

Profile: Professor Khalida Ghaus



Prof. Ghaus - former Director, Centre of Excellence for Women Studies, Chairperson (Department of International Relations, University of Karachi), and Pakistan Centre for Democracy Studies is currently serving as the Managing Director, Social Policy and Development Centre (SPDC), Karachi. She has a Phd. in International Relations.

Dr. Ghaus has a teaching/ research experience of 32 years and has extensively worked on foreign policy, development, and gender issues. At SPDC, she has led several researches related to gender and social development and is presently working on The Working and Living Conditions of Female Domestic Workers in Pakistan and the Study of Socio-Economic Characteristics of Female-Headed Households in Pakistan (Round II). Some of her recent work includes; Gender and Social Vulnerability to Climate Change: A Study of Disaster Prone Areas in Sindh, The State of Social Development in Rural Pakistan, In Search of Gendered Development: A Compendium, Devolution and Social Development, Social Impact of the Security Crisis, Women at Work in Pakistan, Gender Dimensions of Development Induced Displacement and Resettlement: A Case of Lyari Expressway in Karachi, The Socio-Economic Cost of Violence against Women: A Case Study of Karachi, and Socio-Economic Impact of Floods in District Thatta: A Gendered Analysis.

An author of books and several monographs, she has extensively participated in seminars/conferences both nationally and internationally. Besides attending the sessions of the UNHCR, she has given lectures in both Canadian and American Universities on issues related to foreign policy and gender. Extensively involved in the policy - making (both) with the Federal and the Provincial Governments on gender-related issues, Dr. Ghaus also contributed to the Gender Reform Action Plan of the Government of Pakistan as the Gender Specialist from the Sindh province. She has been actively involved in the Neemrana Process (Track II initiative) and is a member of various Technical Committees, Public Policy Committees and Advisory Committees besides, being a member of several professional bodies.

A fellow of the Henry L. Stimson Center, Washington D.C., she was awarded the prestigious Hazart Khadija Tul Kubra Award in 2014 and the Madery Millat Award by the Government of Sindh in 2002.