

FARHAN ZAHEER

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EDUCATION

April 2022-
Ongoing

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

PH. D Candidate, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

Dissertation topic: Exploring State Capacity in Pakistan: The Case of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

April 2018-
September 2020

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in South Asian Studies

- Concentration: Political Science & History

January 2013-
December-2014

UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI

Postgraduate Diploma in European Studies

January 2007 –
December 2007

UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI

Master of Arts in Mass Communication

- Concentration: Public Relations & Advertising

January 2004 –
December 2006

UNIVERSITY OF KARACHI

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Mass Communication

- Concentration: International Relations & Sociology
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WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2010 –
March 2018

THE EXPRESS TRIBUNE

Partner newspaper of the *The New York Times*

Business Reporter

- **ICFJ Fellow 2015**
- Attended a five-week training programme in Washington D.C., which was part of U.S.—Pakistan Professional Partnership in Journalism 2015. Worked with Detroit MetroTimes, a weekly magazine in Detroit, for three weeks, which was part of International Centre for Journalists (ICFJ) fellowship
- Covered the IT and Telecom sector from 2010 to 2011; conducted exclusive interviews of some of the top managers in the industry
- Covered Pakistan's industrial sector, with a particular focus on automobiles and cement manufacturers
- Interviewed the CEOs and key decision-makers in some of the country's largest companies
- Reported on cross-border trade between India and Pakistan, including stakeholder perspectives
- Analysed micro economic data in order to write several news analysis articles for special reports
- Wrote market-moving stories about several companies listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange
- Covered several other sectors of the economy, including textile manufacturing, energy and power

September 2009 –
January 2013

BAHRIA UNIVERSITY

Semi-Private university with campuses in Islamabad and Karachi under management of Pakistan Navy

Lecturer, Media Studies (Visiting faculty)

- Joined as part of the launch team of the new media studies department, helping to design the curriculum and several courses of the undergraduate programme
- Taught up to three courses per semester to classes of up to 35 students per class, in subjects including investigative reporting, online journalism and social media, media and politics, media law and ethics, etc
- Provide educational and career advice to students looking to enter Pakistan's growing media industry

July 2007 –
March 2010

THE NEWS INTERNATIONAL

Flagship English-language newspaper of the largest media group in Pakistan

Business Reporter

- Covered a wide range of sectors of the economy, including commodity trading, large scale manufacturing, small business enterprises, capital markets, etc
 - Conducted hundreds of interviews of entrepreneurs for my personal column, 'Small Entrepreneur'
 - Wrote analytic pieces for the newspaper's magazines on issues of education and health policy
 - Conducted several investigative reports on labour issues, human rights and law enforcement
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PERSONAL DETAILS

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