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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Senior Research Economist

July 24, 2018 – to date

- Job responsibilities include conducting independent research on economic issues with a focus on the socioeconomic issues of Pakistan and carrying out various tasks assigned.
- Worked on “PIDE Reform Agenda for Accelerated and Sustained Growth” as a team member.
- Worked on the civil service compensation in Pakistan, as a team member.
- Co-author of the report on tobacco health costs in Pakistan.
- Co-author of the “National Transfer Accounts for Pakistan” with Durre Nayab.

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Pakistan

Research Economist

*Public Policy, Governance, and Training Division*

June 01, 2012 – July 23, 2018

- Job responsibilities include conducting independent research on economic issues with a focus on the socioeconomic issues of Pakistan and carrying out various tasks assigned to the division.
- Carried out a study titled, “Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and Petroleum Dealers’ Margins on Petroleum Products”. The components of the study included the collection of data in various cities of Pakistan, analysis of the data, and finalization of the report. The team included Ahmed Waqar Qasim, Senior Research Economist, PIDE. The study was commissioned by the Ministry of Petroleum of Pakistan.
- Involved in various other academic and administrative activities on assignment bases.

PIDE, Islamabad, Pakistan

Staff Economist

January 2002 – May 31, 2012

- Worked on a research study entitled ‘Industrial Vision of Pakistan’ (with A. R. Kemal, Director PIDE, Musleh-ud Din, Joint Director, PIDE, and Ijaz Ghani, Joint Director, PIDE). The components of the report included the compilation of data, empirical evaluation, and report writing. The study was done for the Ministry of Industries, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Worked on research study “Global Research Project: Pakistan Country Report” (with A. R. Kemal, Director PIDE, Musleh ud-Din, Chief of Research, PIDE and Usman Qadir, Staff Economist, PIDE). The study was carried out for the World Bank, Pakistan Office.
- Supervision of field survey for study on textile, leather, and fishery industries in Pakistan, 2005 as part of the study entitled ‘Trade-Related Challenges Facing Exporters in Pakistan’. In addition to the supervision of the field survey, I also worked on the compilation of data, interpretation, and writing of the report. The study was aimed at enhancing the capacity of the producers and exporters of leather, fishery, textile, and meat products. The focus of the report was on the adoption of global standardized processes and certifications. The project was commissioned by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Pakistan Office

- Supervision of field survey for study on Trade, Export Promotion, and Industry (TEPI) in Sialkot. The study was undertaken for the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Islamabad, Pakistan.

PIDE, Islamabad, Pakistan

Associate Staff Economist

November 2000 – December 2001

Asian Development Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan

Research Associate

December 2005 – February 2005

- Aided with preparing Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper-II (PRSP-II) on Pakistan. I collected information from various sources, analyzed them, and wrote parts of the report to be used in the final report.

## **EDUCATION**

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The New School University, New York City, New York, U.S.A.

Master of Philosophy, Economics

January 2011

The New School University, New York City, New York, U.S.A.

Master of Arts, Economics

January 2010

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Master of Philosophy, Economics

February 2003

- Grade A
- Dissertation title: “The Role of Human and Non-Human Capital in Economic Growth: A Cross-Country Analysis.”

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Master of Science, Economics

January 1999

- Grade B
- Concentration in Human Resource Development Economics

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

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- Economic Growth and Development Economics
- Productivity Political economy of Development
- History of Economic Thought
- Methodology of Economics

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### ***Journal Articles***

- Exploring the Structure and Performance of Petroleum Retail Outlets in Pakistan (with Hafiz Hanzla Jalil). Accepted – Forthcoming in the Pakistan Development Review (Autumn 2018), Vol. 57(3).

- Fiscal Consolidation and Economic Growth: Insights from the Case of Pakistan (with M. Ali Kemal and Ahmed Waqar Qasim). Accepted – Forthcoming in The Pakistan Development Review (Spring 2018), Vol. 57(1).
  - Openness and Economic Growth in Pakistan (with Musleh-ud Din and Ejaz Ghani) The Pakistan Development Review, Vol. 42 (2003), No. 4, Part II, pp. 795-808
- Working Papers**
- Total Factor Productivity and Economic Growth in Pakistan: A Five Decade Overview (2020).
  - Aspiration Failure Behavioural Choices, Bounded Rationality, Cognitive Window, Poverty Trap (2021) (with Durre Nayab)
  - The Determinants of Total Factor Productivity in Pakistan: An Exploration (2022)
- Research Reports**
- National Transfer Accounts for Pakistan: Estimating the Generational Economy (2019) (with Durre Nayab).
  - Cash Poor, Perk Rich! Civil Service Compensation: Incentives, Dissatisfaction, and Costs (2021) (with Nadeem Ul Haque, Durre Nayab, and Naseem Faraz. Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad, Pakistan
  - The PIDE Reform Agenda for Accelerated and Sustained Growth (2021). (various other authors).

## **THESIS SUPERVISION**

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- Title: "Impact of Financial Development, Industrialization, and Urbanization on Energy Consumption in Pakistan".  
Student: Kashif Sardar (M.Sc. Economics, PIDE)
- Gauging the fiscal impact of aging in Pakistan (co-supervisor)  
Student: Taqi Raza (M.Phil. Economics, PIDE)
- CPEC and Energy Policy in Pakistan  
Student: Hamza Sadiq Khan (M.Phil. Public Policy, PIDE)

## **MEETINGS**

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- Represented Pakistan in the Third Meeting of the Permanent Steering Committee for Economic Research, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan, 20-21 August 2013.

## **COURSES/TRAINING**

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- Workshop on "National Transfer Accounts (NTA) South-South Training Workshop on Increasing Technical Capacity", Bangkok, Thailand, March 30 - April 3, 2015; organized by Dr. Sang-Hyop Lee, the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and East-West Center (EWC), Hawai'i, U.S.A.
- Attended Ninth Refresher Course in Public Economics and Policy organized by National Institute for Public (NIPFP), New Delhi, India, 18 June – 15 July 2013.

## **AWARDS**

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- Fulbright Scholarship for studies in the U.S.A.  
October 2005

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Member of the Pakistan Society of the Development Economists (PSDE), Islamabad, Pakistan.

## **OTHER**

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- Joint Secretary, PSDE, 2012-13 and 2013-14.
- Associate Editor, Pakistan Development Review (PDR)

## **COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE**

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- Stata 13.0
- MS-Office (MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint)

## **LANGUAGES**

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- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking Punjabi, Urdu, and English.
- Basic knowledge of German