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MS	2009	Phonology	University of Essex
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BA	1990	English Literature	Emerson Multan
PUBLICATIONS (NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Nasir A. Syed., Bibi, S. (2024). VOT for Plosives in Indigenous Languages of Balochistan: Implications for adult learners of English. <i>Journal of Second Language Studies</i>. https://www.jbe-platform.com/content/journals/10.1075/jsls.23002.syeNasir A. Syed., Hanan, A., & Bano, S. (2023). The Undiscovered Languages of the Indus Valley. <i>Studia Orientalia Slovaca</i>. 21(2), 21-54.Syed, N. A., Bibi, S., & Aldaihani, S. M. (2023). Acquisition of Voice Onset Time for Voiced Plosives of English by Adult Learners of Balochistan.13(2),21-27.Atta, F., Syed, N. A., Bano, S. (2023). Laryngeal metathesis in Saraiki. <i>Journal of communication and cultural trends</i> 5 (1).Syed, Nasir, A; Shafi, S., and Alanazi, M. S. (2022). The Emergence of Parallel grammars: An analysis of Arabic loanwords in Saraiki. <i>Kashmir Journal of Language Research</i>, 25 (1), 203-220. https://www.kjlr.pk/index.php/kjlr/article/view/306/194Syed, N A, Shah, W A, Xu A, & Xu Y (2022). Post Focus Compression in Brahvi and Balochi. <i>Phonetica</i>. https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/phon-2022-2020/htmlSyed, N. A. & Bibi, S. (2022). The emergence of a new phonological feature in Pakistan English: Focusing on allophonic split in VOT of coronal stops in PakE. <i>English Today</i> 38 (4),			

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9. Shafi, S. & Syed, N. A. (2021). Phonological cues to gender in Arabic hypocoristics used by Muslims in Pakistan. *Pakistan Journal of Languages and Translation Studies* 9 (2), 77-90.
10. Syed, Nasir A., & Atta, F. (2020). Pakistani learners' difficulties in acquisition of [v w] contrast. *Pakistan Journal of Language Studies* 4(1), 21-42.
11. Nabi, A., Syed, Syed, Nasir, A., Atta, F., & Khan, M. (2020). On the Origin of Gypsies. *Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities* 28 (2) 1-26.
12. Shafi, S., Alanazi, S., & Syed, Nasir A. (2020). A study of English loanwords in Mirpuri Pahari language. *International Journal of Innovation, Creativity and Change* 15 (2), 1173-1191.
13. Kula, N. C., & Syed, N. A. (2020). Non-myopic nasal spreading in Saraiki. *Radical A Journal of Phonology* 1, 126-182.
14. Syed, Nasir, A. & Saleem, A. (2020). Phonological Patterns of Saraiki L1 acquisition. *Nigaa* 1, 1-14.
15. Syed, Nasir, A., Ali, Z., Khan, M. K., & Atta, F. (2019). Role of acoustic phonetic cues in adult L2 acquisition: A study of learners of English in Balochistan. *Kashmir Journal of Language Research* 22 (1) 145-160.
16. Syed Alamdar Nabi, Abdul Qadir Khan, Syed, Nasir Abbas (2019). A Comparative Study of Usage of EFL Motivational Strategies. *ELF Annual Research Journal* 21, 100-129.
17. Syed, Nasir. A., Shah, A. W. and Xu, Y. (2018). Focus prosody in Brahvi and Balochi. In *Proceedings of TAL 2018*, Berlin, Germany.
18. Syed, Nasir, A. and Atta, F. (2018). Problems in perception of L2 allophonic variance. *Balochistan Journal of Linguistics* VI.
19. Nabi, A. and Syed, Nasir A., Ali, Zahid & Muhammad, N. (2017). Gradient phonetic and categorical phonemic perception in adult language learning. *Balochistan Journal of Linguistics* V, 106-120.
20. Syed, Nasir, A. (2017). Phonological Processes in Acquisition of Saraiki as L1. *Kashmir Journal of Language Research* 21(1), 106-133.
21. Atta, F., Syed, Nasir, A. & Bughio, F. (2017). A phonological treatment of vowels in English loanwords by Saraiki speakers. *EFL Annual Research Journal* 19, 43-62, Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur.
22. Syed, Nasir, A.; Ansari, S., & Gopang, I. B. (2017). Perception and Production of Consonants of English by Pakistani Speakers. *International Journal of English Linguistics*, 7(3), 201-2014.
23. Baloch, H.; Syed, Nasir, A. & Hasan, G. (2017). Metathesis in Balochi. *The Dialogue* XII (1), 91-106.
24. Ahmad, R. & Syed, Nasir, A. (2016). Phonological processes in Brahvi child language acquisition. *Kashmir Journal of Language Research* 19(1), 1-22.
25. Syed, Nasir, A. (2016). A case study of attrition of Saraiki in Delhi. *Balochistan Journal of Linguistics* IV, 92-120.
26. Nabi, S. A; Syed, Nasir, A; Khan, G. & Faiz, J. (2015). Relationship between language loss and attitude. *Balochistan Journal of Linguistics* III, 80-87.
27. Syed, Nasir A. (2015). A constraint-based analysis of Persian loanwords in Saraiki. *Kashmir Journal of Language Research* XVIII(2) 159-174. University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffar Abad.
28. Syed, Nasir, A., Hasan, G. Khan, D. (2015). A comparative study of Balochi and English voiced stops. *Annual Research Journal HANKEN* 07, 45-62.

29. Syed, Nasir A. (2015). Learning Allophonic Variance of English Laterals. *EFL Annual Research Journal* 17, 107-124 Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur.
30. Syed, Nasir A. (2015). The Role of Teacher in Second Language Learning. *The NUML journal of Linguistic Inquiry* 13(1), 71-91.
31. Syed, Nasir A. & Hasan, G. (2015). Role of perception in acquisition of a foreign or second language. *The Sindh University Journal of Education* 44 (1), 21-49.
32. Syed, Nasir A; Rajkumar, Malik & Mangrio, R. A. (2014). Language attrition is a mirror image process of language acquisition. *Kashmir Journal of Language Research*. XVII (1), 13-32. University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
33. Syed, Nasir A. (2014). An-acoustic analysis of speech of London-based Baloch learners of English. *Balochistan Review* XXX1 (2) 91-104, University of Balochistan.
34. Syed, Nasir A. (2014). Why Pakistani learners cannot acquire voiced stops of English? *Journal of Research and Social Sciences*, 1(1), 19-30. NUML Islamabad.
35. Syed, Nasir A. & Hasan, G. (2014). Trends of linguistic research in Sindh. *Balochistan Journal of Linguistics* (2) 41-66. LUAWMS
36. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Voice Onset Time (VOT) for Voiceless Plosives in Pashto (L1) and English (L2). *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*. XXI (3), 79-94. Department of English, University of Peshawar, Peshawar.
37. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Learning is a function of perceived phonetic distance between two sounds. *Kashmir Journal of Language Research* 16(1) 115-139, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir.
38. Syed, Nasir A. (2012). Voice onset time for plosives in Saraiki: Implications for acquisition of English aspiration contrast. *EFL Annual Research Journal* 2012 (14), 1-15. Shah Abdul Latif University.
39. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Acquisition of alveo-palatal fricative [ʒ] by Pakistani learners of English. *Journal of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Research*, 2(1) 39-50, NED University, Karachi.
40. Syed, Nasir A. (2011). Perception and production of consonants of English by Pashto speakers. *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* XIX (1), 119-146. Department of English, University of Peshawar.
41. Syed, Nasir A., Malik, R. & Hasan, G. (2013). Factors triggering language attrition. *Balochistan Journal of Linguistics* (1) 1-19. LUAWMS.
42. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Influence of L1 laryngeal contrast on acquisition of allophonic Variance in English plosives. *Balochistan Journal of Linguistics* (1) 41-66.
43. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Role of equivalence classification in L2 acquisition. *Language at the University of Essex (LangUE) 2012 Proceedings*, Colchester, 76-84.
44. Syed, Nasir A. & Aldaihani, Sultan M. (2014). The emergence of the unmarked in loanword phonology: A harmonic serialism account. In (editors) Eugeniusz Cyran and Jolanta Szpyra-Kozłowska, *Crossing Phonetics-Phonology Lines* (pp 219-234) Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing House.
45. Syed, Nasir A. & Rajkumar Malik. (2013). Why L1 attrition? In (Ed) M. Ganesan, *Language Endangerment in India* (Vol 1). (pp 303-316). Annamali Nagar, Tamil Nadu India: Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics Annamali University.
46. 3. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Acquisition of English [r] by adult Pakistani learners. In (eds.) Lorenzo Spreafico & Alessandro Vietti, *Rhotics: New data and perspectives*. Bozen-Bolzano, Italy: BU Press, pp 41-54.
47. 2. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Acquisition of a new sound without separate category formation. *Proceedings of CECIL's 2*. Peter Pazmany Catholic University, Piliscaba, Budapest, Hungary, 230-245.

48. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Age and language variation: A study of voice onset time for plosives in Essex English. *Essex Graduate Students Papers in Language and Linguistics (EGSPLL 14)* 78-87, University of Essex United Kingdom.
49. 1. Syed, Nasir A. (2013). Acquisition of dental fricatives by adult Pakistani learners. *Newcastle Working Papers in Linguistics (19)* 59-73. Newcastle University.
50. Syed, Nasir A. (2012). Perception and production of English [d] by Pakistani L2 learners. *Essex Graduate Students Papers in Language and Linguistics (EGSPLL 13)*, University of Essex, 134-157.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNAITONAL CONFERENCES

1. Oral presentation titled *Cyclic changes because of phonetic and pragmatic constraints in the colloquium on Cyclicity and the Theory of Language Change* (<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/pragmatics-in-cyclicity/home/conference/>) held at the **University of Manchester** on 17-18 July, 2023 (Partially Funded by HEC Islamabad)
2. Oral presentation on 'The Reversal of a Diachronic Morpho-syntactic Process because of Language Contact' in ICHL25 August 1-5, 2022, at **University of Oxford**, co-authored by Saira Bano (<https://ichl.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/>)
3. The undiscovered languages of the ancient Indus Valley. Paper presented at the conference-workshop titled "Historical language contact and emergent/emerging varieties in the Indian Ocean" from July 15th to July 17th 2022 at the **University of Bremen** Germany.
4. Tenth Bonn Applied Linguistics Conference, 10-12 June 2021 titled " VOT for Plosives in Balochi: implications for learners of English in Balochistan" **University of Bonn**, Germany.
5. Current trends in English Linguistics, 19 May 2022 on "A new allophonic split in Pakistani English" at **University of Oldenburg**, Germany.
6. *VOT for plosives in Balochi: Implications for learners of English in Balochistan*. 28th Manchester Phonology Meeting organized by **University of Edinburgh/University of Manchester** May 28, 2021. Co-author Shah Bibi Lecturer LUAWMS.
7. *Acquisition of VOT by L3 Learners of Balochistan (Pakistan)*. Paper presented with Shah Bibi in Graduate Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, and TESOL Symposium in the Department of English **Arizona State University, USA**. 20th February, 2021.
8. Interaction between Nasality and Laryngeal Features in the Historical Development of Northwestern Indo-Aryan languages of Pakistan: A Typological Study. Paper presented in an International Seminar on 'Nasality and Laryngeal Representations in Phonology' at **University of Essex** United Kingdom, 8 December, 2019.
9. Synchronic and diachronic phonological processes in Indo-Aryan at SALA 2018 at University of Konstanz on 19/6/18.
10. Focus prosody in Brahvi and Balochi. Speech prosody conference at **University of Berlin** on 18/6/2018 (Co-Authored by Professor Yi Xu of University College London).
11. Influential factors in language attrition and change. Paper presented in 7th Cambridge conference on language endangerment, at **Cambridge University**, United Kingdom, on 4 July, 2017. (co-authored by Dr Rajkumar Malik)
12. Metathesis in Indo-Aryan. Paper presented in 'Workshop on typological profile of language families of South Asia, 15-16 Sept, **Uppsala University** Sweden.
13. Phonetic and phonological factors in L2: On the emergence of new features. OCP 13, **University of Budapest**, 16 January, 2016.
14. 'Dimensions of h-metathesis and phonetic metathesis'. 2nd Edinburgh Historical Phonology Symposium, **University of Edinburgh**, 4 December, 2015.
15. 'Grapes are sour'. 22 Manchester Phonology Meeting, arranged by Edinburgh University & **Manchester University** UK 29 May, 2014.

16. 'Learning is a function of the perceived phonetic distance between two sounds: Phonetics phonology interface' OCP 10 at **Bogazici University** Istanbul 16-19 January 2013.
17. 'Learning L2 consonants without formation of a separate category'. *Central European Conference in Linguistics for Students (CECIL'S 2)*. 24 August 2012 at **Peter Pazmany Catholic University** (PPCU), Piliscaba, Budapest, Hungary.
18. 'Acquisition of allophonic variance in English laterals'. 45th Annual Meeting of the British Association of Applied Linguistics at **Southampton University**, UK. 7/9/2012.
19. 'Acquisition of separate categories for two allophones of one L2 phoneme'. International conference on 'Categories and Gradience: Neural Systems for Speech Communication'. Department of Theoretical & Applied Linguistics, **Cambridge University**, 26 June 2012.
20. 'Acquisition of a new L2 phonological feature': in Second Language Phonology (SLP) 2012 Conference at **University of York** UK 6 July, 2012.
21. 'The role of equivalence classification in acquisition of an L2 sound'. International conference 'LangUE' at the **University of Essex** UK 13 June 2012.
22. 'Why an L1 phonological contrast does not prime a perceptual contrast in L2 VOT' (co-authored by Dr Nancy C. Kula Senior Lecturer **University of Essex**, United Kingdom) 18 Manchester Phonology Meeting (18 MFM) Manchester University. 26 May 2012.
23. 'The Influence of Pakistani English (PE) on acquisition of British English (BE)'. International Conference on English in Asia's Languages Habitats and Europe's Asia Competence, **Free University** (Freie Universitat) Berlin, Germany, 10 May 2012.
24. 'Acquisition of dental fricatives by adult Pakistani learners of English' International conference at **Newcastle University**, UK 26 March 2012.
25. 'Age and VOT' International DGfS (Phonology) Conference at **Goethe University**, Frankfurt Main, Germany March 7, 2012.
26. 'Voice Onset Time for plosives in Essex English' International Conference on Phonology of Contemporary English, **University of Toulouse**, Toulouse France, March 1, 2012.
27. 'Perception and production of English [ɹ] by Pakistani learners'. International Conference 'Ratics-3' at **Free University Bolzano**, Italy. December 1, 2011. (Funded by University of Essex, Colchester, UK & Free University of Bolzano, Italy).
28. 'Perception of L2 consonants by Pakistani learners of English'. LangUE 2011, International Conference in linguistics at, **University of Essex**, UK 16 June 2011.
29. 'Acquisition of aspiration contrast by Pakistani learners of English'. 4th Bloomsbury Conference in Applied Linguistics 2011, **Birkbeck College University of London**. 4/6/11.
30. 'A study of Arabic loanwords in Saraiki in optimality theory (OT) perspective'. International conference on Phonetics and Phonology of Arabic, (10 June 2011) at **University of York**, UK (Co-authored by Sultan M. Aldehani of University of Essex).
31. 'An optimality theoretic account of contextual nasalization in Saraiki'. EGS Conference in Linguistics 2010 at the Department of Language and Linguistics **University of Essex**, UK 5 May 2010.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN PAKISTAN

1. A study of post-focus compression in the Dravidian languages. ICLAP at Government College University of Faisalabad 14 December 2023.
2. "Teachers' grammar: A challenge for learners". Paper presented at the first International PakTESOL conference at Allmama Iqbal Open University Islamabad on 21-23 September 2022.
3. Patterns of L1 Phonology. Paper presented in International Conference of Department of English Language and Literature (ICDELL) 6-7 April 2019 at UMT Lahore. (Keynote Speaker)

4. Focus Prosody of Languages of Indus Valley. Paper presented in 6th International conference of Linguistics Association of Pakistan, at GCU Faisalabad on 8-9 November, 2019.
5. A comparative study of East European Gypsy and Pakistani languages. ICLAP 2018 on 18-20 October, at Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi.
6. Categorical spreading is not thoroughly implausible: A case for classical OT. Paper presented at 3rd International conference on languages at University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir on 16 April, 2018.
7. Acoustic Cues are more effective than Universal Grammar or L1 in L2 learning. International conference of language association of Pakistan (ICLAP 2017) at NED University Karachi, 12 October 2017.
8. Development of Indo-Aryan and Romani Language. First national conference on language and linguistics Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (24-25 November, 2016).
9. Quantity sensitivity and left-headedness: A case of Arabic loanwords in Saraiki. Presented at the 2nd ICLAP held in the University of the Punjab on 18-20 October, 2016.
10. Phonological features of Pakistani English. 4th International Conference on Education in Pakistan: Connecting Research and Practice Across Contexts. Education University Lahore, 25 March. 2016.
11. Asymmetry in Perception and Production of Consonants of English: Negative Interference of an already Acquired Dialect. Presented in 2-Day International Conference: Emerging Trends of Researching Language, Linguistics and Literature, 15-16/12/2015.
12. Adult Pakistani learners' difficulties in acquisition of British English consonants. Invited talk in a seminar at the Department of Humanities, NED University Karachi.
13. 'Pak-Indian English: A common legacy of British colonialism'. First International conference of Linguistic Association of Pakistan (LAP) at Kinnaird College for Women University Lahore on 10 October, 2015.
14. 'A constraint-based analysis of Persian loanwords in Saraiki' 2nd International Kashmir conference in linguistics, on 5 May, 2015.
15. Developing corpus for phonology of Pakistani languages. 3-Day International Workshop on Developing Corpus Linguistics in South Asia, Islamic International University Islamabad, on 3rd March, 2015.
16. 'The influence of teacher on students' pronunciation'. First International conference on higher education reforms and lessons to be learnt', Department of Education, GC University, Faisalabad on 21-22/10/ 2014.
17. 'Direction and reasons of convergence of Saraiki to Hindi in Delhi.' National conference on 'Deconstructing the understanding of Saraiki Wasaib.' Saraiki Department, BZU Multan 13 May, 2014. (Co-authored by Dr Rajkumar Malik)
18. 'Problems in acquisition of [v w] contrast faced by adult Pakistani learners of English'. First International conference on linguistics and English language Teaching, Department of English, Islamia University Bahawalpur, 26 November, 2013.
19. 'Language attrition is a mirror image of language acquisition.' 1st International Kashmir conference in linguistics on 'Language endangerment in South Asia' University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Muzaffarabad, on 15 May, 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Designation	From	To	Organization
Lecturer	1995-2000	English	BRC Loralai

Assistant Professor	2000-2006	English	BRC Turbat
Assistant Professor	2007-2013	Linguistics	LUAWMS
Associate Professor	2013-2021	Linguistics	LUAWMS
Professor	2021- onwards	Linguistics	LUAWMS

Workshops/Seminars/Trainings Attended and Conducted:

1. First International conference in theoretical and applied linguistics at the Department of English language and linguistics LUAWMS in 2016
2. SPSS Training sessions for young teachers at LUAWMS 2018
3. International Seminar on TESOL 2020
4. Training session for school and college level teachers of Lasbela District in 2022

Supervised Thesis:

1. A study of Second language anxiety in L2 learners of Pakistan (Tooba Sahar 2016)
2. Lenition in Hazargi (Saira Bano 2016)
3. Phonological Adaptation of English Words in Saraiki (Firdos Atta 2016)
4. A Case Study of Acquisition of Brahvi as a First Language (Riaz Ahmad 2016)
5. Metathesis in Balochi (Abdul Hameed 2016)
6. The Role of Sonority in Consonant Clusters in Balochi Language (Dost Jan 2017)
7. Why adult learners of Balochistan Assimilate English [f] with [p]? (Zafar Ali 2017)
8. A Phonological Study of English Loanwords in Brahui (Abdul Waheed Shah 2017)
9. Language Universals and Misidentification by Sindhi and Pashto Speakers (2018)
10. A Phonological Study of English Loanwords in Balochi (Nawaz Ahmad 2018)
11. Morpho-phonological patterns of adaptation of English words in Lasi (Saleemullah 2018)
12. A Comparative Study of Phonological Development in Romani & Lasi (Ghulam Mustafa 2019)
13. A Comparative Study of Kechi and Rakhshani Dialects of Balochi (Imdad Ali 2019)
14. A Study of Morphophonemic Variation in Saraiki (Sidra Rasheed 2019)
15. A Study of Dialectal Variation in Waziristani and Peshawari Pashto (Arif Khan Masood 2020)
16. Voice Onset Time for Plosives in Balochi and Brahvi (Shah Bibi 2020)
17. A Scientific Study of Focus Prosody of Sindhi (Abdul Hanan 2020)
18. A Study of Pronominal Suffixes in Khetrani (Noorullah Khetran 2021)
19. Pronominal suffixes in Brahvi and Sindhi (Saira Pandrani 2022)
20. A study of focus prosody of Urdu (Fatima Qureshi 2023)