the Regulatory Challenge in Megacities', in M. Koskela and M. Vinnari (eds), *Future of the Consumer Society: Proceedings of the Conference "Future of the Consumer Society" 28-29 May 2009*, Turku: Finland Futures Research Centre

Forthcoming Journal Articles, Reports and Working Papers

Anwar, N.; Khandekar, A. and Mateo-Bambino, D. (forthcoming) 'Asian Megacities in COVID-19 Normal: Uneven Vulnerabilities, State Responses and Grassroots Practices', *Regional Studies*

Anwar, N. (forthcoming) *Infrastructures of Climate Repair: Risk, Gender and Resilience in Nairobi and Karachi*, IDS Working Paper

Anwar, N. and Abdullah, A. (forthcoming) *Infrastructure Developments, Contested Lands and Livelihoods in Pakistan's Urbanizing Periphery: A Scoping Study*, Karachi Urban Lab Report

Anwar, N. (forthcoming) 'Adaptation and Vulnerability in Poor Communities in Urban South Asia: Findings from Karachi', *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*

Journal Articles

Macktoom, S.; Anwar, N. and Ahmad, A. (2023) '[Heatscapes and Evolutionary Habitats](#)', *After Comfort: A User's Guide* (accessed 14 March 2024)

Macktoom, S.; Anwar, N. and Cross, J. (2023) '[Hot Climates in Urban South Asia: Negotiating the Right to and the Politics of Shade at the Everyday Scale in Karachi](#)', *Urban Studies* 0(0), DOI: 10.1177/00420980231195204 (accessed 14 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2023) '[Introduction: The Everyday Politics of Thermal Violence in Urban South Asia](#)', *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (accessed 14 March 2024)

- Rehman, N. et al. (2023) '[South Asian Urban Climates: Towards Pluralistic Narratives and Expanded Lexicons](#)', *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 47(4), DOI: 10.1111/1468-2427.13173 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Abdullah, A.; Macktoom, S.; Anwar, N. and Ahmed, N. (2023) '[Intensifying Urbanities in Karachi: A South Asian City in the Time of Covid-19](#)', *Economic and Political Weekly* 57(5) (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. H. and Sur, M. (2020) '[Keeping Cities in Motion: An Introduction to the Labours of Repair and Maintenance in South Asia](#)', *Economic And Political Weekly* 55(51): 31-33 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2020) '[Ustaads, Shagirds, and the Drudgery and Virtuosity of Breakdowns and Repair: Keeping Karachi in Motion](#)', *Economic and Political Weekly* 55(51) (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N.; Sawas, A. and Mustafa, D. (2020) '[Without Water, There is No Life': Negotiating Everyday Risks and Gendered Insecurities in Karachi's Informal Settlements](#)', *Urban Studies* 57(6): 1320-1337, DOI: 10.1177/0042098019834160 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Mustafa, D.; Anwar, N. and Sawas, A. (2019) '[Gender, Global Terror, and Everyday Violence in Urban Pakistan](#)', *Political Geography* 69: 54-64, DOI: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2018.12.002 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2018) '[Receding Rurality, Booming Periphery: Value Struggles in Karachi's Agrarian-Urban Frontier](#)', *Economic and Political Weekly* 53(12) (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. and Viqar, S. (2016) '[Research Assistants, Reflexivity and the Politics of Fieldwork in Urban Pakistan](#)', *Area* 49(1): 114-121, DOI: 10.1111/area.12307 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Friend, R.M. et al. (2016) '[Re-imagining Inclusive Urban Futures for Transformation](#)', *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability* 20:67-72, DOI: 10.1016/j.cosust.2016.06.001 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2016) '[Asian Mobilities and State Governance at the Geographic Margins: Geopolitics and Oil Tales from Karachi to Taftan](#)', *Environment and Planning A* 48(6): 1047-1063, DOI: 10.1177/0308518X15594804 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. and Viqar, S. (2014) '[Producing Cosmopolitan Karachi: Freedom, Security and Urban Redevelopment in the Post-Colonial Metropolis](#)', *South Asian History and Culture* 5(3): 328-348, DOI: 10.1080/19472498.2014.905322 (accessed 14 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2014) '[Urban Transformations: Brokers, Collaborative Governance and Community Building in Karachi's Periphery](#)', *South Asian History and Culture* 5(1): 75-92, DOI: 10.1080/19472498.2013.863011 (accessed 15 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2014) '[The Postcolonial City in South Asia](#)', *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 35(1): 22-38, DOI: 10.1111/sjtg.12048 (accessed 15 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2013) '[Planning Karachi's Urban Futures](#)', Asia Research Institute Working Paper Series No. 203, Singapore: National University of Singapore (accessed 15 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2013) '[Negotiating New Conjunctures of Citizenship: Experiences of 'Illegality' in Burmese-Rohingya and Bangladeshi Migrant Enclaves in Karachi](#)', *Citizenship Studies* 17(3-4): 414-428, DOI: 10.1080/13621025.2013.793070 (accessed 15 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2013) '[Thinking Beyond 'Engines of Growth': Re-Conceptualization Urban Planning Discourse in Pakistan](#)', *Journal of Research in Architecture and Planning* 15: 1-10, DOI: 10.53700/jrap1522013_1 (accessed 15 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2011) '[State Power, Civic Participation and the Urban Frontier: The Politics of the Commons in Karachi](#)', *Antipode* 44(3): 601-620, DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-8330.2011.00920.x (accessed 15 March 2024)
- Anwar, N. (2011) '[Institutional Actors, Learning and Agency: Some Lessons on Infrastructure Provision for SME Industrial Districts in Sialkot, Pakistan](#)', *Journal of Infrastructure Development* 2(2): 153-171, DOI: 10.1177/097493061100200205 (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (1999) 'Inefficiencies in Public Electricity Provision and Impacts on Firms in Karachi's Manufacturing Sector', *The Pakistan Development Review* 38.2

Media Appearances

Anwar, N. (2022) [Meat and Heatwaves](#), Voice of Islam Drive Time Show Podcast (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2022) [Will Extreme Weather Spur World Leaders to Act On Climate Change?](#), Al Jazeera Podcast (accessed 15 March 2024)

Technical Reports and Scoping Studies

Anwar, N.; Khan, H.F.; Abullah, A.; Macktoom, S. and Fatima, A. (2022) [Heat Governance in Urban South Asia: The Case of Karachi](#), UKRI GCRF Scoping Study, United Kingdom: UKRI (accessed 15 March 2024)

Abdullah, A. *et al.* (2022) [Extreme Heat and COVID-19: The Impact on the Urban Poor in Asia and Africa](#), Cool Infrastructures Study, United Kingdom: UKRI (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. *et al.* (2022) [Recipes for Life with Heat during Ramzan](#), Cool Infrastructures Study, United Kingdom; UKRI (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. *et al.* (2021) [Land, Governance and the Gendered Politics of Displacement in Urban Pakistan](#), International Development Research Centre Report, Karachi: Karachi Urban Lab (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N.H.; Mustafa, D.; Sawas, A. and Malik, S. (2016) [Gender and Violence in Urban Pakistan](#), IDRC Technical Report, Karachi: Institute of Business Administration (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N.; Mustafa, D.; Sawas, A. and Viqar, S. (2014) [Urbanization, Gender & Violence in Millennial Karachi: A Scoping Study](#), IDRC Report, Karachi: Institute of Business Administration (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N.; Mustafa, D.; Sawas, A. and Viqar, S. (2014) [Urbanization, Gender and Violence in Rawalpindi and Islamabad: A Scoping Study](#), IDRC Report, Karachi: Institute of Business Administration (accessed 15 March 2024)

Internet Publications

Anwar, N. and Fraser, A. (2022) [Understanding Interacting Urban Risks in Nairobi and Karachi](#), *IDS Opinion*, 22 November (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. and Samo, A. (2022) [Who is Profiting from the Extreme Heat in Urban Pakistan?](#), *Dawn*, 18 August (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. *et al.* (2020) [Heat and Covid-19 in the Off-Grid City](#), *Somatosphere*, July 2 (accessed 15 March 2024)

Saleem, A. and Anwar, N. (2020) [Urban Life in the COVID-19 Space of Emergency: Field Notes from Karachi](#), *Identities Journal*, 16 April (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2019) [The State Wants to Make Karachi a 'World-Class' City. But What's the Cost?](#), *Dawn*, 29 May (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2018) [Is PTI's Affordable Housing Programme Just Old Wine in a New Bottle?](#), *Dawn*, 24 September (accessed 15 March 2024)

Sawas, A. and Anwar, N. (2018) [For the Many, Not for the Few? Climate-Related Mega Projects and Human Security in Pakistan](#), *PACCS Research Blog* (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2017) [Cities, Climate Change and Pakistan's Extended Urbanisation](#), *Dawn*, 20 September (accessed 15 March 2024)

Sawas, A. and Anwar, N. (2017) [For Pakistan, China's Huge Energy Investments May Have Serious Political Costs](#), *Huffington Post*, 14 July (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. and Viqar, S. (2013) '[Terror Talk](#)', *Dawn*, 6 August (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2013) '[Perween Rahman, a Dear Friend, Colleague and Valued Mentor Remembered](#)', *Tribune*, 20 March (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2013) '[Elections, Illiberal Politics & Sectarianism in Pakistan: Pogroms Against Hazara Shia](#)', *Asia Pacific Memo*, 5 March (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2012) '[Burnt Factories, Charred Lives and Shop Floors](#)', *Tribune*, 19 September (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2012) '[Video Abstract – Nausheen Anwar Talks About 'State Power, Civic Participation and the Urban Frontier](#)', *Antipode Online*, 10 April (accessed 15 March 2024)

Anwar, N. (2011) '[Ending Islamic Solidarity in Post 9/11 Pakistan: New Restrictions on Migrants](#)', *Asia Pacific Memo*, 13 September (accessed 15 March 2024)

Book Reviews

Anwar, N.H. (2021) 'The Ethics of Staying: Social Movements and Land Rights Politics in Pakistan', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 44:6

Anwar, N.H. (2016) 'Liza Weinstein 2014: The Durable Slum: Dharavi and the Right to Stay Put in Globalizing Mumbai', Minneapolis and London: University of Minnesota Press

Anwar, N. (2014) 'Laurent Gayer, Karachi: Ordered Disorder and the Struggle for the City', New Delhi: Hurst & Co Publishers

Anwar, N. (2013) 'Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts', Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Anwar, N.H. (2009) 'The Globalization of Retailing' (2 Volumes) N. M. Coe and N. Wrigley (eds) Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited

CONFERENCE PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

Invited as Keynote Speaker at the "Asia and Africa in Conversation: Cities, Migration and Climate Change" organized by the Agha Khan University, Nairobi, Kenya and the Samuel Hall Foundation, Nairobi Kenya. January 23rd, 2024.

Invited as Keynote Speaker at the Cities Debate Conference organized by the Beirut Urban Lab, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon. November 7th, 2023.

Invited to participate in workshop organized by the School of Cities Initiative on Cities Climate Displacement, University of Toronto & Initiative on Cities, Boston University. Toronto, Canada, September 29th, 2023.

Discussant on panel "Just Thermal Geographies", RGS Annual Conference 30th August 2023.

Organizer/Session Chair for Roundtable "The Changing Geographies of Urban Infrastructure Under a Deteriorating Climate", RGS Annual Conference 30th August 2023.

Invited as Keynote Speaker to the Agha Khan University Global Health and Development conference 'Climate Change and Water-related Challenges in Pakistan: Tangible Solutions', 16-17 December 2022.

Presented paper "Keeping Affordable Cooling in Motion: Repair, Maintenance and Profits in Karachi's Second-Hand Market for Air-Conditioners", at international workshop Cooling Asia: Technology, Environment and Society in Hot Climates, at the Asia Research Institute, National University Singapore, 18-19 November 2022.

Presented paper “Everyday Navigations of Heat in Tropical Cities: Understanding Adaptive Approaches & Collective Cooling Modalities in Karachi’s Informal Settlements”, at the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) annual conference, 31st August 2022.

Presented paper “Negotiating Shade in South Asia”, at international workshop Heat in Urban Asia, Asia Research Institute, National University Singapore, April 2021.

Invited to be part of project to develop a new knowledge network on Southern Urbanisms, Columbia World Projects, Columbia University in collaboration with the Pamoja Trust and the Urban Institute at the University of Sheffield, 17 July 2020.

Invited to Co-chair virtual Frontiers Symposium: Engineering Inclusive Cities, organized by the Royal Academy of Engineering & University of Sussex, United Kingdom 9 - 10 June 2020.

Organized panel titled Keeping Cities in Motion: Building, Repairing and Maintaining Urban South Asia and presented paper at Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA, 17 – 20 October 2019.

Invited to present paper in conference Cities, Infrastructures and the ‘Digital Turn’ in the Postcolony organized by Department of Geography, King’s College London, UK, 27 – 28 June 2019.

Invited to present paper in workshop Popular Economies: experiments, learning and new modes of anti-poverty intervention in rapidly changing urban environments (PopEcon) organized by the Urban Institute, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK, 10 – 11 June 2019.

Presented paper at workshop China’s OBOR Strategy and Its Impacts for Asian Countries at the InterAsian Connections VI: Hanoi, at conference organized by the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences and Social Science Research Council (SSRC). Hanoi, Vietnam, 5-7 December 2018.

Invited to present on panel Regions Unbound: Transactions and Translocations from MENA to South Asia, at annual conference organized by the American Anthropological Association (AAA), San Jose, USA, 14 – 18 November 2018.

Invited to present/participate in workshop Urban Violence and Climate Change Adaptation: Towards a New Research and Policy Agenda at Warwick University, UK. 26 – 27 September 2018.

Invited to present on panel Urbanisms’ Others at the Programme for Summer Institute for Urban Studies organized by the National University Singapore and the Manchester Urban Institute, Manchester University. Singapore, 15 – 19 July 2018.

Organized and led workshop at IBA to train research assistants for new IDRC grant secured for 2-year project Land, Governance, and the Gendered Politics of Displacement in Urban Pakistan. IBA/Karachi, 13 July 2018

Invited to participate at workshop Realising the SDGs in Cities: Aligning Knowledge, Tools and Monitoring Frameworks, organized by the International Science Council, UK Research and Innovation, Global Challenges Research Fund UK, UNSDSN, Cities Alliance, OECD, UN-Habitat. New York City, USA, 10 July 2018.

Invited to chair a panel session at International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning Cities Beyond City organized by the Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University, City Campus, Karachi, 27 -28 April 2018.

Organized and led workshop at IBA for training research assistants and finalization of surveys and other fieldwork findings for AHRC grant secured for 18-month project Climate Adaptation, Land Acquisition & Security: The Gendered Politics of Dispossession in Pakistan, held at IBA/Karachi, 26 – 28 December 2017.

Invited to present on panel on Gender & Intersectionality at the Women of the World or WOW Festival organized by the British Council and Southbank Center in partnership with IBA, held in Karachi, 2 -3 December 2017.

Invited to present paper at conference After Suburbia: Extended Urbanization and Life on the Planet's Periphery. York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 19-21 October 2017.

Invited to participate at conference Imagining Women's Empowerment in South Asia: Pathways and Policies to Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering All Women and Girls. Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10 October 2017.

Organized and led major media event at CEJ-IBA for launching report "Gender & Violence in Urban Pakistan". This published report is the outcome of a collaborative 3-year research project between Nausheen H. Anwar and Daanish Mustafa, Amiera Sawas of Kings College, London. The research was supported by a CAD \$500,000 competitive grant secured from IDRC and DFID in 2013. Event held at Centre of Excellence in Journalism (CEJ-IBA) on 24 August 2017.

Organized and led workshop at IBA for training research assistants on participant photography methodology for AHRC grant secured for 18-month project Climate Adaptation, Land Acquisition & Security: The Gendered Politics of Dispossession in Pakistan, held at IBA/Karachi, 19 August 2017.

Invited to present paper at workshop Histories of the Present: Gendered Violence in South Asia. Organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK, 23 June 2017.

Invited to present in the Safe and Inclusive Cities Exchange (SAICx2017). Organized by DFID and IDRC at Nairobi, Kenya, 29 – 31 March 2017

Invited to present paper at workshop Frontier Urbanism: Tracking Transformation in Agrarian Urban Hinterlands of South Asia. New Delhi, India, 23-25 February 2017.

Invited to present paper at workshop on Climate Vulnerability in South Asia's Coastal Cities. Organized by University of Texas at Austin and The Center for International and Regional Studies at Georgetown/Doha, Doha, 10 -11 January 2017.

Invited to present paper “Gender and Violence in Urban Pakistan: Exploring the links” at conference titled Reviewing the State of Safety in World Cities, organized by the UN-Habitat, Geneva, 6 – 8 July 2016.

Invited to present paper “Gender, Vulnerability and Violence in urban Pakistan” at workshop on conflict and peacebuilding organized by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 4 – 5 July 2016.

Invited to chair a panel session at the conference Constructing Asia: Materiality, Capital and Labor in the Making of an Urbanizing Landscape, organized by the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University Singapore, Singapore, 12 – 13 May 2016.

Invited to present paper “Situating Infrastructures” at the 6th Annual U-M-Pakistan Conference Infrastructure and Its Discontents, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA, 8 April 2016.

Invited to present paper “Infrastructure, Networks, Power: crossroads of vulnerability and violence in Karachi and Rawalpindi-Islamabad” on panel titled Networks of Power: Conflict and Collaboration in Modern Pakistan, at the annual conference of Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Seattle, USA, 31 March – 3 April 2016.

Invited to present paper “Infrastructure’s Contingent Utopia” at workshop titled Urban Asia: Futures past, present and yet to come. Department of Geography, National University Singapore (NUS), 22-23 February 2016.

Invited to present paper at conference titled Urban Life and the Working Poor in South Asia, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), Karachi, Pakistan, 4–6 January 2016.

Invited to present paper at workshop titled The Burden of the Urban, at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India, 10-12 December 2015.

Invited to present paper “Crossroads of Gender, Vulnerability & Violence in Urban Pakistan” at the Safe and Inclusive Cities (SAIC) and International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Think Tank Initiative Regional Meet, Delhi, India, 18-21 November 2015.

Invited to present paper “Carbon Frontier, Trans-Urban Flows: Oil as Force of Life”, at conference titled The Force of Life: Living in Precarious Spaces and Times in Asia, at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University Singapore, Singapore, 20-21 July 2015.

Presented paper at a mid-term workshop on Safe and Inclusive Cities (SAIC) organized by the International Development Centre (IDRC), Cape Town, South Africa, 17-23 April 2015.

Invited to participate in writing workshop “Transformative Knowledge Workshop” organized by the Institution for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), Bangkok, Thailand, 3 – 5 March 2015.

Presented paper at workshop “Understanding and Mitigating Violence Related to Vulnerability and Gender in Poor Urban Communities: New Frontiers”. Workshop organized for policymakers, NGOs and practitioners, Karachi, Pakistan, 3 January 2015.

Invited to present paper “Gender Responsive Policing: Promising Peaceful Societies”, at conference organized by Ministry of Interior Pakistan in collaboration with the Gender Responsive Policing (GRP) Project, jointly implemented by the National Police Bureau (NPB) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) funded by the Foreign Ministry of Germany, Islamabad, Pakistan, 13-15 October 2014.

Organized and chaired panel on gender and urban politics in comparative perspective titled Women, Power and Politics in Millennial Urban Asia for AAS-in-Asia Conference, Singapore 17-19 July 2014. Papers presented covered China, India and Pakistan.

Invited to present paper “Gender, Media & Violence in the Global South: The Case of Urban Pakistan”, at the Singapore University of Technology & Design (SUTD), Singapore, 16 April 2014.

Paper presentation “The Crossroads of Vulnerability, Gender and Violence in Urban Pakistan”, on panel titled Safe and Inclusive Cities: Research to Reduce Urban Violence, Poverty and Inequalities, UN-HABITAT, World Urban Forum 7, Medellin, Colombia, 5-11 April 2014.

Invited to present paper “Peri-Urban Dynamics: Planning, Place & Politics in the Pakistani Metropolis”, at conference The Political Economy of Social Transformation in Pakistan. Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, USA, 4-5 April 2014.

Invited to present paper “Desiring the Islamic Homeland: Burmese-Rohingya Migrants in Pakistan”, at workshop Islam, Law and the State in Myanmar, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, National University Singapore, 23-24 January 2014.

Presented paper “Mobility, Geopolitics and ‘Juicy Tales’ in the Margins of the Asian City”, at conference Theorising Mobilities in/from Asia, at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University Singapore, Singapore, 14-15 November 2013.

Presented paper “New urban aspiration in the postcolonial city: Consumption and displacement in Karachi’s new Port Grand Development Project”, at conference Informality: Rethinking the Urban, Eastern Mediterranean Academic Research Center (DAKAM), International Contemporary Urban Issues. Istanbul, Turkey, 4-6 November 2013.

Invited to chair panel session at conference Dynamics of Change in Pakhtun Society. Peshawar University, Bara Gali Summer Campus, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, 25-26 June 2013.

Presented paper “Mapping the Postcolonial Metropolis in Pakistan”, at Advancing Postcolonial Geography: An International Symposium, National University Singapore, Singapore, 21-22 February 2013.

Organized and led workshop Violence, Insurgencies, Deceptions: Conceptualizing Urban Life in South Asia. Asia Research Institute (AIR), National University Singapore, Singapore 6-7 May 2013.

Invited to present paper “Mobility, Risky Ventures and Constructing House and Home in Karachi’s Frontier”, on panel at conference Rethinking the Urban in Pakistan. Jointly organized by South Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and NED University, Karachi, Pakistan, 1-2 January 2013.

Presented paper “(Un)Planning Karachi’s periphery: NGOs, Land Mafias and the Porous State”, on panel titled Urban Conflicts at the International Conference, Rethinking Urban Inclusion: Spaces, Mobilisations, Interventions, at the Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal, 28 – 30 June 2012.

Invited to present paper “Thinking beyond Engines of Growth”, at the 7th Seminar on Urban & Regional Planning, Urbanisation and Secondary Cities: Form-Trends-Potentials-Challenges, NED University, Karachi, 31 March 2012.

Presented paper “The Politics of Planning & Insurgent Citizenship in Karachi’s Urban Periphery” on panel titled Roti, Kapda, aur Makaan (Food, Clothing, and Shelter): The Political Economy of Housing in South Asia, at the Annual Conference on South Asia: University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA, 21 October 2011.

Organized and led workshop “Biopolitics and Security: Rethinking Citizenship and Governance in Pakistan”. Paper presented in workshop titled ‘Emerging forms of Politics, Governance and Violence in Urban Pakistan’. Institute of Business Administration, 2 August 2011, Karachi, Pakistan.

Presented paper “Citizenship, Surveillance, and Sovereignty: Managing Burmese & Bangladeshi Migrants in Transnational Pakistani Spaces”, for a panel titled Rethinking Citizenship in Asia: Comparative Perspectives on Recent Trends, at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual conference, March 31–April 3, 2011, Honolulu, USA.

Presented paper “Institutional Actors in Discursive Engagements: Examining Processes of Infrastructure Reform for SME Industrial Districts in Pakistan”, at the Regional Studies Association (RSA) Annual Conference, May 26, 2010, Pecs, Hungary. Paper published in conference proceedings, 24 – 26 May 2010

Invited to present paper “Dilemmas of Desire & Belonging: Managing Migrants as Workers in Transnational Pakistani Spaces”, at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Agha Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan. November 5, 2009.

Presented paper “Governance, Labor & Institutional Change in Pakistan: Historical Processes & Contemporary Challenges”, at Harvard University, March 6, 2009.