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Author: Mohammad Armughan, Sameen Zafar
July, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/ixGNT>

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1 Commentary On the IMF Standby Arrangement with Pakistan-2023



Author: MacroPolicy Lab
July, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/bBIM3>

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<https://shorturl.at/kDHR5>

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WEDNESDAY
JULY 19, 2023
02:15 PM

www.pide.org.pk

<https://shorturl.at/nDGHJ>

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TUESDAY
JULY 11, 2023
3:00 - 4:00 PM

www.pide.org.pk

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FRIDAY
21st July, 2023
10:00 AM

www.pide.org.pk

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1 The Biased Nature of the Corruption Perception Index

Author: Abida Naurin

July, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/oAEKW>



Events / Activities



1

Students of PIDE visited the Shagraan forest & Mushkpuri top for a day-long excursion trip.

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



2

3 Days Training Program on Public Financial Management

Three days training program on “Public Financial Management” was conducted by Dr. Mehmood Khalid and his team. The objective of the training program was to familiarize students with the concepts and principles of Public Financial Management (PFM), methods of budgeting, budget cycle, preparation and approval of the annual budget, and related concepts.

Event Date: **July 17-19, 2023**



3

2nd International Conference on “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”

Mr. Adnan Akram, Deputy Director, QEC has attended 2nd International Conference on “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” on 12th -13th July, 2023 organized by the QEC, Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and information Technology, Rahim Yar Khan.

Date: **July 12, 13 2023**

4 Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) Activities

Mr. Adnan Akram & Mr. Muhammad Yasir has attended training of the “Nominated Focal Persons” for the HEC National University Ranking-2023 on 19th July, 2023 at Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad.

Date: **July 19, 2023**

5 Meeting for Evaluating of Self-Assessment Report (SAR)

Assessment Team (AT) meeting for Evaluating of Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of PIDE School of Social Sciences.

Date: **July 7, 2023**

6 Meeting for Evaluating of Self-Assessment Report (SAR)

Assessment Team (AT) meeting for Evaluating of Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of PIDE School of Economics.

Date: **July 17, 2023**



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Admissions 2023

PIDE open its admission for 2023 in PhD, M.Phil and MS programs. A Unique Learning Environment to enrich research capabilities of the students.

<https://rb.gy/05rig>

Infographics

1 The Economic Cost Of Internet Closure

Author: Nadeem Ul Haque, Mohammad Shaaf Najib
July, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/anuyV>



Book Launch



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Power, Profits & Plans: The Political Economy of Housing in Pakistan

Author: Nasir Javed, Muhammad Shafaat Nawaz

Date: July, 2023

<https://rb.gy/ap0eg>



RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND ADVANCEMENT

COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR POLICY-ORIENTED RESEARCH

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad
(Progress for the month of July 2023 for the PIDE Monthly Newsletter)

RASTA is the largest economics and public policy research grants programme in Pakistan –establishing an extensive knowledge network – producing high-quality, evidence-based policy research informing Pakistan’s public policy processes. Its network includes around 2,200+ researchers & academicians, 65+ universities, and 10+ international institutes.

The objectives of the RASTA program are to: (a) Reduce the research-policy gap by stimulating economic and social science research and debate across Pakistan; (b) Build a network to stimulate internally defined and produced policy-relevant research; (c) Provide a knowledge-sharing platform where different actors can present and share evidence-based research to inform decision-making in the government; (d) Revisit the future policy agenda in line with the evidence produced in this program; and (e) Build capacity and improve policymaking and implementation by involving and engaging local universities, think tanks, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders. The programme is guided by the following 28 members Research Advisory Committee (RAC), chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, PIDE Islamabad.



The RASTA programme has two broad streams through which it is building research networks, funding research projects, and informing public policy in Pakistan: the Competitive Grants Programme (CGP) and the Demand-Driven Research (DDR). Under CGP, research proposals are invited on specific themes/topics decided by the Research Advisory Committee, followed by a rigorous three-stage double-blind review process and announcement of awards. DDR programme is a pro-active evidence-based research approach to inform governments’ policy-making processes. The final output of CGP & DDR projects is in the form of books, research reports, journal articles and working papers and policy briefs.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REPORT & HOUSING BOOK

RASTA and PIDE launched two much-awaited reports on “Power, Profit & Plans: The Political Economy of Housing in Pakistan” and “Traffic Management & Congestion Mitigation: Parking Policy for ICT”. The publications are the final product of projects funded under the Demand-driven Stream of the RASTA.

Power, Profits & Plans: Political Economy of Housing in Pakistan

is a comprehensive book that navigates the historical, social, and economic foundations of the housing sector in Pakistan. It presents critical conversations, policy reforms, and transformative actions in the realm of housing in Pakistan.

<https://rb.gy/ap0eg>

Traffic Management & Congestion Mitigation: Parking Policy for ICT

is a comprehensive book that navigates the historical, social, and economic foundations of the housing sector in Pakistan. It presents critical conversations, policy reforms, and transformative actions in the realm of housing in Pakistan.

<https://rb.gy/6hja5>

The book and the report were launched at Wednesday 12th July 2023 at the P-Block Auditorium, M/o Planning Development & Special Initiatives, Islamabad. The highly anticipated gathering brought together esteemed experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to address the urgent challenges surrounding the housing sector in the country.



Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque, Chairman RASTA /Vice-Chancellor PIDE, addressed the audience and highlighted key challenges and opportunities. Dr Nasir Javed, former CEO Urban Unit Punjab and lead author of the book, presented key features of the Power, Profits & Plans: Political Economy of Housing in Pakistan book. While commenting on the Housing book, Mr. Pervaiz Latif Qureshi, Urban Development Expert, said that the Book offered a number of policy, institutional, financing, and taxation reforms that were likely to improve housing affordability, especially for the middle and lower classes. Dr Idrees Khawaja, Former Chief of Research and lead author of the report, presented the key findings of the Traffic Management & Congestion Mitigation: Parking Policy for ICT Report. Commenting on the Traffic Report, Mr Amir Ali, Secretary BISP & Ex-chairman CDA, that the study emphasizes curbing car use rather than raising revenue. Reduction in car use is possible only if alternate means of transport are available; therefore, adequate alternate mobility means are vital to achieving traffic mitigation through paid Parking.

Dr. Faheem Jehangir, Director RASTA, wrapped up the session by providing the audience with valuable updates on the continuous accomplishments of RASTA.

RASTA CGP ROUND 5.0 AWARDS

After the completion of the initial (of 229 proposals) and detailed review (of 135 proposals), followed by the CGP Round 5.0 Review Workshop (of 43 proposals), Internal Review Meeting, Consultative Meetings with 07 applicants, and Award Discussion Meeting, the following 15 applications have been awarded research grants under the RASTA CGP Round 5.0.

ID	Project Title	PI Details	Award Details
05-007	Public Sector Expenditure Management: A Case Study of the Ministry of Science & Technology and Its Entities	AYEZZA SATTAR <i>Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad (T1)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 2,060,000/-
05-020	Governing Public Sector Projects in Gilgit-Baltistan: A Multi-Stakeholder Analysis	ASADULLAH KHAN <i>Karakoram International University, Gilgit (T3)</i>	Duration 06 months PKR 1,400,000/-
05-039	Impact of Government Policies on the Production of Olive in Pakistan	KHAIR MUHAMMAD KAKAR <i>UET Khuzdar (T3)</i>	Duration 06 months PKR 2,000,000/-
05-061	APIs Manufacturing: A Case Study of Pakistan	KAZI AFAQ AHMED <i>Institute of Business Management, Karachi (T1)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 2,750,000/-
05-114	Impact of FDI on Indigenous and Local Knowledge Flows – Learning from the East Asian Economies	SYED TWANGAR HUSSAIN KAZMI <i>Torque Communities, Islamabad (T1)</i>	Duration 06 months PKR 895,070/-
05-130	Political Economy of Wheat Subsidy and Food Security in Gilgit- Baltistan	SARANJAM MUHAMMAD BAIG <i>Karakoram International University, Gilgit (T3)</i>	Duration 06 months PKR 2,850,000/-
05-131	Decapitalization of the Pakistan Stock Exchange and Sustainability of the GEM Board	ABDUL WAHID <i>NUML, Islamabad (T1)</i>	Duration 06 months PKR 1,642,850/-
05-135	An Assessment of Pakistan's Corporate Investment Cycles and Political Unpredictability (2000-2022)	NABILA AFTAB <i>University of Peshawar (T2)</i>	Duration 06 months PKR 634,480/-
05-137	Documentation Simplification via Tax e-filing: Examining Barriers to Adoption and Continuance Intention of Using e-filing by Taxpayers in Pakistan.	SOBIA KHURRAM <i>University of the Punjab, Lahore (T1)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 1,042,360/-
05-140	18th Amendment and Higher Education: A Case of Devolution Gone Awry	AAMER RAZA <i>University of Peshawar (T2)</i>	Duration 06 months PKR 1,178,320/-
05-157	Unleashing the Potential of Pakistan's IT Industry: Building a Roadmap for Massive Software Export Growth	NAVEED ARSHAD <i>LUMS, Lahore (T1)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 3,735,000/-
05-170	Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Pakistan	MUHAMMAD NADEEM SARWAR <i>IBA Karachi (T1)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 1,800,000/-
05-204	Taxing the Rental Incomes in Agriculture: Analysis of Alternate Options	IRFAN AHMAD BAIG <i>MNS University of Agriculture, Multan (T2)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 3,577,000/-
05-212	The Art of Exporting Halal Beef: A Case Study of Pakistan	SHAHZAD KOUSER <i>COMSATS University, Islamabad (T1)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 2,404,271/-
05-221	Prioritizing Strategic Resources: Mental Health and Well-being of Healthcare Professionals	MIR MUHAMMAD SHAH <i>Sukkur IBA University (T2)</i>	Duration 08 months PKR 2,075,700/-