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“My name is Ahmed Khan, and I am a lecturer of Social Sciences at BUITEMS. I participated in the CHSS “Research and Capacity Building Workshop for Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty” at LUMS in 2022. Those seven days have proven a turning point in my academic and research life. Afterwards, I was able to attend two international conferences in Thailand and South Korea. Thanks to the training at LUMS and the CHSS network, I developed the skills to write academic abstracts and research ideas, which enabled me to be selected for more than six international conferences in the past two years. I think this proves what the workshop and the CHSS project can accomplish for scholars like me.

In 2023, I was selected for the “International Research Support Initiative Program” by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, and I spent six months as visiting scholar at Lancaster University in the UK. After my return, I was invited to the AAS conference in Seattle and to LUMS. My biggest achievement was that in 2024, King’s College London approached me for a collaborative project. After a series of meetings, I secured funding from King’s college to organize a two-day international conference on “Geopolitics from below: Affect and Social Sciences in Pakistan” here at BUITEMS in Balochistan. It was the first conference held at the faculty of Social Sciences since its inception. The event gathered local, national and international scholars across many disciplines, and we engaged in concrete and thought-provoking debates on contemporary issues in Pakistan and Balochistan. Since 2022, I have published in Pakistan, I am now aiming to publish my work at international academic journals and publishing houses.”