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Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

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## 1 Public Finance Management Reforms in Pakistan: A Case Study of the Treasury Single Account Regimen



**Author:** Ayezza Sattar, Mahmood Khalid, Talib Hussain Baloch  
**August, 2023**

<https://rb.gy/76hj1>

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## 2 Fiscally Sustainable Pensions in Pakistan



**Author:** Mahmood Khalid, Naseem Faraz, Aisha Irum  
**August, 2023**

<https://rb.gy/g1c2y>

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## 3 Reforming the Federal Public Sector Development Programme



**Author:** Muhammad Ahmed Zubair, Shahid Cheema, Zeeshan Inam, Mahmood Khalid, Ahsan ul Haq Satti

**August, 2023**

<https://shorturl.at/bxGI0>

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# Research Report

## 1 Engineering Horizons: Unraveling the State of Industry in Pakistan



Author: Nadeem Ul Haque, Usman Qadir, Abid Rehman, Mohammad Armughan

August, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/dqR39>

# Webinars & Seminars

<https://shorturl.at/fs159>

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**DECISIONS ABOUT DECISIONS**  
Webinar  
Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque  
Vice Chancellor, PIDE  
05:30-06:30 PM (PKT)  
August 11, 2023  
Speaker: **CASS SUNSTEIN**  
Professor, Harvard Law School  
University of Harvard  
Zoom ID: 986 3023 9655  
Password: 381153

<https://shorturl.at/pxFGJ>

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**WORKING INNOVATIVELY - AUGMENTING PARTNERSHIPS**  
SEMINAR  
Thursday 11 AM  
AUG 10, 2023  
Livestream on Zooms:  
Meeting ID: 986 3023 1695  
Passcode: 381153  
A.R. KEMAL, PIDE  
DR. MUNAWAR RAZA KAZMI  
AGCA'S FIRST COUNTRY  
MANAGER FOR PAKISTAN

<https://shorturl.at/hQVZ0>

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**EXPLORING PRIVATIZATION FOR ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION EFFICIENCY**  
Webinar  
Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque | VC, PIDE  
02:30 PM  
Aug 07, 2023  
Zoom ID: 986 3023 9655  
Password: 381153  
Speakers:  
Asad Ali Shah  
Chairman, Board of Directors, PAF  
Former Managing Director, Central  
Electricity Authority, Government of  
Punjab, Pakistan  
Salahuddin Rafiq  
Chief, Social, Health and Welfare  
Department, Board of Directors, ESCO  
Maria Rafique  
Group Counsel  
Qvais Naqvi  
Partner, Iqbal & Co. Attorneys  
• Is privatization the best solution for  
efficient electricity distribution  
services or is it just a way of  
transferring money from power?  
• What are the consequences of  
privatizing electricity?  
• How good is the governance  
mechanism in private electricity  
companies?  
• How effective is the regulatory  
framework in Pakistan for private  
companies?  
• Don't you think companies offering  
public services should be open  
about any modifications to their  
board structure?

# Events / Activities



## 1 Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Building of PIDE

Event Date: Friday, August 04, 2023 at 02:00PM



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## Basic Demographic Methods And Techniques (Training Workshop)

PIDE/UNPFA Training Workshop on Demographic Methods and Techniques

Event Date: **August 8 to 11, 2023, Islamabad**

# Book Launch

**PIDE** Hybrid Event

### Competition Law in South Asia

AR Kemal Auditorium, PIDE

**Author**  
Amber Darr  
Barrister  
Lecturer, University of Manchester  
Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan

**Discussant**  
Rahat Kaunain Hassan  
Former Chairperson  
Competition Commission of Pakistan

**Moderator**  
Abbas Moosvi  
Research Fellow, PIDE

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Thursday  
August 24, 2023  
11:00 AM

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## Competition Law In South Asia (Book Launch)

**Author: Amber Darr, Barrister, Lecturer, University of Manchester, Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan**

Date: **Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM**

Venue: **AR Kemal Auditorium, PIDE**

<https://shorturl.at/IIL03>

**PIDE** LIVE WEBINAR

### WHITE SAVIORISM IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### BOOK LAUNCH

*White Saviorism in International Development: Theories, Practices and Lived Experiences*

**Panelists**  
1. THEMRISE KHAN  
2. KANAKULYA DICKSON

**MODERATOR**  
Dr. Nadem Ul Haque

**Lecturer:**  
Themrise Khan, Assistant Professor, Public Development Studies, PIDE

**Independent Development Professional:**  
Kanakulya Dickson, Gender, Social Policy and Global Migration Expert

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 10, 2023  
TIME: 3:00 PM

Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695  
Password: 381153

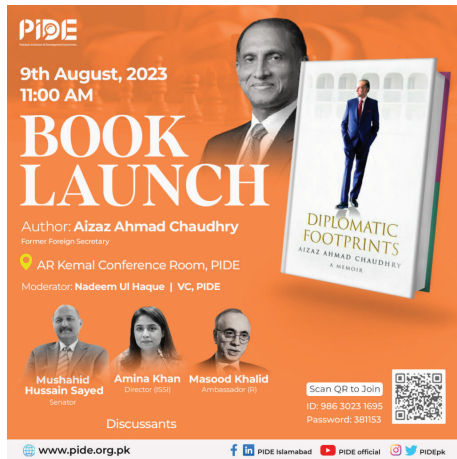
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## White Saviorism In International Development: Theories, Practices and Lived Experiences (Book Launch)

Date: **Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 03:00 PM**

<https://shorturl.at/molU1>



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## Diplomatic Footprints (Book Launch)

Author: Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Date: Wednesday, August 09, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Venue: AR Kemal Conference Room, PIDE

<https://shorturl.at/oJWY2>

# Blog

## 1 Adequate Energy Supply as A Driver of Economic Growth

Author: Shahid Sattar

<https://shorturl.at/qrMU4>



# Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) Activities

1 QEC has submitted the Yearly Progress Report (YPR) to HEC on August 14, 2023.



**PIDE** **QEC**

**Workshop on Applied Econometrics with R Software**

This 2-week course is designed to enable participants to focus on research design, thinking clearly with data and learn program/impact evaluation tools with real life data applications through computer-based exercises and learn to replicate the results of published economics articles like Card and Krueger (1994). Philosophy of the course will be to engage participants in doing program evaluation through computer assisted tools. Main software for the course will be R with all programs/slides available for each topic after the training.

**DR. ZAHID ASGHAR**  
TRAINER

**Topics and Date of Workshop**

- Program/Impact Evaluation Overview (16-08-2023)
- Difference in Differences Estimators (18-08-2023)
- Instrumental Variable (21-08-2023)
- Regression Discontinuity Design (22-08-2023)
- Matching and Randomization (23-08-2023)
- Application of all these tools on Health Insurance Subsidy Program and other data (25-08-2023)

Apply before August 15, 2023  
MPhil and PhD Students are encouraged to apply

For registration and information Please Contact  
Saba-ul-Hussain  
+92-51-9248153 0301-7165283  
[www.pide.org.pk](http://www.pide.org.pk)

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QEC and Dean Office has organized six days workshop.

## Applied Econometrics with R Software.

Date: August, 17 to 25, 2023



**PIDE** **QEC**

**How to Make Data Speak using OxMetrics?**

**New Date ON 29, 30 AUGUST 2023**

This learning by doing exercise provides hands on training to reveal relevant information from the observed data sets; simply it demonstrates, 'how to make data speak'. This training benefits two ways, the participants will learn the novel and smarter data handling techniques devised on experience based analysis and they will learn to employ most dynamic data handling tool the OxMetrics. Mastering OxMetrics will be an edge and a powerful addition to data analysis tool pack. There are two modules of this training covering basic to intermediate level. The focus of these modules is Time Series data analysis however adequate emphasis will be on cross-sectional data.

**DR. SAUD AHMED KHAN**  
TRAINER

**DR. AMENA UROOJ**  
TRAINER

**OxMetrics**

**Focus**

- Data jargons
- Introduction to OxMetrics
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- Post Estimation Tests (Visual and Theoretical)
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QEC and Dean Office has organized two days workshop.

## How to Make Data Speak using OxMetrics?

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