

MUHAMMAD SUHEYL UMAR

Born: September 18th, 1954, in Karachi, Pakistan.

CURRICULUM VITAE

February 2013

Employment

- 2003-04– 2013 **Adjunct Faculty— Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore.**
Courses conducted:
Introduction to World Religions (Core Course)
Islamic Studies (Core Course)
Introduction to Islam —Advanced Course
Islam and Comparative Religions
Introduction to World Religions
Religion and Science
- 2001-2004 **Adjunct Faculty— National University of Computers and Emerging Sciences, Lahore.**
Courses conducted:
Islam and Comparative Religions
Introduction to Urdu Language and Literature
Islamic Studies (Core Course)
Pakistan Studies (Core Course)
- 2000-Present **Adjunct Faculty— *International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Project Holder for the Arabic to English translation of *Kashshāf al-Iṣṭilāḥāt al-Funūn*.**
- 1997-Present **Editor, *Iqbāliyyāt (Persian)***; Journal published in Persian, devoted to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal as well as to Islamic Studies, Comparative Religion, Philosophy, Literature.
- 1997-Present **Editor, *Iqbāliyyāt (Arabic)***; Journal published in Arabic, devoted to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal as well as to Islamic Studies, Comparative Religion, Philosophy, Literature.

- 1997-Present **Director, *Iqbal Academy Pakistan***, a government research institution for the works and teachings of Iqbal, the poet Philosopher of Pakistan who is the main cultural force and an important factor in the socio-political dynamics of the people of the Sub-continent.
- 1997-Present **Editor, *Iqbal Review, Iqbāliyyāt***, Quarterly Journals, published alternately in Urdu and English, devoted to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal as well as to Islamic Studies, Comparative Religion, Philosophy, Literature, History, Arts and Sociology.
- 1995-1996 **Sabbatical Leave-** Completed several articles and prepared the book *Khuṭbāt-i- Iqbāl :Nae Tanāzur Maen*. Translated part of (300 pages) *Kashshāf al-Iṣṭilāḥāt al-Funūn*. Worked on *Ibn ‘Arabī and Iqbāl*.
- 1993-1994 **Visiting Scholar** to the *International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Courses conducted:
Intellectual Aspects of Sufism (Core Course)
Intellectual History of the Indian Subcontinent: from Shah Waliullah to Iqbal (Core Course)
Elementary Persian Language
- 1992-1993 **H. Fellow, *Institute of Islamic Culture***.
- 1992-1993 **Editor, *Studies in Tradition***, Quarterly Journal devoted to traditional studies on Metaphysics, Philosophy, Literature, Art and Science. Primordial Publishers, 27-A Block -I Federal ‘B’ Area, Karachi.
- 1990-1992 **Chief Editor, *Al-Ma‘ārif*** (official Journal of the Institute of Islamic Culture) Quarterly published in Urdu Devoted to religious studies, mysticism, Islamic studies, Philosophy and traditional studies.
- 1990-1992 **Academic Director, *Institute of Islamic Culture***, 2 Club Road Lahore. Founded in 1950, Institute of Islamic Culture is an independent organization devoted to research in the fields of Islamic Studies, Islamic History, Law, Culture, Philosophy and mysticism. Its activities include publication of books in various languages, seminars and symposia etc. It also brings out journals in Urdu and English languages on Islamic Studies and Islamic Arts.
- 1984 -1997 **Deputy Director, *Iqbal Academy Pakistan***, a government research institution for the works and teachings of Iqbal, the poet Philosopher of Pakistan who is the main cultural force and an important factor in the socio-political dynamics of the people of the Sub-continent.
- 1984 - 1997 **Associate Editor, *Iqbal Review***; Quarterly Journal, published alternately in Urdu and English, devoted to the study of the works and

teachings of Iqbal as well as to Islamic Studies, Comparative Religion, Philosophy, Literature, History, Arts and Sociology. Its Persian, Arabic and Turkish issues were planned and inaugurated by me.

- 1982 - 1983 Founder and Secretary General *Al-Manāra Academy*, a multi-dimensional Educational Project.
- 1982 - 1983 Head of the Department of English and Vice-Principal *Al-Manāra Public School*, Lahore.
- 1981 - Present Founder-Editor, *Riwāyat*, first intellectual journal of Urdu Language devoted to the exposition of Cosmology, Metaphysics, Tradition; see Appendix B.
- 1981 - 1983 Managing Partner and Financier of *Suhail Academy*.
- 1980 - 1981 Consultant to *Suhail Academy*, a publishing enterprise renowned for the high degree of accuracy, neatness and beauty of its English, Arabic and Persian reprints. For a complete list of publications see appendix A.

Education:

- 1996- Present **Ph. D.** (Ibn ‘Arabī and Iqbāl - Comparative Study of Philosophic Issues)
Department of Philosophy. Punjab University, Lahore.
- 1987 - 1990 **M. Phil.** (Iqbal Studies)
Department of Iqbal Studies. Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad.
- 1979 - 1980 Student at a school of Arabic, Persian and traditional Islamic Sciences, Lahore. (Arabic, Persian, Tajwīd and Ḥifẓ).
- 1976 - 1979 **M.A.** (English Lit.)
Govt. College, Lahore.
- 1973 - 1975 **B.A.** (English, Philosophy, Urdu Lit.)
Govt. College, Lahore.
- 1971 - 1973 **Intermediate** (Science)
Forman Christian College, Lahore.
- 1966 - 1971 Classical (school) education at Central Model School, Lahore.

Languages: Urdu, English, Arabic, and Persian. (Regional languages of Pakistan and a smattering of French)

Learned Societies/Initiatives:

Founding Member: **Cambridge Interfaith Program** (Cambridge)
Member: ***Building Bridges* initiative of the Bishop of Canterbury** (UK)
Muslim Representative Member: **Society for Scriptural Reasoning** (USA)
Representative Member: **“Common Word” Interfaith Dialogue Initiative**–
Royal Court of Jordan
Muslim Representative Member: **Hermes Forum for the Interreligious Study of the Mystical and Spiritual Life** (The Elijah Interfaith Institute– Jerusalem)
Muslim Representative Member: **Elijah Board of World Religious Leaders** (The Elijah Interfaith Institute– Jerusalem)
Sec. Gen. Islamic Field Service
President: Maktaba Riwayāt
Member: Halqā-i-Adab
Member: Halqā-i-Arabāb-e-Zawq
President: Halqā-i-Iqbāl
Member: Markaziya Majlis i Iqbāl

Travels: Afghanistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia (1970-76). Travels in England, America, Germany and Switzerland include visits to various learned bodies and publishing enterprises (1983-84). Iran (1986), Spain, France, Saudi Arabia (1991), Malaysia (1993-94), Slovenia (1994), Iran (1995), Malaysia (1996-97), Belgium (1997), Canada (1997-1999-2000), Turkey (1997) Canada (1999), and Morocco (1999) USA (2000), Iran (2001), USA (2002), England (Feb. 2002), England (March 2002), Switzerland /England (June 2002), Malaysia (July 2002), Canada (2002), USA (2003), Qatar (2003) USA, Iran, UK (2004), USA, UK, Denmark (2005), UK, Germany, India (2006), Singapore, Turkey, India (2007), USA, UK, Singapore, Malaysia (2008), USA (2009), Japan, Denmark, Nepal (2010), India, Iran, Masqat (2011), UK, Italy, Bosnia, Iran, Marrakech (2012)

Conferences:

- International Iqbal Conference**, Tehran 1986.
- International Iqbal Conference**, Cordoba, Spain, 1991.
- Spiritual Dimensions of Social Progress** (UN. Seminar) Slovenia, 1994.
- First International Conference on Religious Art**, Tehran, 1995.
- “Muhammad Iqbal and the Asian Renaissance,”** International Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 1997.
- Islamic Thought in Anatolia – 12th/ 13th Century**, Kaysari, Turkey, October, 1997.
- “Iqbal and the Modern Era”**, International Symposium, Belgium, November, 1997.
- Iqbal Day Symposium**, Toronto, Canada, December, 1997.
- Third International Iqbal Congress**, Punjab University, November, 1998.
- International Conference on Titus Burckhardt**, Marrakech, Morocco, May, 1999.
- International Iqbal Symposium**, Toronto, Canada, July, 1999.
- International Conference on Time and Space in Islam**, Chicago, USA, June, 2000.
- “Iqbal and the 21st Century”**, International Symposium, Tehran, Iran, February, 2001.
- Spiritual Dimensions of Social Progress** (UN. Seminar) New York, February 2002.
- 11th September and Islam** (Interfaith Dialogue) England, March 2002.
- “Muhammad Iqbal”** International Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 2002.
- The Science of Non-locality and the Eastern Approaches to the Ultimate Reality— A Symposium**, (Science-Religion Dialogue) Switzerland, June 2002.
- American Academy of Religion**, Toronto, Canada, November 2002.
- Iqbal and the Modern Era— A Symposium**, Tehran, 2002.
- Christian-Muslim Seminar** in Qatar, Qatar, March, 2003.
- American Academy of Religion**, Atlanta, USA November 2003-annually.
- Cambridge Interfaith Program**, Cambridge, UK, May-June, 2004.
- Iqbal and C. S. Pierce— A Symposium**, Cambridge, May, UK, 2004.
- American Academy of Religion**, San Antonio, Texas, USA, November 2004.
- Studying the “Other”— Understanding the Self— A Symposium**, Hartford, USA, April, 2005.
- Cambridge Interfaith Program**, Cambridge, UK, May-June, 2005– 2011 annually.
- SSR (Society for Scriptural Reasoning)**, with American Academy of Religion, Toronto, Canada, November 2002-annually.
- “Common Word” Interfaith Dialogue Initiative—** Royal Court of Jordan, 2008-annually.

Love thy Neighbour- A Symposium, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2005

Iqbal-A Symposium, Frankfurt, Germany, June, 2006

Society for Scriptural Reasoning, Cambridge, UK, June 2006

International Urdu Conference, India, January, 2006

Mavlane Jalal ud din Roomi-A Symposium, Turkey, May, 2007

Sufi Movements in Contemporary Islam-A Symposium, Singapore, December, 2007

Iqbal-Asiaie Bedari ka Shaer-A Symposium, India, December, 2007

Building Bridges initiative of the Bishop of Canterbury, 2007– 2011 annually.

Iqbal as a Bridge between East & West-International Conference, Cambridge, UK, June 2008

Loving God and Neighbor in Word & Deed-International Conference, Yale University, USA, July 2008

Building Bridges-International Conference, Singapore, August 2008

A Common Word & future Muslim Christian Engagement-A Symposium, Cambridge, UK, October 2008

Iqbal’s Message to the Contemporary World-A Symposium, Staten Island, New York, USA, November 2008

Common Word between US and You: A Global Agenda to Change-International Conference, Georgetown University, USA, October 2009

Sufi Yogi Dialogue, Nepal, April 2010

Kinship in Thought between Islam & the West-A Symposium, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2010

Sufi Yogi Dialogue, Kyoto, Japan, November 2010

World Conference on Recreating South Asia- International Conference, New Delhi, India, February 2011

Global Alliance against Terrorism-International Conference, Tehran, Iran, May 2011

2nd Meeting of the Hermes Forum, Marrakech, Morocco, March 2012

International Iqbal conference, Mashad, Iran, April 2012

The Political Thought of Allama Iqbal-International Conference, Milan, Italy, May 2012

Iqbal between East & the West-International Conference, Sarajevo, Bosnia, May 2012

Society for Scriptural Reasoning, Cambridge, UK, June 2012

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- 1) **Seyyed Hossein Nasr**
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LITERARY WORKS / PUBLICATIONS

February 2012

(to be updated)

1. **Muhammad Hasan 'Askari: Paragon of Urdu Literature.** Thesis for M.A (English), Unpublished.
2. **M'āshir -1:** (Urdu) Several translations and articles were included in this anthology of current literature. Lahore 1979.
3. **Jhalkiyān:** (Vol.1) (Urdu) Ed. Essays, reflections and reviews of Muḥammad Ḥasan 'Askarī, writer, critic, educationist and a leading intellectual of the recent past. Maktaba Riwayat, Lahore 1982.
4. **Jhalkiyān:** (Vol.2) (Urdu) Ed. Essays, reflections and reviews of Muḥammad Ḥasan 'Askarī, writer, critic, educationist and a leading intellectual of the recent past. Nafees Academy, Karachi, 1990.
5. **Riwāyat-1:** (Urdu) Ed. First issue of the only journal of ideas in Urdu. Several articles and translations were also contributed to the Issue. Topics concern psychology, philosophy, tradition and metaphysics. Lahore 1983,
6. **Riwāyat-2:** (Urdu) Ed. Second issue of the only journal of ideas in Urdu. Translations and Reviews contributed. Lahore 1985.
7. **Riwāyat-3:** (Urdu) Ed. This number is devoted to the study of the poetic and prose works of Salīm Aḥmad, a leading poet, critic, dramatist, philosopher and exponent of traditional thought. Maktaba Riwayat, Lahore, 1987.
8. **Riwāyat-4:** (Urdu) Ed. This number is devoted to the study of the poetic and prose works of Salīm Aḥmad, leading poet, critic, dramatist, philosopher and exponent of traditional thought. Maktaba Riwayat, Lahore, 1987.
9. **Ibn 'Arabī: Life And Works** (Persian) by Muḥsin Jahāngīrī. Urdu translation with introduction and notes. Institute of Islamic Culture, Lahore, 1988, 2002.
10. **An Analytical Study of Bibliographies of Manuscripts in Pakistan** (English). (Al-Furqan Foundation, London).
11. **Description of Libraries and Private Collections of Manuscripts in Pakistan** (English). (Al-Furqan Foundation, London), E.J. Brill, 1993.
12. **Sir Seyed Aur Hali Ka Nazria-e-fitrat** (Ed.) (Urdu) by Dr. Zafar Hasan; edited, Institute of Islamic Culture, 1990.
13. **Mohammad Iqbal.** (English) by Muhammad Munawwar. First of the brochure series of the Iqbal Academy for which I am the general editor, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore, 1987.
14. **Kulliyāt-e-Iqbal.** Urdu (Ed.) Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 1990.
15. **Kulliyāt-e-Iqbal.** Persian (Ed.) Iqbal Academy Pakistan 1990.
16. **Tashīl-e-Kalām-e-Iqbal.** (Persian) (Gen. Ed.) Urdu translations with complete linguistic break-up of all the Persian works of Iqbal. **Payām-i-Mashriq**, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 1992.
17. **Khuṭbāt- i- Iqbal, Nay Tanāzur maen** , (Urdu) Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore, 1996, 2002.
18. **Contours of Ambivalence: Ibn 'Arabī and Iqbal in Historical Perspective,** (Forthcoming)

19. *Ibn ‘Arabī awr Iqbal* (Urdu) (Forthcoming)
20. *Paradigm of Reconciliation: Iqbal’s Methodology in his “Reconstruction”* (In Preparation)
21. *Maqālāt-i-Sirāj* (Ed.) Bazyaaft Publishers, Khi, 2011.
22. *Askari Kai Afsānay* (Urdu) Ed. Nafis Academy, Karachi, 1989.
23. *Kahānī ke Rang*, (Urdu) Ed. Collection of Urdu essays on literary criticism and short stories, Jang Publishers, Lahore, 1992.
24. *Poems from Iqbal*. English translation of Iqbal's selected verses by Victor Keirnan, edited with a comparative text, Iqbal Academy Pakistan/ OUP, 1999.
25. *“That I May See and Tell”, Significance of Iqbal’s Wisdom Poetry* (Eng.) Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 1997, 2002- + + .
26. *Har Che Gūyad Dīda Gūyad– Shi’r i Hakīmāna i Iqbal*, (Persian), Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 1999.
27. *“And Here the Twain Did Meet”*, Ed. (Eng.) Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 1998, 2002- + + .
28. *A Sufi Saint of the 20th Century*. Martin Lings. Translated into Urdu in collaboration with Jafar Qasmi. (Forthcoming)
29. *King of the Castle*. Gai Eaton. Translated into Urdu as *Meer Samaan Wujood*, Muhammad Suheyl Umar, in collaboration with Dr. Naumana Amjad, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2007.
30. *Traditional Essays*. (English) Ed. A collection of articles by Rene Guenon on symbolism, mysticism and tradition. (Forthcoming)
31. *Islamic Essays*. (English) Ed. A collection of articles by Martin Lings on Islamic and traditional themes. (Forthcoming).
32. *Sword of Knowledge*. (Selections from Studies in Comparative Religion). This two volume anthology would consist of a representative selection of articles from the above mentioned journal devoted to metaphysics, cosmology, tradition and symbolism. (Forthcoming).
33. *Trājim*. (Urdu) Collection of my own articles, translations and reviews published in various journals. (in preparation)
34. *Muhammad. His Life According to the Earliest Sources*. by Martin Lings. Urdu Translation. (in preparation)
35. *Time and Space—Iqbal’s Perspective*. (Forthcoming IAP).
36. *Time in Islam* (Ed.). (Forthcoming IAP).
37. *Vision of Islam* by Dr William C. Chittick (Urdu Translation). Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2009, 2011.
38. *Hundred Years of Iqbal Studies*, (Eds. M S Umar, Rafiuddin Hashmi) (Iqbal Academy Pakistan/ Pakistan Academy of Letters, Isd. 2002- + +).
39. *March of Times*, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2008.
40. *In the Wake of 11th September: Perspectives on Settled Convictions Changes and Challenges*, Iqbal Academy Pakistan 2003, 2005.
41. *THE RELIGIOUS OTHER: Towards a Muslim Theology of Other Religions in a Post-Prophetic Age*, (Ed.) Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2009, 2011.
42. *Iqbal--Fikri Tanazur--Asri Ma'nawiyat*, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2010, 2010, 2011.
43. *Repair and Redeem- Iqbal's Re-Statement of Sufi Thought*, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2010, 2012.
44. *Maqalaat-i-Javid*, Eds. M.S. Umar & T. H. Tanuli, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2011.
45. *Intellectual Legacy*, Eds. M.S. Umar & Afzal Qarshi, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2011.
46. *Essays of Dr. Javid Iqbal*, Eds. M.S. Umar & Afzal Qarshi, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2011.

47. *Iqbal-Fikri Tanazur aur Asri Ma'niyat*, Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2011
48. *Common ground: Spiritual and Moral Similarities in Islam and Buddhism*, by Reza Shah Kazmi, Muhammad Suheyl Umar (Tr.) Maktaba Jamal Lahore, 2011.
49. *Sir Muhammad Iqbal-Collected Poetical Works* (English Translation) Muhammad Suheyl Umar (Ed.), Iqbal Academy Pakistan 2007
50. *Iqbal's Contribution to Literature and Politics* by Mirza Munawar (Ed. Muhammad Suheyl Umar)1997

(to be updated) more books arrived

Various other projects in Persian and English have not been mentioned for which I am the general editor or which I have conceived. List of articles, reviews and translations not included.

EXPERIENCE

February 2012

32 Years	IN	PUBLICATION AND BOOK CRAFT Supervised and produced some 200 books from Suhail Academy, 25 books and Journals from Maktaba Riwayāt, more than 450 books and journals from Iqbal Academy and 20 books from Institute of Islamic Culture in various national and international languages.
32 Years	IN	RESEARCH Supervised and conducted numerous research projects during these years.
30 Years	IN	EDITING Edited nine journals in English, Urdu, Persian, Arabic and Turkish along with various anthologies, collected works, brochure series, texts etc. in various languages.
32 Years	IN	TRANSLATION Translated philosophic and literary works from English, Arabic and Persian into Urdu and vice versa.
15 Years	IN	INTERFAITH DIALOGUES & INITIATIVES
15 Years	IN	SCIENCE-RELIGION DIALOGUES & INITIATIVES
25 Years	IN	SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & MEDIA PROJECTION
18 Years	IN	AUDIO/VIDEO PRODUCTION Supervised the text preparation and production of 30 audiocassettes.
28 Years	IN	OFFICE MANAGEMENT
25 Years	IN	ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT, RULES, PROCEDURES
25 Years	IN	BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
22 Years	IN	OFFICE AUTOMATION AND COMPUTERIZED RESEARCH
22 Years	IN	SOFTWARE DESIGN