

Award-winning investigative journalist and international newspaper columnist with seven years of field experience in Pakistan covering topics related to human rights, terrorism, and development, and academic publications on media, democracy, and violence in Pakistan.

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## Education

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA, USA**

*2006 – 2008: Masters of Science in Comparative Media Studies*

- Researcher for the Center for Future Civic Media (2007-2008): researched new media technologies that enable civic engagement, citizen journalism, and community building.
- Affiliate researcher at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society (2006-2008): Compiled research on international electronic law for the Citizen Media Law Project, an initiative aimed at ensuring legal rights for bloggers.

### **Harvard University. Cambridge, MA, USA**

*1998 – 2002: Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in English & American Literature and Language*

- Recipient of the John Harvard Scholarship, 2000 – 2001 & the Harvard College Scholarship for Academic Achievement.
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## Professional Experience

### **Columnist, features editor and reporter, Dawn Newspaper and Dawn.com**

*(December 2008 to Present) Pakistan Herald Publications, Karachi, Pakistan*

- Write leading weekly op-ed on human rights, terrorism, foreign relations, and public policy.
- Long-format investigative reporting on human rights, terrorism, and urban development.
- Commission, edit, and produce multimedia investigative reporting for Dawn.com.

### **Foreign correspondent, The Christian Science Monitor**

*(May 2008 to Present) Boston, MA, USA.*

- Reporting on terrorism, politics, and media and social trends.
- Write weekly blog on global terrorism and security.

### **Features editor, Herald Magazine**

*(January 2004 to September 2006) Karachi, Pakistan.*

- Investigative reporting on human rights, conflict, gender issues, and social and media trends.
  - Commissioned and edited features section, including feature articles, reviews, profiles, and photojournalism.
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## Additional experience

### **Advisor, Developing Radio Partners: Pakistan Ideas Network**

*(March 2009 to Present) Washington, DC, USA.*

- Bid development for a pilot project promoting development through community radio stations.
- Primary research (station visits and interviews) on information access in Pakistan's Frontier province.

**Columnist, The News, The Jang Media Group**

(December 2006 to November 2008) Karachi, Pakistan.

- Weekly op-ed on human rights, Pakistani politics, and policy.

**Associate Editor, Let's Go: Chile 2003, Let's Go Publications (St. Martin's Press)**

(January to August 2002) Cambridge, MA, USA.

- Editor in charge of content development, layout, and publishing of first *Let's Go: Chile* guide.
  - Commissioned and edited information submitted by on-location research writers.
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**Freelance experience**

**Columnist,** *The Indian Express*, Mumbai, India (2007 – Present)

**Staff writer,** *The Friday Times*, Lahore, Pakistan (2003)

**Freelance reporter,** *The Boston Globe* (Boston, MA), *Counterterrorism Sentinel* (Washington, DC), *Le Monde* (Paris, France), *Tehelka* (New Delhi, India), *SouthAsia* (Karachi, Pakistan)

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**Publications**

**"Preaching Political Islam: Zaid Hamid, New Media, and Religion in the Public Sphere"**

- Forthcoming from *South Asian History and Culture Journal/ Routledge* (August 2010)
- A study of religio-political programming on independent Pakistani television channels.

**"City of Lights: Nostalgia, Violence, and Karachi's Competing Imaginaries"**

- From the anthology *The City in South Asia: Re-thinking Subcontinental Urbanism*, forthcoming from Routledge India (June 2010)
- A study of mediated resistance against urban violence in Karachi, Pakistan.

**"Old and New Media: Converging During the Pakistan Emergency"**

- Forthcoming from Zone Books/ MIT Press (August 2010)
  - A research paper on new media, activism, and democracy in Pakistan.
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**Awards and Recognition**

**All Pakistan Newspapers Society.** Islamabad, Pakistan: Best Column/Op-Ed (2007-2009)

**Women in Strength Awards.** Karachi, Pakistan: Excellence in Print Journalism (2009).

**Prix Lorenzo Natali/European Commission.** Brussels, Belgium: Second Prize for Reporting on Human Rights and Democracy (2006)

**UNESCO/Pakistan Press Foundation.** Karachi, Pakistan: 'Gender in Journalism Award' (2005).

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**Language skills**

**English:** Fluent.

**Urdu:** Fluent.

**French:** Intermediate.

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