# Wardah Malik

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#### **EDUCATION**

# 2019- U

## **University of Cambridge**

- MPhil in World History: Focus on ethnic conflict, and peace-building efforts.
- Proposed research topic: The Relationship between Pakistan and its Minority Groups: Analyzing How the Bengali Experience (1948-1971) Activated Majoritarianism and Frames State-led Violence Towards Baluchis.
- Thesis supervisor: Anjali Datta and Joya Chatterji
- Graduate Representative for the MPhil cohort (2019)

#### 2015 - 2019

## University of Toronto: Saint George (UTSG), Expected Degree 2019: High Honors

- Major in International Relations, Double Minor in Political Science & History
- Recipient of Directors Award for Academic Achievement: War and Its Theorists (TRN409)
- Contact: irpro@trinity.utoronto.ca International Relations Program

#### **EXPERINCE**

#### 2019

## 1/07/2019- 31/08/2019

# Middle East analyst for The Institute for Peace & Diplomacy [Toronto]

- A non-partisan foreign policy think tank dedicated to promoting peace through diplomacy and dialogue
- I researched and analyzed political, financial and security risks mainly in Iraq, Iran, and Saudi Arabia.
- Contact: info@peacediplomacy.org com OR REFER TO http://peacediplomacy.org

#### 2018

#### 15/09/2018- present

# Vice President of Pakistan Development Foundation [Toronto]

- A non-profit organization founded in 2010 as a UTSG student initiative. Addresses diaspora identities, immigration, religious minority concerns, access to basic needs, and other political developments in Pakistan. A strong emphasis is placed on grassroots development and advocating for women's rights.
- I assisted the president with managerial duties, held weekly discussions as part of internal capacity building to educate executive team on Pakistan's social complexities and issues.
- Contact: pakistandevelopmentfoundation@gmail.com OR REFER TO http://peacediplomacy.org.

#### 2018

# 30/08/2018- present

#### Fellowship 2018-2019 [Toronto]

- Policy think-tank working under the motto "Difference is the Solution" to examine multiculturalism and immigration integration processes in Canada.
- I worked with a small research group that met weekly to discuss policies and designed a nation-wide social
  justice campaign that demonstrated how intergenerational prejudices can create tensions within a
  multiethnic society.
- Contact: pallak@mosaicinstitute.ca The Mosaic Institute

#### 2018

## 3/06/2018-3/07/2018

## Summer Research Excursion [Webuye, Kenya]

- UTSG Dean's Fund for International and Indigenous Initiatives: New College Council Grant Award
- Assisted professor on existing research project by observing the effect language preservation policies have on education outcomes in Bungoma County, Western Kenya. Also, designed an independent research project, formulated research question/methodologies, and conducted month-long field research.
- Working title publication: Determining the Effects of Public Opinion on the Implementation of Indigenous Language Preservation Efforts and Examining the Claim that Mother Tongues are "Dying Out" in Webuye, Kenya (2018).
- Contact: aggrey.wasike@utoronto.ca African Studies Department

## 2018

# 7/05/2018- 1/06/2018

# UTSG Jackman Humanities Scholar-in-Residence Award -Social Life of New Stories: Tracing the Digital Dissemination of Israeli English Online News [Toronto]

Part of small research group that analyzed how trust and credibility have eroded in contemporary news
cycles. Specifically looking at the Israeli market, this project sought to improve tracing mechanisms,
digital tools, and citation practices of online news.

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• Contact: alejandro.paz@utoronto.ca - Anthropology Department

## 2017 <u>20/05/2017- 19/08/2017</u>

# **UTSG Summer Research Assistant [Toronto]**

- Ran errands and helped with organization of Al Jahiz's *Book of Animals* (9<sup>th</sup> Century Arabic Literature) for professor's manuscript.
- Skills acquired: proficient knowledge of library systems (ILL) and citation applications (Zotero), emphasis on organization, independent research and data/filing work.
- Contact: jeanne.miller.utoronto.ca Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations Department

#### 2014 1/11/2014-3/01/2015

# **GuidePost Magazine Publishing Intern [Madrid, Spain]**

 Developed an outline for social media platform, increased expat audience through advertising, photographed for the magazine's lead articles, and shadowed editor-in-chief to learn the dynamics of a publishing house.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Articles

"The Competition between ISIS and Al-Qaeda in South Asia: Examining Recruitment Strategies by Terrorist Organizations, the Creation of a Terrorist 'Career Fair,' and the Role of Foreign Fighters in Global Wars," *Southern California International Review*, (Fall 2018).

Public Outreach and Other Writings

Why Iran-Canada Dialogue is Necessary in Iraq?https://peacediplomacy.org/2019/09/12/why-iran-canada-dialogue-is-necessary-in-iraq/. (2019, September 12).

Does the UAE Withdrawal Signal an End to the Yemen Crisis?https://peacediplomacy.org/2019/07/28/does-the-uae-withdrawal-signal-an-end-to-the-yemen-crisis/. (2019, July 28).

Recent Attacks on Idlib to Trigger a New Wave of Refugees and Prolong the Peace Process. Retrieved from https://peacediplomacy.org/2019/07/28/recent-attacks-on-idlib-to-trigger-a-new-wave-of-refugees-and-prolong-the-peace-process/. (2019, July 28).

Legality Behind UK's Seizure of Iranian Oil Tanker. Retrieved from https://peacediplomacy.org/2019/07/13/legality-behind-uks-seizure-of-iranian-oil-tanker/. (2019, July 13).

#### **LANGUAGES**

Urdu/Hindi (native); English (proficient)