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Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

# Working Paper

## 1 Child Labour Among Afghan Refugee Children: Investigating the Underlying Drivers

Author: Muhammad Ajmal Khan

October, 2023

<https://rb.gy/xlewx>

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# Knowledge Briefs

## 1 Local Coal For Power Generation In Pakistan

Author: Afia Malik

October, 2023

<https://rb.gy/r06hx>



## 2 Judiciary and Human Resource Management in Universities

Author: Ghulam Mustafa, Abid Rehman

October, 2023

<https://rb.gy/vzaae>



## 3 Pakistan's Nuclear Energy Outlook

Author: Afia Malik

October, 2023

<https://rb.gy/6rto3>



# Research Report

## 1 Energy Reforms For Export Oriented Units In Pakistan

Author: Afia Malik

October, 2023

<https://rb.gy/ov04c>



## 2 Life Time Cost Of Public Servants

Author: Nadeem Ul Haque, Muhammad Ajmal Khan, Nadeem Khan, Khurram Ellahi Khan, Hassan Rasool

October, 2023

<https://shorturl.at/djor9>



## 3 Fixing Fiscal Policy in Pakistan

Author: MicroPolicy Lab

October, 2023

<https://goo.by/BplFpx>



# Webinars & Seminars

<https://goo.by/dEgZni>

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**Seminar**  
**Real Estate & Economic Development**  
Speaker: **Chaudhry Abdul Majood**  
CEO, ZILKHA International & Faisal Town  
A.R. Kernal Room  
Date: **MONDAY | OCT. 02 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM**  
Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695  
Passcode: 881153

<https://goo.by/XmlLhg>

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**PIOE LIVE SEMINAR**  
**TRADE, INDUSTRY & COMPETITION IN PAKISTAN**  
SPEAKER: **Dr. Muhammad Zaheer**  
Research Fellow, IOE  
Date: **TUESDAY 11:00 AM 03 OCTOBER, 2023**  
Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695  
Passcode: 881153

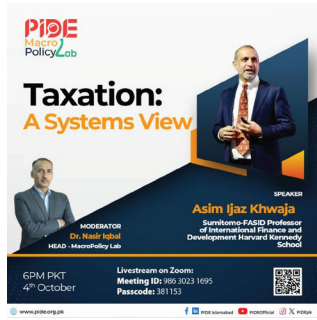
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**PIOE LIVE WEBINAR**  
**BLUE ECONOMY**  
Guest Speaker: **Vice Admiral Iftikhar Ahmed Roa (Retd.)**  
Moderator: **Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque**  
VIZ CONSULTING, PVT. LTD.  
Date: **04 October 2023 WEDNESDAY 11:00 am**  
Zoom ID: 986 3023 1695  
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# Events / Activities



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## Reform Synergy: Innovative Collaboration for Transformation (3rd Think Tanks Moot)

Event Date: Thursday, October 05, 2023 10:00 AM

Venue: Junior Combination Room, PiDE



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## Screening Of Shadowlands: Discussion With Film's Producer Nida Kirmani

Event Date: : Monday, October 09, 2023 at 02:00 PM

Venue: Junior Combination Room, PiDE



**DOMESTIC COMMERCE & TRAFFIC MITIGATION IN ISLAMABAD**  
**Tuesday | 10th October, 2023 | 3:00 PM**

**State of Domestic Commerce in Pakistan**  
 Speaker: **Omer Siddique**  
 Senior Research Economist, PIDE

**Traffic Management & Congestion Mitigation: Parking Policy for ICT**  
 Speaker: **Mohammad Shaaf Najib**  
 Research Fellow, PIDE

Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
 Aiwan-e-Sanat-o-Tijarat Rd, G-8/1, Islamabad

Join on zoom via:  
<https://bit.ly/3Y9m9nk>  
 ID: 98630231695  
 Password: 381153

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## Domestic Commerce & Traffic Mitigation In Islamabad

Event Date: : **Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 03:00 PM**

Venue: **Islamabad Chamber Of Commerce And Industry, Aiwan-e-Sanat-o-Tijarat Rd, G-8/1, Islamabad**

**PIDE**

**DR. PERVEZ TAHIR MEMORIAL**  
 Wednesday, October 11, 2023 | 7:00PM

"Remembering a Pioneer Economist, Intellectual and Mentor to Many"

Join on zoom via:  
 ID: 986 3023 1695  
 Password: 381153

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## Dr. Pervez Tahir Memorial

Event Date: : **Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 07:00 PM**



<https://shorturl.at/acnAN>



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## Breast Cancer Awareness: Prevention, Screening, Control

Event Date: : **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM**



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## Workshop on Applied Econometrics with R Software A 6-week course Comprising 8 modules

Event Date: **05-10-2023 to 23-11-2023**



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## Measuring Household Welfare” under World Bank Lecture Series

Event Date: **27-10-2023**



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## EconFest

Event Date: **Saturday, October 28 & Sunday, October 29, 2023**

PIDE Faculty members and students actively participated in the PIDE Econ Fest grand event of the institute.





# RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND ADVANCEMENT COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR POLICY-ORIENTED RESEARCH

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad

RASTA Competitive Grants Programme for Policy-Oriented Research 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 2,300+ 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 27 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.



# 3RD RASTA CONFERENCE

RASTA organized a two-day '3rd PIDE-RASTA Conference' on September 14th and 15th, 2023 at the Gun & Country Club, Islamabad. Seventeen (17) research papers completed under the fourth round of the RASTA CGP, and two DDR projects were presented at the Conference. The papers were evaluated by the RASTA Research Advisory Committee members. A number of relevant stakeholders – such as representatives of Ministries, Departments, and sector specialists from international and national organisations – attended the conference.



# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & DOMESTIC COMMERCE REPORTS

RASTA and PIDE conducted an Event to present findings of 02 DDR Funded Projects: 'DDR-017 Mitigating Traffic Congestion in Islamabad' and 'DDR-022 The State of Commerce in Pakistan'. The event was held on 10th October 2023 at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Aiwan-e-Sanat-o-Tijarat Rd, G-8/1, Islamabad. A number of traders and members of the ICCI shall attend the event which will provide the opportunity to discuss and deliberate upon the solution for Pakistan's commerce and traffic management issues.



# RASTA SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE PDR

A special of the RASTA PDR was published based on findings of the research studies funded under the second round of the Competitive Call for Research of the RASTA.



## CASE PENDENCY: REFORMING THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Based on the findings of round 4.0 awarded research projects, a twitter space was held on 16 December 2023. Dr Saima Sarwar, RASTA Fellow, talked about 'Case Pendency: Reforming the Judicial System'

