

## **RAFIULLAH KHAN (PhD)**

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### **EDUCATION**

- **PhD (in Asian Studies, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations)**  
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (2014)
- **MPhil (History)**  
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (2008)
- **MSc (History)**  
Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (2002–2004)

### **SPECIALIZATION AND INTERESTS**

My interests range from history and archaeology to literature and philosophy. I try to accommodate both empirical and normative approaches in studying and understanding socio-cultural and political phenomena in South Asian context with a special focus on Pakhtun history, culture and society. Furthermore, my interest in historiography has provided me the opportunity to keep engagement with political, anthropological and archaeological theories. And all this has shown me the way to add to historical and archaeological researches in Pakistan something very interesting and fundamental, i.e. insights generated from oral history and people's memories about the bygone days.

### **LANGUAGES**

- Pashto (Mother Tongue)
- English
- Urdu

## PUBLICATIONS

- 1) The vulgus is no bad judge: Sir Mortimer Wheeler and the popularization of Indo-Pakistani archaeology, (forthcoming).
- 2) Sir Aurel Stein's archaeological expeditions into Balochistan, Pakistan: an historical analysis, *Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society* (accepted for Dec. 2018).
- 3) Rescuing from oblivion: Ahmad Hasan Dani and study of the Indus civilization, *Ancient Pakistan*, Vol. XXVIII, 2017.
- 4) Sacrality continues: socio-religious syncretism in Swat and its manifestation in oral and visual traditions, *South Asian Studies* (Internationally Blind Peer Reviewed Journal of the British Association for South Asian Studies, UK), Vol. 32, Issue 2, 2016, 166-179.
- 5) *Ne parcas nec spernas*: a brief introduction to archaeological theory in Pakistani context, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 39, No. 1, 2016, 21-50.
- 6) Ahmad Hasan Dani's popularization of history/archaeology: its praxes, context and outcomes, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 38, No. 1, 2015, 107-130.
- 7) The reclamation of Gandhara cultural heritage: its uses in present-day Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, *Conservation Science in Cultural Heritage* (Historical-Technical Journal) (Peer-reviewed open access academic journal of the Department of Cultural Heritage of the Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna), No. 13, 2013, 259-272.
- 8) Narrow interdisciplinarity and the integration of historical and archaeological research in Pakistan: a conceptual framework, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 35, No.2, 2012, 175-184.
- 9) Present State of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of Swat Valley, *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Gandharan Cultural Heritage (1-3 December 2010)* Vol. 1, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. 2011.
- 10) Visual iconicity along the ancient routes: Buddhist heritage of the Malam-jabba valley (Swat), *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, (Italian Archaeology and Anthropology in Northern Pakistan) Vo. 34, No. 1, 2011, 203 – 223.
- 11) Prehistoric rock shelters and caves in capital territory Islamabad and District Rawalpindi, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 33, No.1, 2010, 52-60.
- 12) The Power of Bodhi: Buddha's Victory over the Malevolent Nāga-s, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. XXXII, No. 2, 2009, 60-79.

- 13) Pre-Buddhism Swat: A Historical Description, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Vol. XXVII, No. 2, December 2004, 1-12.

## REVIEWS/BOOK REVIEWS

- New insights into history of archaeology (**The News on Sunday, May 28, 2017**), *Sir Aurel Stein and the 'Lords of Marches': New Archival Materials* by Luca M. Olivieri, Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications, 2015.
- The chiseled face of Taxila (**The Friday Times, 26 June 2015**), *Crafts of Taxila* by M. Ashraf Khan and Ifqut Shaheen, Punjab Small Industries Corporation, Lahore, 2015.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PASHTO

- Dewdai, *Pukhto* (Pukhto Academy, University of Peshawar), Vol. 34, Nos. 9-10, 2003, 47-53.
- Tarikh au archaeology: da dwaaro sara khpalo ke areeke, *Pukhto* (Pukhto Academy, University of Peshawar), Vol. 34, Nos. 7-9, 2004, 187-205.

## NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINE ARTICLES

- The Pakhtun awakening (Daily the News)
- Remembering the iconic Dani (Daily The News)
- Save the stupa (Daily the News)
- A journey through ancient Swat (Daily the News)
- Carving history (Daily the News)
- The disowned past (Daily the News)
- An evolving Pakhtunwali (Daily the News)
- The legend of archaeology (Daily the News)
- Swat scare (Daily the News)
- Development in reverse (Daily the News)
- The people's Nauroz (The Friday Times)
- Redefining Pakhtunwali (The Friday Times)
- How green was my valley (The Friday Times)
- Faulty perceptions (Daily the News)

- Decaying heritage (Daily the News)
- Children of war (Daily the News)
- Reconstructing Swat (Daily the News)
- Peace per Pakhtunwali (Daily the News)
- Not the whole story (Daily the News)
- Connecting the dots (Daily the News)
- Islam in context (Daily the News)
- The actual perspective (Daily the News)
- Pakhtuns: the misunderstood nation (The Frontier Post)

## PAPERS PRESENTED

- 1) Religious tourism in Pakistan, *UNWTO Workshop on Pakistan Tourism*, organized by Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation, Flashman's Hotel, The Mall Rawalpindi, 29-30 January 2018.
- 2) Interfacing oral traditions and archaeology: a contextual construction and landscape analysis of the historical actuality of the ancient principality of Nangrial, Swat, *26<sup>th</sup> International Pakistan History conference on State and Society in South Asia: Historical Perspective*, organized by Department of History, University of Peshawar, Pakistan Historical Society Karachi and Hamdard Foundation Pakistan. Peshawar October 9-11, 2107.
- 3) Syncretic versus puritanical: contesting socio-religious landscapes of Swat (Pakistan) and societal transformation in the twenty-first century, *3<sup>rd</sup> International Sufi Conference (Trans-Cultural Dialogue with Critical and Alternative Cultural Traditions)* organized by Sindh Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Department, Provincial Government of Sindh, Pakistan, Beach Luxury Hotel, Karachi, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- 4) Keynote Address, **Remembering Professor Ahmad Hasan Dani, (1920-2009)**, organized by Silk Road Centre and TIACAN Alumni Association Symposium, Remembering Professor Ahmad Hasan Dani, (1920-2009), Pakistan Academy of Letters (Islamabad), January 26, 2017.
- 5) The colonial archaeology of Indo-Pakistan enters into its last phase: a critical analysis of Sir Leonard Woolley's report vis-à-vis the works of Mortimer Wheeler, *The 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Historians of Asia 2016: Asian History, Culture and Environment. Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms*, Islamabad, organized by National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and International Association of Historians of Asia, Dec. 5-9, 2016.

- 6) Syncretic traditions in Swat: the phenomenon of *dams* (spells) and its historico-cultural context, ***Lecture in the Department of Sociology & Gender Studies, Bacha Khan University, Charsadda***, Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, 28 November 2016.
- 7) Ahmad Hasan Dani's ideal of Asian Man, ***The Buddhist Heritage of Pakistan – Adding Harmony to Cultural Diversity, Annual Heritage Forum 2016***, organized by Silk Road Centre in collaboration with Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 20 May 2016.
- 8) The ancient Near East with a special focus on the dynastic history of Egypt, ***Seminar (as a part of academic calendar Semester Fall 2014)*** organized by the Department of History, Government Post Graduate Jahanzeb College, Saidu Sharif, Swat, 12 December, 2014.
- 9) Sacrality continues: socio-religious syncretism in Swat (Pakistan) and its manifestation in visual and oral traditions, ***The 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the European Association for South Asian Archaeology and Art***, organized by The European Association for South Asian Archaeology and Art, Museum of Modern Art, Stockholm, Sweden, 30<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.
- 10) Archaeology as a colonial enterprise: Sir Aurel Stein's archaeological expeditions to Balochistan, ***International Conference on Balochistan: History and Culture***, organized by National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 28-30 April, 2014.
- 11) Egypt-Mesopotamia-Indus: changing perspectives in interpreting archaeological data, ***One Day Seminar on Pak-Egypt Cultural Heritage***, organized by Department of Anthropology, Quaid-i-Azam University, December 16, 2013.
- 12) Pakhtunwali: a new definition, ***“Peaceful Change and Violent Conflict – the transformation of the Middle East and Western-Muslim Relation”***, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, in cooperation with the Institute for Development and Peace, Duisburg (Germany), the Mohammed V University-Souissi, Rabat (Morocco) and Al-Akawayn University, Ifrane (Morocco), September 9-14, 2013.
- 13) Dr. A. H. Dani and the popularization of history, ***Prof. Dr. A. H. Dani Memorial Seminar on 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Ceremony of Dr. A. H. Dani***, organized by Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 20 June 2013.
- 14) Gandhara civilization and its relevance to KP, ***International Conference on KP: History and Culture***, National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University, and Pak Study Department, University of Peshawar, 28–30 Nov. 2012, Peshawar.
- 15) Prof. A. H. Dani: a cultural-historical archaeologist, ***Seminar of A. H. Dani and the Ancient History and Culture of Pakistan***, National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 5 March, 2012.

- 16) The Buddhist cultural heritage of Malam-jaba valley, *International Workshop on Gandharan Cultural Heritage*, TIAC, QAU, 1–3 Dec. 2010, Islamabad.

## EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (January 2015 - continued)
- Lecturer, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (May 2009–January 2015)
- Lecturer, Higher Education, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (2005–2008)

## SUPERVISION

- **PhD Thesis Produced**
  1. Irfanullah Khan

Five PhD theses under supervision
- **MPhil Thesis Produced:**
  1. Faisal Khan (2017)
  2. Ehsan Ali (2017)
  3. Muhammad Tufail (2017)
  4. Asad Rahman (2017)
  5. Zakir Khan (2017)
  6. Akhtar Ali. (2017)
  7. Muhammad Haqeeq. (2016) Social critique in Mian Muhammad Bakhsh's Saif al-Maluk: an analysis.
  8. Saima Syed. (2015) Selected manuscripts of Qur'an in the Ganjbakhsh Library, Iran-Pakistan Institute of Persian Studies, Islamabad: documentation and analysis.

9. Jahanzeb Khan. (2015) Archaeological traditions of Balochistan (5<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> millennia BCE): chronology and tradition.
- More than thirty MSc Thesis supervised
  - Three MSc Thesis under supervision

### Research Projects

- Swat around the mid-second millennium CE: a socio-historical analysis of Tawarikh-i-Hafiz Rahmat Khani (2016-2017) sponsored by Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad in the framework of URF, 2017.
- Syncretic traditions in Swat valley: spiritual, shamanistic and tantric healing practices (2014-2015) sponsored by Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad in the framework of URF, 2016.
- Revisit of archaeological heritage sites of Swat valley (2010) sponsored by Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

### Surveys/Excavations/Trainings

- Archaeological survey during the PhD project in Malakand-Swat (2012)
- Participation in excavation with the Italian colleagues in Swat valley (2011)
- Participant, *Cultural Roundtable Workshop, Revival of Cultural Activities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*, organized by the Cultural Department (Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Sarhad Tourism Corporation, Nishtar Hall, Peshawar, Oct. 14, 2014
- Resource Person, *Institute for Development Studies and Practices, Quetta (Balochistan)*, Aug. 17-20, 2010
- Participant, *National Curriculum for Humanities Group*, Education Ministry, Government of Pakistan, Dec. 10-13, 2009

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Member, Board of Studies for History, University of Swat
- Member, Board of Studies for Pakistan Studies, University of Swat
- Course coordinator, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.
- Member, Board of Studies, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.
- Member, Board of Faculty (Social Sciences), Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.
- Review for Oxford University Press, Karachi, May-June 2014: A children's history of Gilgit-Baltistan (as part of A children's history series).
- Co-Edited *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Vol. 38, No. 1, 2015.
- Resource person, **Deeva Radio, Voice of America**, Origin of Pakhtuns, Series, 2015-2017.
- Paper setter, Post- Graduate colleges, Quaid-i-Azam university, Islamabad
- Visiting faculty, Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.
- Panel Discussion: UNESCO Representative, Film Director, Archaeologist; Launching of Documentaries on Archaeology, Pakistan National Council of the Arts, Islamabad, 9 August 2016.