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Working Paper

1 Is the Decision to Obtain Higher Education in Pakistan Worth Repaying? New Evidence from Returns on Education for Paid-Employees



Author: Ghulam Mustafa

April, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/empCO>

2 The Impact of Railway Development on Economic Growth through CPEC



Author: Abida Naurin, Shahbaz Gul

April, 2023

CPEC, economic development, Pakistan Railway, Time-series, VECM.

<https://shorturl.at/dryD1>

Knowledge Brief

1 What's your Degree Worth? Return to Education, Employability, and Upskilling Workforce in Pakistan



Author: Saman Nazir, Hafsa Hina

April, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/iCEYO>

Research Report

1 Balancing Growth and Inflation Targets with Monetary Policy



Author: Prepared by MacroPolicy Lab

June, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/tyHY6>

2 Traffic Management & Congestion Mitigation Parking Policy for Islamabad Capital Territory



Author: Idrees Khawaja, Zehra Gardezi, Mohammad Shaaf Najib, Maryam Akhtar Khan

June, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/hIO48>

3 Maximizing the Impact: Evaluating the FY 2023-24 Budget for Optimal Resource Allocation, Socio-Economic Addressal, and Sustainable Development



Author: Prepared by MacroPolicy Lab

June, 2023

<https://rb.gy/waved>

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1 Language Homogamy: An Insight into Marriage and Language in Pakistan



Author: Durr-e-Nayab

June, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/tGHI2>

2 A Reflection on Spiritual Beliefs



Author: Durr-e-Nayab

May, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/nB579>

3 Shaping Minds and Bodies: Do We Have the Facilities?



Author: Durr-e-Nayab

April, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/fvI35>

Webinars & Seminars

<https://shorturl.at/qFLS8>

PIDE SEMINAR (HYBRID)

Trade, Industry & Productivity

GONZALO VARELA
Senior Economist, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment World Bank

Live stream on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 986 3023 1695
Passcode: 381153

AR KEMAL CONFERENCE ROOM
MONDAY 26TH JUNE 12:30PM

<https://shorturl.at/npvTV>

PIDE Webinar
Moderated by Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Enhancing the delivery of Financial Services in Pakistan

Discussion will be on following topics:

- A2F for Underserved segments
- Housing Finance
- Agricultural Finance
- Supply Chains – Industrial and Agricultural
- Microfinance
- Term Finance for Infrastructure and Industry
- Venture/Start-up Financing

12:00 PM (PST) June 10, 2023 | Saturday

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/nLX13>

PIDE WEBINAR

WHY DO WE NEED ECONOMISTS?

Speaker: **Steven Landsburg**, Professor of Economics, University of Rochester

June 07, 2023 | 08:00 PM

Moderator: **Nadeem Ul Haque**, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/qMZ57>

PIDE Webinar

THE CHALLENGE OF EUROCENTRISM

A ROUND TABLE CONVERSATION

Saturday, 27th May 2023 07:30 PM - PST

Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/yCST7>

PIDE Webinar Series on Harassment

Understanding Workplace Harassment in Pakistan

May 24, 2023 | 03:00 PM

Speakers: Khusroo Mumtaz, Khushnood Ahmed, Mousam Mughal

Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/qwHK0>

PIDE Webinar

Economic Management in a Multiple Equilibria Economy

Moderated by Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Speaker: **Andrew Smithers**, Founder, Smithers & Co & Author

May 15, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/ckQ49>

PIDE WEBINAR

SEAPORTS OF PAKISTAN & REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

12 May 2023 | 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Moderator: **Nadeem Ul Haque**, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Speakers: Syed Sajidul Rizvi, Syed Haseeb Shah, Farid Khan, Babar Baloch

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/aoFTV>

PIDE WEBINAR

THE BIG CON

How the Consulting Industry Weakens our Businesses, Infantilises our Governments & Warps our Economies

May 10 | 04:00 PM

Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Speaker: **Rosie Collington**, Political Economist & Writer

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/bfADT>

PIDE BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING
AR Kemal Conference Room

Pakistan Origins, Identity and Future

Speaker: **Pervez Hoodbhoy**, Physicist, Writer & Social Activist

Moderator: **Abbas Mujib**, Research Fellow, PIDE

Wednesday, 10th May 2023 11:00 AM

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/fgtO8>

PIDE WEBINAR SERIES

AUSTERITY in the Context of a Developing Country

Speaker: **Prof. Mark Blyth**, Professor of International Economics, MIT

Moderator: **Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque**, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

4:45 PM PST 5 MAY 2023

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/dJT1>

PIDE Webinar

The Rise and Fall of the Neoliberal Order

America and the World during the Free Market Era

Speaker: **Gary Gasse**, Professor & Paul Mellon Director of Research, University of Cambridge

Moderator: **Nadeem Ul Haque**, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

May 3, 2023 05:00 PM

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/deqN5>

PIDE Webinar

Disorder in the 21st Century: The Systematic Problem of Energy

Speaker: **Helen Thompson**, Professor, Cambridge University

Moderator: **Nadeem Ul Haque**, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Wed, April 26, 2023 02:00 PM PST

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/abmBW>

PIDE Webinar Series

NADRA & Digital Pakistan

Moderator: **Nadeem Ul Haque**, Vice Chancellor, PIDE

Speaker: **Muhammad Tariq Maik**, Chairman, NADRA

Thur, April 13, 2023 11:00 AM PST

JCR hall, PIDE

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695, Password: 381153

Events



1



PSDE Regional Conference 2: Unleashing The Economic Potential of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Event Date: **June 13-14, 2023**

<https://shorturl.ac/7aoss>

The PSDE Regional Conference features lectures by eminent scholars, panel discussions involving relevant stakeholders, and Debates participated by social scientists. A special session in local language (Pashto) is another distinctive attraction of this academic conference.

The two-day Conference contains ten sub-themes covering the critical dimensions. In total, around 400+ participants from all across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will physically attend the Conference each day. Proceedings will be live-streamed on PIDE/PSDE Social Networks to engage thousands across Pakistan. Under the renewed vision of inclusivity and nation-building, the conference is being held in Malakand, KPK. This is a joint effort by PSDE, PIDE and UoM, bringing together VCs, faculty and students from 20 provincial and federal universities.



2



Gilgit Baltistan Beyond Mountains: Exploring The Vision For Tomorrow

Event Date: **May 17-18, 2023**

<https://shorturl.ac/7aosx>

Greetings from the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)!

PIDE, in collaboration with the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) and Karakoram International University (KIU) is organizing a 02-Day Conference on May 17-18, 2023 at the Karakoram International University (KIU), Gilgit.

The Conference is an initiative to bring together leading economists, public policy experts, practitioners, professionals, academicians, and business, political and thought leaders on a platform to share their expert views on pertaining socio-economic opportunities and challenges in the Gilgit Baltistan (GB) region. The Conference will feature several activities, including expert talks, panel discussions, open mic sessions and book/report launches covering various aspects of the economy, with a laser focus on Gilgit-Baltistan. Collaboration and support from the Government of Gilgit Baltistan, local universities, think tanks, development partners, businesses, financial institutions and experts are imperative to realise the objectives of the conference.



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Pakistan's First Ever Think Tanks Moot: Collective Thinking Collective Action

Event Date: **Tuesday, May 09, 2023**

<https://shorturl.ac/7aot2>



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A Talk On “Attracting Investment Through Better Legal/Regulatory Framework”

Event Date: **Friday, April 14, 2023**

<https://shorturl.ac/7aot3>

Charles Schneider, Senior Private Sector Specialist, is delivering a talk on “Attracting Investment through Better Legal/Regulatory Framework” to students of various disciplines at PIDE.

Workshop on Applied Economics with R Software

The training course “Applied Economics with R software” aims to acquaint participants with the basics of R software and its application in data analysis, visualization, presentation preparation etc. the Course is divided into 08 modules and will be offered in 08 workshops . Where each workshop will be conducted after two weeks.

Topics to be covered:

- Data wrangling on (March 30, 2023)
- Data visualization on (April 13, 2023)
- Data tables on (April 27, 2023)
- Econometrics tools with nice printable format on (May 11, 2023)
- Learning Quarto Markdown Language (R/Python/Julia) for producing beautiful document with files speaking to files without copy and paste on (May 25, 2023 & June 08, 2023)
- Producing macroeconomics graphs like NYT/Economist/WSJ with effective storytelling on (June 22, 2023)
- Reproducing results in PowerPoint (June 29, 2023)

TRAINER: DR. ZAHID ASGHAR

THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL COVER REFRESHMENT

PIDE Students: 2500
outside PIDE Students: 4000

LAST DATE REGISTRATION :
March 27, 2023

MARCH 30, 2023 TO JUNE 29, 2023

Time: 09:30 AM to 12:00 PM Venue: JCR PIDE

For registration and information Please Contact
Saba-ul-Hussain

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Workshop on Applied Economics with R Software

Event Date: **30-03-2023 to 29-06-2023**

Workshop on Applied Economics with R software. Course is divided into 8 modules and offered in 8 workshops.



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Eco Marathon

Event Date: **25-05-2023**

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics-PIDE hosted an Eco-Marathon, an exciting event & opportunity for students, faculty & staff to participate in a fun and challenging race while promoting sustainability and environmental awareness. Students, staff & officials actively participated in the Eco Marathon.



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GYM Cloth Bags Distribution

Event Date: **12-06-2023**

Green Youth Movement PIDE distributed cloth bags to reduce the use of plastic bags in the vicinity of Bari Imam. The purpose of the campaign was to spread awareness among the community to reduce the use of plastic & to carry cloth/tote bags for daily shopping. PIDE and Green Youth Movement spread Tote bags among 100 families living in Bari Imam, Islamabad. PIDE_GYM club will keep on raising its voice against plastic use and for a greener Pakistan.



8

University of Narowal visited the PIDE

Event Date: **09-06-2023**

Students of the University of Narowal visited the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics-PIDE for a study tour. They were briefed about PIDE and the leading role of PIDE in research and contribution to public policy. The research products were also discussed with key research areas of the PIDE Research Agenda.



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University of Agriculture Faisalabad visited the PIDE

Event Date: **14-06-2023**

Students of the University of Agriculture Faisalabad visited the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics-PIDE for a study tour. They were briefed about PIDE and the leading role of PIDE in research and contribution to Agricultural research by Dr Abedullah.



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Phd Thesis Defence

Event Date: **12-06-2023**

Ms Sara PhD student of Econometrics, PSE has successfully defended her PhD thesis. She worked on Structural Break Detection & Model Selection.

Infographics

1 Ranking of Industrial Protection in Pakistan

Author: Nadeem UI Haque, Muhammad Zeshan

May, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/dvCR9>



Monthly Report: Publications Division

Date: June 2023

INTRODUCTION:

The following report provides an overview of the activities and achievements of the Publications Division for the month of June 2023. The Publications Division has been actively involved in producing and distributing a wide range of publications across various formats to meet the diverse needs of our readers. The division focuses on maintaining high editorial standards, exploring new publishing opportunities, and expanding our reach to a larger audience. The report highlights key accomplishments, ongoing projects, challenges faced, and future prospects.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED:

During the month of June, the Publications Division released the following publications:

- "The Pakistan Development Review (PDR) Vol. 62(1), 2023
- "Discourse (May – June 2023)

These publications covered a diverse range of topics, catering to various interests and target readerships. Each publication underwent rigorous editing and quality control processes to ensure accurate and engaging content.

DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS:

The Publications Division continues to focus on expanding its distribution channels to reach a wider audience. In addition to traditional bookstores and libraries, we have strengthened our online presence through partnerships with leading e-commerce platforms and digital book distributors. These efforts have resulted in increased visibility and accessibility of our publications to readers worldwide.

DIGITAL INITIATIVES:

The division has been actively involved in exploring digital initiatives to embrace emerging technologies and trends. We have successfully launched an interactive e-book platform, offering readers an immersive and engaging reading experience. This platform allows users to access additional multimedia content, participate in discussions, and provide feedback. The initial response from readers has been highly positive, and we are planning to expand the platform to include more publications in the coming months.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS:

The Publications Division has engaged in collaborative projects with renowned authors and subject matter experts to bring fresh perspectives and diverse voices to our publications. We have initiated partnerships with academic institutions, research organizations, and literary societies to facilitate knowledge exchange and foster intellectual growth. These collaborations have enriched our content and expanded our network of contributors.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION:

To enhance the visibility of our publications, we have focused on strategic marketing and promotional activities. We have conducted targeted online advertising campaigns, collaborated with influential book bloggers and reviewers, and participated in prominent literary events. Social media platforms have been instrumental in connecting with our readers and generating buzz around our publications. As a result, we have witnessed an increase in sales and positive reviews.

CHALLENGES:

While the division has achieved significant milestones, we have encountered a few challenges:

- Managing production timelines: Balancing the production timelines of multiple publications and ensuring adherence to quality standards has been a continuous challenge. Efforts are underway to streamline the production process and improve efficiency.
- Reader engagement: Although our digital initiatives have received positive feedback, sustaining long-term reader engagement remains a challenge. We are actively seeking feedback and implementing user suggestions to enhance the interactive elements of our digital platforms.

FUTURE OUTLOOK:

Looking ahead, the Publications Division aims to:

- Continue diversifying our publication portfolio to cater to a wider range of readers and interests.
- Strengthen collaborations with authors, institutions, and organizations to bring innovative and thought-provoking content.
- Explore opportunities in audiobook production to tap into the growing market of audio enthusiasts.
- Leverage data analytics and reader insights to enhance publication strategies and better understand readers' preferences.
- Expand our international distribution network to reach readers in new markets.

CONCLUSION:

The Publications Division has made significant strides in producing high-quality publications, expanding distribution channels, and embracing digital innovations. Despite challenges, the division remains committed to its mission of fostering knowledge, creativity, and intellectual growth through its.

