ZAFAR IMRAN

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AFFILIATION

Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM)
Postdoctoral Research Associate   (Feb. 2020 – to date)

EDUCATION

University of Maryland College Park, School of Public Policy
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy   (Dec. 2019)

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA
Master of Science in Public Policy and Management   (May 2009)

Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan
Master of Science in Software Engineering   (Dec. 2002)

University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan
Bachelors in Civil Engineering   (May 2000)

DOCTORAL RESEARCH

- Thesis Title: '*Climate change and political contention – A mechanism based framework*'.

  The dissertation proposes a mechanism-based framework to trace climate-society interaction by identifying generalizable mechanisms surrounding farmers' coping responses as well as political contention that may ensue. Employing process tracing, this case study studies the phenomenon as it unfolds in Pakistan, and is generating sustained unrest among vulnerable farmers, and triggering political contention.

- Wrote the case study on the climate-induced social stresses in Pakistan for the National Academies of Sciences report entitled *Climate and social stress: Implications for security analysis*, National Research Council, 2013

WORKING PAPERS

- Imran, Zafar, "Understanding climate-security risks – A mechanism-based framework" CISSM Working Paper, (May 2020).
- Imran, Zafar, "Climate Change and its Impact on the Political Dynamics of Pakistan" CISSM Working Paper, (July 2013).

INVITED TALKS

- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA   (June 2020)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award	(2020)
Yamamoto-Scheffelin Endowment for Dissertation Research Prize	(2020)
Joseph W. Rogers Fellowship	(2019)
Graduate School All S.T.A.R. Fellowship, University of Maryland	(2015-2016)
Dean's Fellowship, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland	(2011 – 2013)

SKILLS

Proficiency in R, Java, PC-ACE (Text analysis), NVivo, SQL, Object-Oriented Analysis and Design, UML Modeling
Urdu, Punjabi – native languages; Fluent in English

REFERENCES:

Available on request.