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Academic Bio

L. Ali Khan initially trained as a civil engineer. He later switched to law, obtaining a law degree from Punjab University, Lahore. Khan immigrated to the United States and studied law at New York University School of Law where he received his LL.M. and J.S.D. Khan is a member of the New York Bar and Kansas Bar.

Khan has authored several books, including <u>The Extinction of Nation-States</u> (1996), <u>A Theory of Universal Democracy</u> (2003), <u>A Theory of International Terrorism</u> (2006), and <u>Contemporary Ijtihad: Limits and Controversies</u> (2011). Over the years, he has written numerous law review articles and essays on Islamic law, international law, commercial law, creative writing, legal humor, jurisprudence, the U.S. Constitution, democracy, comparative constitutional law, human rights, and foreign policy.

Khan has devoted much of his academic scholarship to conflicts involving Muslim communities. Khan has participated in Islamic law symposia held at the law schools of Samford University, University of St. Thomas, Barry University, Harvard University, Michigan State University, and Brigham Young University—contributing ground-breaking articles on Islamic jurisprudence. In addition to law articles and academic books, Khan also writes for the popular press in the United States, the Middle East, and the South Asian subcontinent. His legal and foreign affairs commentaries are published worldwide, and international media seek his comments on world events.

In Spring 2007, Khan was a resident legal scholar with the <u>Organization of Islamic Conference</u> in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He has taught at Washburn University School of Law for thirty-five years (1983-2018).

Publications

Select Books & Book Chapters

SECURED TRANSACTIONS: PRENOTES, CASES, & PROBLEMS (Legal Scholar Academy, 2015).

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CONTEMPORARY IJTHAD: LIMITS & CONTROVERSIES. (Edinburgh University Press, 2012).

A THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM: UNDERSTANDING ISLAMIC MILITANCY. (Brill Academic Publishers, 2006). Vol. 56 *Developments in International Law Series*

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The Dignity of Labor, 32 COLUMBIA HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 289 (2001).

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• Law & Literature Scholarship

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Media Interviews

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"Indian Security Forces in Kashmir," Press TV June 2018.

"President Trump's Possible Impeachment," BBC (Sairbeen) May 2018

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"Threat of Taliban to Pakistan," phone interview on Press TV (broadcast from Tehran, Iran) (April 27, 2009).

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Roundtable Discussion on Constitutional Crisis in Pakistan and U.S.-Pakistan Relations (in Urdu), Radio Aap ki Dunyaa (Voice of America (VOA) News) (March 21, 2008) (length: 33 minutes, 20 seconds).

"NATO Genocide in Afghanistan," Vancouver, British Columbia, Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7 FM (February 13, 2008) (interviewed by Gail Davidson and Charles Boyland) (length: 58 minutes, 11 seconds).

"What Martial Law Means for Pakistani Families," National Public Radio (NPR) (November 13, 2007).

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Kansas Interviews

"Science & Creation: Views from People of Faith," Panelist. Sponsored by Kansas State University Center for the Understanding of Origins (May 3, 2005) (60 minutes Video).

KTWU: Advisor and Commentator on Sunflower Journey: Women of Islam (2004).

KTWU: Participant on discussion on the 9/11 terrorist attacks (2001) (60 minutes Video).

Presentations

CLE Speaker, "Attorney Conduct and Free Speech Rights," Kansas Bar Association August 11, 2017

CLE Speaker, "Introduction to Shariah," Washburn University 2016

Keynote Speaker, "Seeking Perfection through Kalaam-e-Iqbal," Annual 'Iqbal Day', Iqbal Society of Metropolitan Chicago, East-West University, Chicago, Illinois, April 17, 2011 (commentary on the keynote address).

Symposium Speaker, "Ethics in War, Terrorism, and Military Law," Fourth Annual Law Review Symposium, Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska, March 25, 2011.

"American Muslims and the Right to Religious Freedom," The Dorothy L. Thompson Civil Rights Lecture Series, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, March 15, 2011. (See report in March 16, 2011 Kansas State Collegian.)

Plenary Speaker, "Islamic Law and Constitutional Liberty," Spring Law Journal Symposium, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 12, 2010. Plenary Speaker, Islamic Law and Constitutional Liberty, Spring Law Journal Symposium, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 12, 2010.

Speaker, A Legal Theory of Foreign Policy Portfolios: U.S. Relationship with the Muslim World under the Obama Administration, A Critical Juncture: Human Rights & US Standing in the World Under the Obama Administration, Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems Symposium, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa, March 5, 2010.

Plenary Speaker, The Quran and the Constitution, Religious Legal Theory: The State of the Field Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey, November 13, 2009.

Speaker on Islamic Culture, 2007 U.S. Attorney's Citizens Academy in Topeka (November 2007).

Conference Speaker, 2007 Law and Religion Conference Plenary Session, BYU Law School (October, 2007)

Symposium Speaker: The Future of Islamic Legal Scholarship, Michigan State University School of Law (2006)

Symposium Speaker, God and War, Barry University Law School, Orlando, Florida (2006).

Speaker, Roots of Islamic Terrorism, Johnson County Community College, Kansas, February 2003.

Speaker, Muslims Here and Abroad, New Challenges for the United States, Kansas State University, November 28, 2001.

Speaker, Islam as Intellectual Property, Cumberland Law School, Ruston Distinguished Lecturer Series, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. September 2000

Panel Chair, The Power of Islamic Law, Comparative Law Conference, University of Utah.

Speaker, Legal Scholarship as an Act of Discovery, Central States Law Schools Association, St. Louis University School of Law, October 13, 1995

Speaker, Lessons from Malcolm X: Freedom by Any Means Necessary, Midwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of Missouri School of Law, March 25, 1994

Workshop Speaker, New Perspectives on Comparative Law, American Association of Law Schools Workshop on International and Comparative Law, Arlington, Virginia, October 13, 1990

Symposium Speaker, On International Terrorism, Connecticut University School of Law, April 7, 1987

Education

B.Sc., Civil Engineering, University of Engineering and Technology (Lahore)

M.A., (English Literature) Punjab University

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Certificate, Strasbourg Institute of Human Rights, France

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Robert Marshall Fellow in Civil Liberties, New York University

Resident Scholar, the Library of Congress, Washington D.C. (Summer 1997)

Resident Scholar, the Organization of Islamic Conference, Saudi Arabia (Spring 2007)

Teaching Experience (1983-2018)

Washburn University School of Law

Arbitration

Payment Systems

Secured Transactions

Introduction to American Legal System

Comparative Constitutional Law

International Law

Law and Human Rights

Islamic Law

Other Law Schools

San Diego University School of Law (Summer Program in London)

Free University, Tbilisi, Georgia (Summer Program)

University of West Indies, Barbados (summer Program)

University of Kansas School of Law

University of Utrecht, The Netherlands (Summer Program0

Brunel University, London, United Kingdom (Summer Program).

Administrative Experience

Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee

Chair, LLM Committee

Chair, Curriculum Committee

Chair, Library Committee

Chair, Sabbatical Committee

Chair, Tenure Retention Subcommittees

Languages

Punjabi (native proficiency); Urdu & English (full professional proficiency); Arabic (developing proficiency); Persian & French (elementary proficiency)

Web Pages

Legal scholar Academy (www.legalscholar.org).

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Research Gate https://www.researchgate.net/profile/L Ali Khan

Berkeley Press https://works.bepress.com/abu-kashif/

Bar Admissions

New York, 1985

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Hobbies

Poetry, Forex Market.