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Education

PhD Economics Department of Economics, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Pakistan

Thesis Title: *Essays on Investment Behavior in Pakistan*

M.Phil. Economics Department of Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU) Islamabad, Pakistan

Thesis Title: *Investment Behavior in Pakistan: An Empirical Analysis*

M.Sc. Economics School of Economics, IIU Islamabad, Pakistan

Teaching Experience

September 2021 to Date **Assistant Professor, National Defense University (NDU), Islamabad, Pakistan.**

- Taught Advanced Microeconomics, Welfare and Happiness Economics, and Mathematical Economics

September 2014 to August 2021 **Visiting Faculty, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan.**

- Taught Money & Banking, Business Economics, Economic Analysis, Current Business and Society, History of Economic Thought, and Political Economy of Pakistan

September 2014 to May 2016 **Visiting Faculty, Air University Islamabad, Pakistan.**

- Taught Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Economic Growth & Development, Research Methods, Public Finance, Introduction to Econometrics, Computational Economics and Time Series Analysis

September 2013 to July 2014 **Visiting Faculty, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Pakistan.**

- Taught Advanced Macroeconomics

February 2011 to June 2011 **Visiting Faculty, University of Lahore (Islamabad Campus) Pakistan.**

- Taught Engineering Economics and Microeconomics

- October 2006 to September 2011 **Assistant Professor, GIFT University Gujranwala, Pakistan.**
- Primary Responsibilities:*
- Taught Advanced Research Methods, Managerial Economics, Monetary and Fiscal Economics, Applied Economics, Quantitative Techniques, Probability & Statistics, Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics.
 - Administrative and research work.
 - Member, Board of Studies
 - Course Coordinator (Economics)
 - MBA/BBA Batch Advisor/Mentor
 - In-charge, Research Center
 - Chairperson, Library Committee
 - Trainer
 - Member Interview Panel of Admission Committee
 - Examiner MBA/BBA Final Projects / Business Plans
 - Term Exam Invigilation
 - Research Papers, Cases and Reports Writing
 - Academia, Industry and Policy Liaison
- September 2004 to April 2006 **Visiting Faculty, Department of Economics, Banking and Finance, International Islamic University (IIU) Islamabad, Pakistan.**
- Taught Econometric Theory, Advanced Microeconomics and Computer Programming & Application in Economics, Finance & Econometrics
- August 2000 to April 2001 **Visiting Faculty, Pakistan International Center for Research & Academics (PICRA) Affiliated with Greenwich University Karachi, Pakistan.**
- Primary Responsibilities:*
- Taught Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Mathematics and Statistics
 - Participated in Curriculum Development

Professional/Research Experience

- January 2012 to Date **Consultant/Visiting Research Fellow, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) Islamabad, Pakistan.**
- February 2017 to February 2021 **Senior Research Fellow, Centre of Excellence for CPEC (CoECPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan.**
- Primary Responsibilities:*
- Policy Research and Aligned Activities in the areas of Investment, Trade, and Industry in the context of CPEC
- October 2020 to Date **Trainer, Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD) Islamabad, Pakistan.**

March 2018
to Date **Trainer, National Centre for Rural Development (NCRD)
Islamabad, Pakistan.**

December 2004
to September 2006 **Research Officer/Economist, Ministry of Planning,
Development and Special Initiatives, Pakistan.**

Primary Responsibilities:

- Socio-economic data collection, compilation, presentation, interpretation and methodical time series analysis and related research activities like seminars and workshops/ trainings pertaining to Macroeconomic Framework and Modeling
- Preparation of Development Budget and relating activities pertaining to PSDP. Preparation and Examination of PC-1s relating to Culture, Sports & Youth Affairs Sectors.
- Preparation of Working Papers and Briefs for meetings (DDWP, CDWP).
- Analysis of foreign economic assistance and maintenance of various types of aid statistics required for official use. Preparation and coordination work relating to Short-term (ITFO) credits from IDB, and Short-term Commercial Credits, dealt by the Finance Division.
- Preparation/coordination of monthly disbursement data for BOP Financing and working out projections of foreign aid disbursement, for BOP Financing, required for development plans, the Finance Division, SBP, IMF Missions and for internal use.
- Preparation of statements and summaries on aid utilization. Coordination of all type of monthly reporting and other assignments given by time to time.
- Preparation of data/information relating to EAD for:
 - IMF Missions, World Bank and ADB
 - Annual Budget Speech
 - Pakistan Economic Survey
 - Yearbook
 - National Assembly and Senate Questions
- Organizer in PDF 2006. Conducting Officer in JMC and JEC of Iran and Afghanistan in 2006.

February 2004
to August 2004 **Management Trainee (Research), National Productivity
Organization (NPO), Islamabad, Pakistan.**

Primary Responsibilities:

- Preparation of the Concept Papers and Situational Analysis for Agriculture, Livestock and Floriculture Sectors
- Data Compilation and Analysis for Labor Productivity

- and Total Factor Productivity (TFP)
- Review of Literature, Report Writing and Survey Design for Development Sector
- Active Participant in Corporate Development Communications

November 2002
to April 2003

Research Associate Intern, Innovative Development Strategies (IDS), Islamabad, Pakistan.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Collection of Data and Information Pertaining to Economic Development
- Data Analysis, Graphical Representation and Interpretation Related to Trade, Poverty and Governance
- Report Writing and Advanced Statistical Analysis
- Resource Person in the Seminars, Workshops, and Training Sessions Pertaining to Civil Society and WTO Issues for a Developing Economy like Pakistan

Research Papers/Journal Articles, & Book Chapter(s)

- Agyekum, Ephraim Bonah, Fahd Amjad, Liaqat Ali Shah, Ahsan Abbas. 2021. *Site Location and Allocation Decision for Onshore Wind Farms, using Spatial Multi-Criteria Analysis and Density-Based Clustering. A Techno-Economic-Environmental Assessment, Ghana.* Sustainable Energy Technologies and Assessments. Accepted: Volume 47, October 2021, 101503.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2213138821005142>
- Abbas, Ahsan, Zaheer Abbas, and Ghulam Mustafa. 2021. *An Empirical Analysis of Sector-Wise Private Investment for a Small Open Economy.* Development Studies Research. Revised Version of the Paper/Article is submitted to editor.
- Abbas, Ahsan, Ghulam Mustafa and Eatnaz Ahmad. 2021. *An Exploratory Study on Determinants of Government Investment in Pakistan.* Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics, Accepted for Publication/Forthcoming.
- Abbas, Ahsan and Eatnaz Ahmad. 2019. *Private, Public and Foreign Investment Nexus in Pakistan: An Empirical Analysis of Crowding-in/out Effects.* Forman Journal of Economic Studies, Vol. 15, pp. 181-208.
<https://www.fccollege.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/Private-Public-and-Foreign-Investment-Nexus-in-Pakistan-An-Empirical-Analysis-of-Crowding-InOut-Effects.pdf>
- Abbas, Ahsan, Eatnaz Ahmad and Fazal Husain. 2019. *Political and Macroeconomic Uncertainty and Investment Behavior in Pakistan.* The Pakistan Development Review, Vol.58, No. 3, pp.

307-331.

https://econpapers.repec.org/article/pidjournal/v_3a58_3ay_3a2019_3ai_3a3_3ap_3a307-331.htm

- Ahmed, Vaqar, Ahsan Abbas, and Saira Ahmed. 2013. *Public Infrastructure and Economic Growth in Pakistan: A Dynamic CGE Micro-Simulation Analysis*. Chapter published in *Economic Studies in Inequality, Social Exclusion and Well-Being*, pp. 117-143, 2013, Springer International Publishing.
https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-03137-8_5

Conference Papers, Working Papers, & Newspaper Articles

- Mumtaz, Shaista, Ahsan Abbas and Muqarab Abbas. 2020. *Balochistan Coastal Area and Gwadar Fisheries Sector: Issues, Potential, Value Proposition and Prospects for Sustainable Development*. Paper presented in 1st International Symposium on Building Economic Resilience against Pandemics - A virtual event hosted by BUIITEMS, Quetta. Pakistan on October 27, 2020.
- Mumtaz, Shaista, Ahsan Abbas and Liaqat Ali Shah. 2019. *An Exploratory Study to Investigate the Effects of Non-Tariff Barriers on Pakistan's Halal Meat Export*. Paper presented in International Conference on China Pakistan Economic Corridor: Managing the Change at Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB), LUMS, Lahore, Pakistan on January 17-18, 2019.
- Ali, Saira and Ahsan Abbas. 2018. *Nine Proposed Priority SEZs under CPEC and SEZ Act: An Approach to Industrial Development*. Paper presented in International Conference: 7th Asian Management Research and Case at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) on March 23, 2018.
- Ali, Saira and Ahsan Abbas. 2018. *Nine Proposed Priority SEZs under CPEC and SEZ Act: An Approach to Industrial Development*. Paper presented in National Conference on CPEC, Institutions and Inclusive Growth in Pakistan at University of Gujrat, Pakistan on February 27-28, 2018.
- Batool, Faryal and Ahsan Abbas. 2018. *Joint Ventures under CPEC and Prospects for Pakistan's Industry: A Remarkable Yield of One Belt One Road Initiative*. Paper presented in National Conference on CPEC, Institutions and Inclusive Growth in Pakistan at University of Gujrat, Pakistan on February 27-28, 2018.
- Batool, Faryal and Ahsan Abbas. 2017. *Joint Ventures under CPEC and Prospects for Pakistan's Industry: A Remarkable Yield of One Belt One Road Initiative*. Paper presented in International Conference on CPEC: Political, Economic and Social Perspectives at University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan on September 11-13, 2017.
- Ahmed, Vaqar, Ahsan Abbas, Saira Ahmed and Cathal O' Donoghue. 2010. *Global Financial Crisis, MDGs, and Choices for Pakistan's Inclusive Development*. Paper presented in 13th

- Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis (GTAP Resource # 3320), Penang, Malaysia, on June 9-11, 2010.
- Abbas, Ahsan, and Vaqar Ahmed. 2009. *Development Paradox in Pakistan*. Paper presented in 9th National Conference at SZABIST, Islamabad, Pakistan on June 25, 2009.
 - Iqbal, Shehzad, and Ahsan Abbas. 2009. *Role of Zakat in Poverty Reduction and Fair Resource Distribution: A Step towards Economic Development*. Paper presented in National Conference on Global Management at FAST-NU, Karachi, Pakistan on July 24-25, 2009.
 - Abbas, Ahsan and Saira Ali. 2018. *China Regional Trade Pattern & Prospects for Pakistan*. Working Paper# 015, Issue 1, Centre of Excellence, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan.
 - Ali, Saira and Ahsan Abbas. 2018. *Nine Proposed Priority SEZs under CPEC and SEZ Act: An Approach to Industrial Development*. Working Paper# 016, Issue 1, Centre of Excellence, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan.
 - Batool, Faryal and Ahsan Abbas. 2018. *Joint Ventures under CPEC and Prospects for Pakistan's Industry: A Remarkable Yield of One Belt One Road Initiative*. Working Paper# 016, Issue 1, Centre of Excellence, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan.
 - Ahmed, Vaqar, Ahsan Abbas, and Saira Ahmed. 2010. *Taxation Reforms: A CGE Micro-Simulation Analysis for Pakistan*. MPIA Working Paper 2010-12, PEP Network, September 2010.
 - Abbas, Ahsan, Shaista Mumtaz. 2019. *Budget 2019-20, CPEC and Growth Trajectory*. The Nation, July 16, 2019.
 - Abbas, Ahsan. 2018. *CPEC Inclusive*. Daily Times June 01, 2018
 - Mumtaz, Shaista and Ahsan Abbas. 2018. *Business Opportunities through SEZs under CPEC*. The Nation, May 18, 2018.
 - Abbas, Ahsan, Shaista Mumtaz. 2018. *CPEC – Herald of Innovation*. The Nation, February 22, 2018.

Policy Papers/Briefs, Concept Papers/Notes, Situational Analysis, & Projects,

- Maaz, Faryal, Liaqat Ali Shah and Ahsan Abbas. 2019. *Export Competitiveness: Issues and Remedial Measures*. CPEC Quarterly, Vol 3, pp. 48-51.
- Rashid, Shahid, Liaqat Ali Shah, Saira Ali and Ahsan Abbas. 2018. *Roadmap for Development of CPEC SEZs*. Policy Paper # 01, CPEC Policy Paper Series, Centre of Excellence, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Abbas, Ahsan, Shaista Mumtaz and Saira Ali. 2018. *Pak-China*

- FTA: Current Scenario, Analysis and Way Forward*. CPEC Quarterly, Spring Issue, Vol 2, pp. 28-32.
- Abbas, Ahsan and Shaista Mumtaz. 2017. *Prospects of FDI in Special Economic Zones under CPEC: A Special Case of Saudi Arabia*. Working Paper No. 019/2017, Centre of Excellence, China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Islamabad, Pakistan.
 - Ali, Saira and Ahsan Abbas. 2017. *China Regional Trade Pattern and Prospects for Pakistan*. Working Paper, Centre of Excellence for CPEC, Islamabad, Pakistan.
 - Maaz, Faryal, Liaqat Ali Shah and Ahsan Abbas. 2017. *Industrial Development, Job Creation, Special Economic Zones and Urban Development*. Policy Brief based on Panel Discussion at 33rd AGM, PIDE, Islamabad, Pakistan on December 14, 2017.
 - Abbas, Ahsan, Faryal Batool and Saira Ali. 2017. *Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under CPEC: A Tool for Sustained Inclusive Growth*. CPEC Quarterly, Autumn Issue, Vol 1, pp. 29-32.
 - Abbas, Ahsan, Faryal Batool and Saira Ali. 2017. *GSP+ and CPEC*. CPEC Quarterly, Autumn Issue, Vol 1, pp. 32-33.
 - Abbas, Ahsan, Faryal Batool and Saira Ali. 2017. *Joint Ventures under CPEC and Potentials for Industry Development in Pakistan*. CPEC Quarterly, Autumn Issue, Vol 1, pp. 33-34.
 - Prospects of Foreign Investment under CPEC. Submitted to Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).
 - China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC). Draft/Support Material submitted to Ministry of Finance for Pakistan Economic Survey 2016-17.
 - SMEs Performance amid Covid-19 and Post-Pandemic Recovery Project: Literature Review, Development of Questionnaire, Survey. Analysis and Damage Need Assessment for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Statistical/Econometric Analysis, and Report Writing. To be submitted to SDPI, Pakistan.
 - UNDP Women-led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (WMSME) Project: Survey Interviews, Key Informant Interviews (KII), Focus Group Discussions (FGD), Reports, Project Presentation and survey write-up.
 - Project Coordinator in National Corruption Perception Survey (NCPS)-2010, Transparency International, Pakistan.
 - Poverty and Social Impact Analysis of Expanded Program on Immunization in Pakistan. Report submitted to UNDP and Ministry of Finance, Pakistan.
 - Inclusive Budget Project: Scope studies on Taxing and Expenditures Reforms under Finance Bill 2013. Research Brief on Impact of Budget 2013 on monetary policy. Research Brief on Impact of New IMF Program for Pakistan. Submitted to SDPI, Pakistan.

- World Bank Trade Strategy Project: Literature Review, Survey and Analysis on investment and competitiveness. Submitted to SDPI, Pakistan.
- Pak-Afghan Trade Project: Pakistan-Afghanistan trade & investment cooperation review; situation analysis of trade facilitation in Afghanistan, issues in informal trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Submitted to SDPI, Pakistan.

Project/Research Supervision/Evaluation

- Mansha, Humaira, Madiha Kiran, Sana Mushtaq, Syed Ali Irtaza, and Sohail Mushtaq. 2010. *An Investigation into the Determinants of Employee Turnover: A Case of Confectionery industry in Pakistan*. MBA Final Project submitted to the GIFT Business School (GBS), GIFT University Gujranwala, Pakistan.
- Maqsood, Tayyaba, Kiran Sarwar, Muniba Arshad, Abbas Zaheer, and Saman Zahra. 2010. *Business Plan for Parboiling Plant (KMATS)*. MBA Final Project submitted to the GIFT Business School (GBS), GIFT University Gujranwala, Pakistan..
- Siddique, Shahid, Yasir Shabbir, Adil Farooq, and Shazad Rasheed. 2008. *Business Plan for Tourism Travel Agency (YASS)*. MBA Final Project submitted to the GIFT Business School (GBS), GIFT University Gujranwala, Pakistan.
- BBA and MBA Corporate Internship Reports
- MSc. and M.Phil. Thesis

Refereeing and Reviewing

- International Research Journal of Management and Business Studies (IRJMBS)
- Agricultural Science Research Journal
- IIUM Journal of Economics & Management
- Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) Conference Papers, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Journal of Development Policy, Research and Practice
- SDPI Working Paper Series, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Seminar/Webinar/Conference Speaker/Discussant/Panelist

- Panelist in Public Private Dialogue - Roadmap for Sustainable Development of Baluchistan: Aligning Development Priorities with Clean Energy Transition Pathways. Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, Pakistan. May 19, 2021.
- 1st International Symposium on Building Economic Resilience against Pandemics - A virtual event hosted by BUIITEMS, Quetta. October 27, 2020.

- Webinar on Shared Economic Recovery, Golden Ring Economic Forum (GREF) and University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore. July 29, 2020.
- Seminar on CPEC Phase-II: Industrial Cooperation, China Study Center, University of Peshawar, Pakistan. January 15, 2020.
- Conference on CPEC and its Impact on Economy (CPEC: One Corridor, Many Doors), Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, Pakistan. March 13, 2019.
- Briefing to High Powered Trade & Investors Delegation from Singapore on CPEC and Investment Opportunities, FPCCI, Karachi, Pakistan. February 25, 2019.
- Panelist in 3rd SME Conference/SMEDA Summit Plenary Session in Lahore, Pakistan. November 27-28, 2018.
- Panelist in Jinnah Institute Round Table Conference: The New Frontier: Exploring East-West Connectivity in Islamabad, Pakistan. October 30, 2018
- Seminar on Dividends of CPEC for Pakistan and Region, University of Malakand, Pakistan. April 27, 2018.
- Seminar on CPEC (1+4 Portfolio): A New Era of Development for Pakistan, Sargodha Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan on April 10, 2018.
- Panelist in PRIME Institute Round Table Conference on Strategic Trade Policy Framework (2018-23) (Regional Trade Promotion and Role of CPEC) in Islamabad, Pakistan. March 22, 2018.
- National Conference on CPEC, Institutions and Inclusive Growth in Pakistan at University of Gujrat, Pakistan on February 27-28, 2018.
- Seminar on CPEC and Opportunities for SMEs, Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Gujrat, Pakistan. January 02, 2018.
- 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM)/Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE), Islamabad, Pakistan, December 12-14, 2017.
- Seminar on CPEC and the Role of Academia, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering (SMME), NUST, Islamabad, Pakistan, August 22, 2017.
- Seminar on CPEC: A Comprehensive Perspective and Opportunities for Pakistani Businesses, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), Peshawar, Pakistan July 28, 2017.
- Seminar on Challenges of Game Changer CPEC: What Should We Do? Iqra University, Islamabad Campus, Pakistan, July 15, 2017.
- Seminar on India Pakistan Trade: Myths, Perceptions, Facts and Prospects, Foundation University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, December 9, 2013.
- 13th Annual International Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Penang, Malaysia June 9-11, 2010.
- 9th National Conference at SZABIST, Islamabad, Pakistan on

June 25, 2009.

Professional Training/Workshop & Forums

International

- Participated in Asia-Pacific Forum on Science and Technology Parks 2017, Hefei City, China.
- Participated in the “Pakistan Strategy Support Program (PSSP) Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) Workshop” by USAID and IFPRI.
- Participated in Training Course on “South Asian Training Programme on CGE Modeling” by South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE) and South Asia Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Participated in the “PEP Global Crisis Workshop” Penang, Malaysia.
- Participated in Training Course on “Modeling Detailed Trade Policy Scenarios using the MIRAGE Computable General Equilibrium Model” by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC, USA.
- Participated in the Workshop on “Social Sciences in the German Universities” by DAAD and NIPS at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

National

- Participated in In-house Three-Day Training on CGE Modeling at Centre of Excellence CPEC, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated in Training Session: “In- house Workshop on Strategic Time management” at Centre of Excellence CPEC, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Organized/Participated in the Seminar on “Halal Meat Export: Prospects, Challenges & Effective Policy Measures” at Institute of Business Management (IBM), Karachi, Pakistan.
- Participated in Punjab Economic Forum 2017, Lahore, Pakistan.
- Participated in the “Fourth 5 Days Workshop on Applied Economics using Software (E-views, RATS, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX)” School of Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated in the Training Workshop on “Training of Trainers (TOT)” by SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated in the Workshop on “Writing Winning Project Proposal” by SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated in the Workshop on “Introduction to Grounded Theory” by SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated in the Workshop on “Case Writing” at GIFT University, Gujranwala, Pakistan.
- Organized the Workshop on “Orientation of E Views” at GIFT University, Gujranwala, Pakistan.
- Participated in Training Session/Workshop; “Value Added Productivity Measurement System for Knowledge-Based Organizations” by National Institute for Competitiveness and R&D

- Cell, Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan.
- Participated in Training Course on “Macroeconomic Modeling and Trade Policy Evaluation using Financial Programming and CGE Approach” by Macro Modeling Project, Planning Commission of Pakistan and Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD), Islamabad.
- Organized the Workshop on “Case Study Teaching and Writing” at GIFT University, Gujranwala, Pakistan.
- Participated in the Workshop on “Case Study Method – Teaching and Writing” at University of Central Punjab (UCP), Lahore.
- Participated in the Training Course / Workshop on “Research Methodology” at GIFT University, Gujranwala, Pakistan.
- Participated in the Training Course / Workshop on “Orientation Training Course for the Newly Recruited ROs” at Pakistan Planning and Management Institute (PPMI), Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated in Training Session; “In- house Capacity Building Program” at NPO, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Participated in “Second National Weavers Forum” as an organizer at NPO, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Worked on WTO and its Implications in Pakistan at IDS, Islamabad, Pakistan
- Worked on Preparation of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) at IDS, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- Organized Workshops related to Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) and Civil Society Consultations at IDS, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Scholarships and Awards

- **Top Position in** PhD Coursework (CGPA 3.71/4.00), 2013.
- **Laptop Awarded based on Merit** under Shahbaz Sharif (Chief Minister) Youth Initiative Program, 2013.
- **Junior Research Assistant (JRA) Scholarship** in M.Phil Economics, 2001.
- **Merit Scholarship** in M.Sc Economics, 1998.
- Award of “**The Best Student of M.Sc Economics**”, 2000.
- **Stood First** in M.Sc Economics, 1997-2000.
- **Over all Third Position** in the University, 2000.

Membership & Association

- Member of PEP Network (www.pep-net.org)
- South Asia watch on Trade, Economics & Environment (SAWTEE) (www.sawtee.org)
- South Asia Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM)(www.sanemnet.org)
- Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) (www.sdpi.org)
- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) (<http://pide.org.pk>).

- National Centre for Rural Development (NCRD)
(<http://www.ncrd.gov.pk>)
- Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS)
(<https://www.pips.gov.pk>)
- Pakistan Institute of trade and Development (PITAD)
(www.pitad.org.pk)

Countries Visited

- China, Malaysia, Dubai, Nepal

Computer and Information System Skills

- Microsoft Office, E-Views, Stata, Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS), R, Regression Analysis of Time Series (RATS), General Algebraic Modeling System (GAMS), and General Equilibrium Modelling Package (GEMPACK), LaTeX,

Languages

<u>Language</u>	<u>Speaking</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>
English	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Urdu	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Arabic	Low	Good	Good

References

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