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Profile

Over 20 years of experience as a research economist with strong skills in quantitative and qualitative analysis of trade and industry issues in developing economies and their political economy dimensions. Highly versed in using econometric and statistical analysis techniques and possessing strong conceptualization skills. Extensive knowledge of trade and competitiveness issues related to Pakistan's economy particularly in the current economic scenario. Strong project management skills with experience in setting up, collaborating on and working on large research projects involving quantitative and qualitative based analysis and interacting with national and international organizations, government departments in Pakistan and the region. Comfortable working in a multi-cultural environment with teams from diverse backgrounds.

Education

- 2015 PhD in Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK
Thesis: *Political Economy of Technology Acquisition: Policy and Constraints in Pakistan's Automotive Industry*
- 2007 Masters in Economics, American University, Washington D.C., USA
Coursework in Industrial Organization, International Trade and Finance
- 1998 Masters in Economics, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
Thesis: *Long Run Relationship Between Interest Rates and Inflation: An Examination of the Fisher Effect in Pakistan*

Work Experience

- 2016 – to date *Senior Research Economist*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan.
Research focus on issues related to the Pakistan economy from the perspective of industrial development and trade performance. Responsibilities include conducting independent and collaborative high-quality policy-oriented research projects and disseminating results, representing PIDE's viewpoint outside the institute in policy debates, and undertaking research projects for national and international organizations.
Current projects: **Impact of Pakistan-Afghanistan Bilateral and Transit Trade on Pakistan's Economy**; Policy Paper on Government Footprint in the Economy.
- 2014-2016 *Research Economist*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan.
- 2012-2013 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, SOAS, University of London, UK.
Led trainings to doctoral and graduate students in the Departments of Economics and Politics on statistical applications and quantitative methods and focus group discussions on assigned readings.
- 2007-2010 *Research Economist*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan.
Member of Governance and Public Policy Research Division. Responsibilities include conducting independent and collaborative high-quality policy-oriented research projects and disseminating results and undertaking research projects for national and international organizations. Used SPSS, E-Views and Stata for analyzing trends in survey-based and time series datasets for research. Prepared drafts of policy notes on various government policy documents. Part of project team working on a joint feasibility study of **"ASEAN-Pakistan**

Free Trade Agreement”, 2009 and a joint-study **“China-Pakistan Economic and Trade Cooperation”, 2007.**

- 2004-2007 *Advanced Statistical Trainer*, Center for Teaching, Research and Learning, American University, Washington DC, USA
Led trainings and one-on-one tutorials demonstrating statistical applications (in particular: Stata, SPSS, E-Views, and SAS) and quantitative methods to graduate and undergraduate students. Aided faculty, staff and students in use of all computer applications.
- 2001-2004 *Staff Economist*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan.
Part of project team working on a study **“Revealed Comparative Advantage and Trade Complementarity in South Asia”** for the SAARC Network of Researchers on Global, Financial and Economic Issues, 2003. Part of project team working on a country report of Pakistan for the **Global Research Project, 2002**. Part of project team working on a study **“Exports and Economic Growth in South Asia”** under the SANEI-II project, 2002.
- 1999-2001 *Associate Staff Economist*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan.
Data collection from various national and international databases and analysis of the data using E-Views for research purposes. Prepared portions of analytical write-ups on trends in data.
- 1996-1999 *Research Assistant*, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan.
Part of project team working on a study **“Study on Opening of Trade with India”**. Responsible for collection and analysis of data, and collection and review of literature.

Publications in Journals and Books

- 2020 **“Analyzing the National Tariff Policy”**, *Pakistan Development Review*, Vol. 59. No. 1 (2020), pp. 143-149.
- 2017 “Technological Capabilities Development in Pakistan’s Automotive Industry: A Case of Stalled Development”, *International Journal of Technological Learning, Innovation and Development*, Vol. 9, Issue 2 (2017), pp. 114-136.
- 2010 “Social Impact of the Global Recession on Pakistan” with Idrees Khawaja and Tahir Mahmood, *Pakistan Economic and Social Review*, Vol. 48, No. 2 (Winter 2010), pp. 261-278.
- 2009 **“Recent Experience and Future Prospects of Pakistan’s Trade with China”** with Musleh ud Din and Ejaz Ghani, *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, Vol. 14: SE (September 2009), pp. 87-110.
- 2006 “Economic Growth in Pakistan: 1950 – 2000” with A.R. Kemal, Musleh ud Din, in Kirrit Parikh (ed.) *Explaining Growth in South Asia*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2006.
- 2005 “Real Exchange Rate, Exports, and Imports Movements: A Trivariate Analysis” with M. Ali Kemal, *The Pakistan Development Review*, Vol.44, No.2 (Summer 2005), pp.177-196.
- 2005 “Exports and Economic Growth in South Asia” with A.R. Kemal, Musleh ud Din, Lloyd Fernando and Srimevan S. Colombage in Mohsin S. Khan (ed.) *Economic Development in South Asia*, Reprint. New Delhi, Tata McGraw-Hill Pub., 2005.
- 2003 “Co-integration Approach to Estimating Bilateral Trade Elasticities between Pakistan and her Major Trading Partners” conference paper co-authored with Hassan M. Mohsin, presented at the *18th AGM of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists*, January 2003.
- 2002 “The Long Run Relationship between Real Exchange Rates and Trade in Pakistan: A Trivariate Analysis”, conference paper co-authored with Mr. M. Ali Kemal, presented at the *AGM of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists*, January 2002.

- 2001 "A Plan to Strengthen Regional Trade Cooperation in South Asia" with A. R. Kemal, Musleh ud Din, and Kalbe Abbas in T. N. Srinivasan (ed.) *Trade, Finance and Investment in South Asia*, Social Sciences Press, New Delhi, 2001.
- 2000 "Impact of Trade Reforms on Poverty" with M. Ali Kemal and Hassan M. Mohsin, *The Pakistan Development Review*, Vol. 39, No. 4, Part II (Winter 2000), pp. 1127-1137.

Working Papers

- 2019 "Competitiveness in Pakistan: A Case Study of the ICT Industry" with Musleh ud Din and Ejaz Ghani, *PIDE Working Paper Series* No. 168, 2019.
- 2019 "Vulnerabilities in Food Supply and Food Access: Evidence from the ECO Region" with Madeeha G. Qureshi, Saud Ahmed Khan, Musleh ud Din and Ejaz Ghani, *PIDE Working Paper Series* No. 171, 2019.
- 2016 "Pakistan's Automotive Industry: A Case of Stalled Development", *PIDE Working Paper Series* No. 137, 2016.
- 2016 "Industrial Policy under Clientelist Political Settlements in Pakistan", *PIDE Working Paper Series* No. 135, 2016.
- 2016 "Technology Acquisition, Catching Up and Competitiveness in Pakistan", *PIDE Working Paper Series* No. 134, 2016.

Policy Viewpoints

- 2021 The Issue of Own Money, with Mohammad Shaaf Najib, PIDE Policy Viewpoint No. 32: 2021.
- 2020 National Tariff Policy 2019-24, PIDE Policy Viewpoint No. 14: 2020.

Research Reports

- 2020 Increasing Space for Investment & Entrepreneurship Through Reducing the Footprint of Government on the Economy of Pakistan, with Raja Rafiullah, PIDE Research Report.

Knowledge Briefs

- 2021 The Nuisance of Own Money in Automobile Purchases, with Mohammad Shaaf Najib, PIDE Knowledge Brief, No 41: 2021.
- 2021 Inviting FDI: Is Pakistan an Attractive Destination? with Iftikhar Ahmad, PIDE Knowledge Brief, No. 34: 2021.

Teaching Experience

- 2019 "Research Methods" – MPhil Public Policy Core Course.
- 2018 "Proposal Writing Workshop" – MPhil Public Policy Core Course.
- 2016 "International Political Economy" – MPhil International Relations Core Course.
- 2016 "Industrial Organization" – MSc Economics Elective Course.
- 2015 "Research Methods" – MPhil Public Policy Core Course.

Awards For over three consecutive years (2004-2007), awarded a Fellowship at the American University in Washington DC from the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning to cover study expenses.

IT Skills STATA, SPSS, E-Views, NVivo.

Languages English and Urdu.

Interests Hiking, Travelling.