## **BRIEF INTRODUCTION: DR. TAUQEER HUSSAIN SARGANA**



Dr. Tauqeer Hussain Sargana is serving as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Politics and International Relations, International Islamic University, Islamabad. In addition to his primary role as a university professor, he also led the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) as Director (Student Affairs)/Students Advisor (Male). He also looked after the Department of Anthropology in the Male Campus as Incharge, which was an additional responsibility.

Dr. Sargana a World Peace Fellow (2008-10), selected through the Rotary World Peace Fellowship for International Studies on Peace and Conflict Resolution by Rotary International, USA. He became the fifth Pakistani selected as a Rotary World Peace Fellow in 2008 after competing with candidates from 170 countries. Along with Rotary World Peace Fellow (RWPF), Dr. Sargana also holds an identity of IEP Peace Ambassador, an initiative of the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), Australia.

Dr. Sargana is the President & Chief Researcher of the 'Pakistan Association of International Relations–PAIR,' an apolitical and non-profitable association for mid-career researchers, academicians, and young scholars dedicated to strengthening the culture of research and higher education in Pakistan. With extensive experience in teaching and research, Dr. Sargana has been conducting sessions on Research Methodology for M.Phil, Ph.D., and participants of strategic institutions since 2007. In addition to his expertise in research methodology, his academic specialties include the dynamics of national security with a particular emphasis on the dynamics of 21<sup>st</sup> century warfare, impact of nuclearization on South Asian security, nuclear non-proliferation, arms control, and disarmament. He holds a Master's degree in 'International Relations' with distinction from Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, and two M.Phil degrees, one from International Christian University, Tokyo, in 'Peace and Conflict Resolution,' and the second in 'Defense and Strategic Studies' from Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Politics and International Relations, International Islamic University Islamabad, with a doctoral thesis on "21st Century Warfare and Pakistan's Military Response." Continuing his academic excellence, Dr. Sargana completed the International Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University Islamabad.

Throughout his distinguished professional career at home and abroad, he has held various positions, including Research Officer at Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), as well as appointments at the United Nations Development Program, World Bank, and 'Program Director-arms control and disarmament' at the Global Nuclear Disarmament Fund-Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. Sargana also has a remarkable academic career during which he served on the faculties of Bahria University Islamabad and Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad in the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences and the Department of Defence & Strategic Studies, respectively. He is also a visiting professor at Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad, Bahaudin Zakariya University Multan, Bahria University Islamabad, IQRA University Islamabad, and the Faculty of Contemporary Studies at the National Defense University. Dr. Sargana is also the 'Secretary' of the National Curriculum Revision Committee of International Relations at the Higher Education Commission, Pakistan.

Adding further prestige to his academic career, since 2010, Dr. Sargana has been contributing to one of the most prestigious military courses, the National Security and War Course (NSWC) at the National Defense University Islamabad. NSWC is not only the highest military course of the Pakistan Armed Forces, but it also trains Civil Servants of Pakistan's Bureaucracy and Military Officers of the Allied countries. Dr. Sargana is also a part of the visiting faculty at Pakistan Navy War College (PNWC) Lahore, National Intelligence Academy (NIA) Islamabad, Army Service Corps School Nowshehra, and Law Directorate General Headquarters (GHQ) Rawalpindi. Being a subject specialist, Dr. Sargana is a member of the Working Group on Counter Violent Extremism (CVE) Media Cell of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MoIB), Pakistan.

Dr. Sargana is an HEC Approved Supervisor and regularly contributes articles and research works to many professional journals in Pakistan and abroad. Dr. Sargana maintains an impressive research portfolio, with over 100 publications to his name among many are HEC recognized. Additionally, he has been invited by national and international think tanks and universities to deliver talks on issues of regional and international importance.

