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Mohammad Arshad (nome de plume: Arshad Amanullah)

Mohammad Arshad Amanullah is a media researcher who presently coordinates a project on television digitalization in India, hosted at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Since 2005, he has been working first in the media sector and later on as a media researcher with a particular interest in the intersection of media, language and religion in the South Asian region. His research areas also include digital media, audience studies, Urdu studies and subaltern politics of the Indian Muslims. He has published in English, Hindi & Urdu. Before obtaining an M.A. in Mass Communications from Jamia Millia Islamia in 2005, he was at Jamia Salafia, an Ahl-e Hadis madrasa situated in Varanasi, to study Muslim theology and philosophy.

Academic Qualification

Exams	Board/University	Year	Division & %age
M.A. (Mass Communication)	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	2005	First (60%)
B.A	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	2003	First (62%)
Fazilat	Jamia Salafia, Varanasi	2000	First (87%)
Alim	Jamia Salafia, Varanasi	1998	First (89%)
Sanwiya	Jamia Salafia, Varanasi	1996	First (94%)

Presently working as

Project Coordinator of "Tracking Access under Digitalisation", a Ford Foundation supported project, hosted at Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. (October 2013-).

Coordinating Editor, The Indian Medialogue (<http://indianmedialogue.com/>) on Teaching of Media Policy and Research, an initiative of Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Started in December 2012, the blog platforms output of research projects and documentation of different activities of CCMG. (December 2012-).

Areas of research interests

Language, media and religion

Geographical Focus

India & South Asia

Research Projects

1.**Project Coordinator** of "Mapping Media Policy & Law", a Ford Foundation supported project at Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. **(Aug 2012- March 2013)**

2. Research Associate with **Diaspora Cell** in **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts**. **(December 2007-January 2008)**

3. Research Associate with **Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi** on a project called **"Restructuring of Contemporary Islam in Asia. (2006)**

4. Worked with **Sarai, Delhi**, as an **independent research fellow** on the theme of **Journalism in Madrasas and Madrasas in Journalism. (2006)**

This project is a study on and of the journals, wall-magazines and periodicals brought out by the madrasas of North India. The study will analyze their publications of the five years (2000- 2004). Some of my writings on the theme may be accessed here:

<http://ifellows2006.wordpress.com/fellows/arshad-amanullah/>

Publications

1. Articles/Papers/Book Chapters (English)

- 2016 “[Digitalisation of TV Distribution: Affordability and Availability](#)”
In Economic & Political Weekly Vol. 51 No. 34. (August 20)
Co-authored with Vibodh Parthasarathi & Susan Koshy.
- 2016 “[Digitalization as formalization: A view from below](#)”
In International Journal of Digital Television Vol. 7 Issue 2. (June)
Co-authored with Vibodh Parthasarathi & Susan Koshy.
DOI: 10.1386/jdtv.7.2.155_1
- 2016 “Framing Ghar Wapsi and Muslim Identity in Indian Print”
In Stefan Mertens & Hedwig de Samaele (eds) *Representations of Islam in the News: A Cross-Cultural Analysis*, Lexington Books
Co-authored with Chris Verschooten & Stefanie Nijs.
- 2012 “Silencing SMS: The Anatomy of ‘mCurfews’ in India”
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/indiaatlse/2012/10/10/silencing-sms-the-anatomy-of-mcurfews-in-india/>
Co-authored with Vibodh Parthasarathi
- 2011 “Changing Categories, Shifting Substance”
Published on the official website of Kosmopolis Institute, University of Humanistic, Utrecht, Netherlands.
<http://www.uvh.nl/kosmopolisinstitute/publications/changing-categories-shifting-substance>
- 2009 “Is Urdu Journalism in India a Lost Battle?”
in *Muslims and Media Images: News vs. Views*, edited by: Ather Farouqui, Oxford University Press, Delhi.
- 2009 “Locating Nayi Duniya in the Urdu Press”
in *Economic & Political Weekly*, Mumbai, September 12, 2009.
- 2009 “Accountable Also To Man”
in *The Indian Express*, New Delhi, September 08, 2009.
- 2008 “History, Present Scenario And Future Prospects of Cinema in Pakistan”
Interview with Aijaz Gul
in *Filming the Line of Control: The Indo-Pak Relationship through the Cinematic Lens*
Edited by: Meenakshi Bharat & Nirmal Kumar, Routledge, New Delhi.
- 2004 “Islam as News in Indian Newspapers”
A Media Research study on the coverage of Islam and Muslim-related issues in leading national dailies. This paper has been published in *Islam and the Modern Age* (Vol. XXXV No.4 Nov.2004).

2. Articles/Monographs (Urdu)

- 2011 **Urdu Me Media Tanqeed: Ikkiswin Sadi Ke Chand Matbuaat Ke Hawale Se**
(Media Discourses in Urdu: With Reference to Some Publications of the 21st Century)
In *Aajkal*, August 2011.
- 2009 **Madrasa Media: Urdu Ke Awami Kirdar Ka Ek Aham Pahl**
(Madrasa Media: A Significant Index of the Print Culture of Popular Urdu)
In *Souvenir* published on the occasion of the Urdu Day Celebrations (November 9)

2003 Wrote a monograph titled **Media and Muslims** (since Independence). Published by Al Kitab International, New Delhi.

2001 Wrote a monograph titled **Christian Missionaries & their Services in India** Published by *Darul Quran Wal Sunnah*, Allahabad.

3. Articles (Hindi)

2011 **Urdu Media Me Forbesganj Golikand Ki Reporting Se Upje Kutch Sawaal** (Questions that Arise from the Reporting of Forbesganj Killings in the Urdu Print Media)
In Hastakshep, *Rashtriya Sahara Hindi*, July 16 2011.

4. Book Reviews

2015 **Book Review**
Anup Kumar's monograph "The making of a small state: populist social mobilisation and the Hindi press in the Uttarakhand", New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2011, reviewed in *Contemporary South Asia*, 23:2, 237-238, DOI: [10.1080/09584935.2015.1033964](https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2015.1033964).

2012 **Book Review**
"Modern Madrasa"
Arshad Alam's monograph "Inside A Madrasa: Knowledge, Power and Islamic Identity in India", New Delhi: Routledge, 2012, reviewed in *Himal South Asia* (website edition), uploaded on 26 Jan 2012.

2009 **Book Review**
Jamal Malik's (edited volume) "Madrasas in South Asia: Teaching Terror?", New York: Routledge, 2008, reviewed in *Third Frame*, Vol. 2 No. 1, Jan-March 2009.

2008 **Book Review**
Tahir Mahmood's (edited volume) "Politics of Minority Educational Institutions : Law and Reality in the Subcontinent", Gurgaon, Haryana: Imprint One, 2007, reviewed in *Economic & Political Weekly*, Mumbai, March 22, 2008.

2008 **Book Review**
Masud Alam Falahi's "Hindustan Me Zaat Paat Aur Musalmaan (Caste System in India and Muslims)", New Delhi: Al Qazi, 2007, reviewed in *Contemporary Perspectives*, July-December, 2008.

2007 **Book Review**
Ipshita Chanda's "Packageing Freedom: Feminism and Popular Culture", Kolkata: Stree, 2003 reviewed in *Contemporary Perspectives*, July-December, 2007.

2007 **Book Review**
Irshad Manji's "The Trouble with Islam: A Wake-up Call for Honesty and Change", Edinburgh: Mainstream Company Ltd., 2004, reviewed in *Islam and the Modern Age*, Vol. XXXVIII No. 1, February, 2007.

Participation in International and National Conferences/Summer Schools

2014 Participated in a four day long workshop on **Research Relevant to Broadband Policy and Regulatory Processes** organized by LIRNEasia, Colombo and Ford Foundation, New Delhi at Ford Foundation, New Delhi (19-22 August 2014)

2014 Made a presentation on
"Mediated Multi-linguality in the Urdu Media Field" in the **Hinglish Workshop** at Sarai, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi (18-19 August 2014)

- 2014 Made a presentation on
"Transformations in the Urdu Media Field" in a five day long International Conference of IAMCR 2014 **Region as Frame: Politics, Presence, Practice** at Hyderabad (15-19 July 2014)
- 2014 Participated in a day long Consultation **Mapping the Digital Media in India** Organized by Organized by Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University, New Delhi at National Law University, New Delhi & MaRaa for Media & Arts, Bangaluru at India International Centre, New Delhi (8 February 2014)
- 2013 Participated in a day long **Consultation on Digital Journalism** Organized by Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Free Speech Hub, The Hoot & Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University, New Delhi at National Law University, New Delhi (14 December 2013)
- 2013 Participated in the week-long **Institute on Internet & Society** at Centre for Internet & Society, Bangaluru, India. (8 June-14 June 2013).
- 2013 Made a presentation on
Recent Trends in the Journalistic Field of Urdu Language in an international conference on **Contours of Media Governance: Teaching Disciplinarity, Methodology** Organized by Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. (25-27 February 2013)
- 2012 Moderated a session on
Theology and the Caste Question in an international conference on **Islam and the Caste Question in South Asia** Organized by The Patna Collective at India International Centre, New Delhi. (08-09 December 2012)
- 2012 Participated in a two-day Media Faculty workshop on
"Teaching Public Policy, Media & Law", organized under the MPL Project by CCMG, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi & Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh. (1-2 November, 2012)
- 2012 Made a presentation on
Possibilities of the Democratization of Archives through the Literature Video & Digitization of Urdu-Hindi Literary Magazines
 Organized by Karmendu Shishir Shodhagar, Department of Modern South Asian Studies, University of Tuebingen, Germany at Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha. (7 October 2012)
- 2012 Made a presentation on
Possibilities of the Democratization of Archives through the Literature Video & Digitization of Urdu-Hindi Literary Magazines
 Organized by Karmendu Shishir Shodhagar, Department of Modern South Asian Studies University of Tuebingen, Germany at Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi. (3 October 2012)
- 2012 Presented a paper on
"Maslak and Transformations in Postcolonial India"
 in Research Scholars' Workshop On
Transformations: Field, Method and Object
 held at: Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. (09-10 February 2012)
- 2012 Presented a paper on
"Politics of the Ansari Ahle Hadis in Postcolonial India: Caste, Education, Maslak and Global Connections"

in International Symposium cum Conference On
Tradition, Reform, Revival in Muslim Societies: Multiple Readings
held at: University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad. (16-18 January 2012)

- 2011 "Participated in the **International Winter School on Pluralism and Development** at the University of Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa. (8 July-5 August 2011).
- 2010 "Participated in the **short-term course on Researching the Contemporary** at Center for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. (July-August 2010).
- 2010 "Wall Magazines of Madrasas: A Study of the Fortnightly Al Manar of Jamia Salafia, Varanasi "
in an seminar on
Cinema against Communalism
held at: Film and Television Institute of India, Pune. (12-14 August 2010).
- 2010 "Re-defining Ahl-e Hadis Identity in the Contemporary India: Dynamics of Exchange between Jamia Salafia of Varanasi and Jamia Islamia of Medina "
in an international conference on
Negotiating and Accommodating Religious Identity in Public Arena: Comparing Indian and European Experiences with Special Reference to Muslim Minorities
held at: Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. (10-12 February 2010).

Coordination of International and National Conferences/Workshops

- 2013 Coordinated an international conference on "Contours of Media Governance: Teaching, Disciplinary, Methodology", Organized by Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. (25-27 February 2013)

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office, Quark, Final Cut Pro

Language Skills

English	Fluent
Urdu	Fluent
Hindi	Fluent
Arabic	Limited

Personal Details

Gender	Male
Date of Birth	15 July 1976
Place of Birth	Bokaro Steel City
Nationality	Indian

References can be procured upon request

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