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## **EDUCATION**

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**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Harvard University, US, 2014

**Ph.D. (Economics)**, University of Hamburg, Germany, 2006

**M.A. (Economics)**, Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds, UK, 1994

**M.Sc. (Economics)**, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan, 1992

**B.Sc. Hons. (Economics)**, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan, 1990

## **PROFESSIONAL & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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May 2021 to date    Founding Dean, Faculty of Business, Economics and  
Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab

Mar 2021 to Dec 24    Founding Head, School of Economics, University of the Punjab

Jun 2018 to Dec 24    Chairman, Department of Economics, University of the Punjab

Dec 2022 to Feb 23    Vice Chancellor, University of Jhang, Jhang

Dec 2022 to Feb 23    Chairman, Punjab Examination Commission

Nov 2023 to Dec 24    Director, Alumni Office, University of the Punjab

May 2015 to Jun 2018    Director, Punjab Economic Research Institute (PERI), Planning &  
Development Department, Govt. of Punjab (MP-I Scale)

Aug 2014 to date    Professor, Department of Economics, University of the Punjab,  
Lahore, Pakistan

Sept 2014 to Apr 2015    Sessional Lecturer, University of Saskatchewan (Sask), Canada

Jan 2014 to Aug 2014    Research Affiliate/Postdoc Fellow, Harvard University, US

Feb 2014 to Mar 2014    Visiting Scholar, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public  
Policy, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Oct 2011 to Aug 2014 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Oct 2006 to Dec 2012 Research Fellow, Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI), Germany

Dec 2002 to Sep 2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

Sep 1997 to Nov 2002 Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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**Vice Chancellor, University of Jhang, Jhang** (December 2022 to February 2023)

**Founding Dean, Faculty of Business, Economics and Administrative Sciences,**  
University of the Punjab, Lahore, May 2021 to date  
(*Faculty includes following eight constituent institutes/departments/centres*)

- School of Economics
- Institute of Administrative Sciences (IAS)
- Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC)
- Institute of Business Administration (IBA)
- Business Incubation Centre (BIC)
- Institute of Business & Information Technology (IBIT)
- Department of Business Administration, Punjab University Gujranwala Campus
- Departments of Business Administration and Administrative Sciences, Punjab University Jhelum Campus

**Founding Head, School of Economics,** University of the Punjab, Lahore, March 2021 to Dec 2024

(*School includes following four constituent departments and a research center*)

- Department of Economics
- Department of Business Economics
- Department of Economic Policy and Public Finance
- Department of Econometrics and Quantitative Methods
- Punjab University Centre for Economic and Business Research

**Chairman, Department of Economics,** University of the Punjab, Lahore, June 2018 to Dec 2024

**Chairman, Department of Business Economics,** University of the Punjab, Lahore, May 2021 to date

**Chairman, Department of Economic Policy and Public Finance**, University of the Punjab, Lahore, May 2021 to date

**Director, Institute of Business & Information Technology**, University of the Punjab, Lahore, May 2021 to date

**Director, Human Resource Development Centre**, University of the Punjab, Lahore, May 2021 to May 2022

**Director, Punjab Economic Research Institute**, Planning & Development Department, Govt. of the Punjab, Lahore, May 2015 to June 2018 (MP-I Scale)

**Project Director of the Project titled “Upgradation of Department of Economics as School of Economics**, University of the Punjab, Lahore” from 01.09. 2021 till date

**Course/Program Coordinator**

- Master of Business Economics (MBEcon) (1998 to 1999) and (2007 to 2008)
- M.A. Economics (Replica) (2000 to 2003)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Economics (PGDAE) (1999 to 2003)

**RESEARCH FOCUS**

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- Development Policy
- International Political Economy
- Economics of Foreign Aid
- Women Development

**SELECTED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

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**Books**

Foreign Aid and Social Sector of Pakistan: An empirical evidence from health and education sectors, Saarbrücken (Germany): Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011

The Political Economy of Foreign Aid to Pakistan, Baden-Baden (Germany): NOMOS, 2007

**Book Reviews**

The Pakistan Development Review, Vol. 47 (2), Summer 2008, pp. 215-216

The Lahore Journal of Economics, Vol. 12 (2), Winter 2007, pp. 151-153

**Research Articles**

**Impact Factor Papers**

1. The Differential Effect of Internal and External Remittances on Labor Participation and Employment Choices in Pakistan, *SAGE Open*, 14(3), DOI: 10.1177/21582440241265879, 2024 (with Waqas Sher et al) **IF 2.0**

2. Effect of Coping Strategies on Household Food Insecurity in Pakistan Amid Global Economic Crisis, *International Social Science Journal*, 74 pp. 1397-1421 <https://doi.org/10.1111/issj.12520>, 2024 (with Waqas Shair et al) **IF 1.90**
3. The Association between Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Child Underweight in Punjab, Pakistan: An Application of Population Attributable Fraction, *Journal of Multidisciplinary Health Care*, Vol 17, 2024 (with Muhammad Nadeem et al). **IF 2.70**
4. Technical Efficiency, Economic Sustainability and Environmental Implications of Dairy Farms in Pakistan, *Polish Journal of Environmental Studies*, Vol 33 No. X, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.15244/pjoes/187116> (with Amar Razzaq et al) **IF 1.80**
5. How Important is Parental Education for Child Nutrition: analyzing the relative significance of mothers' and fathers' education, *International Journal of Social Economics* of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJSE-06-2023-0483>. 2024 (with Atif Khan Jadoon et al) **IF 1.93**
6. A Tale of Two (Once Related) Countries: Inclusive Growth and Social Protection Empirics Using Structural Equation Model in Pakistan and Bangladesh, *Migration Letters*, Vol 20 No. S10, 2023 (with Sadaf Nisar and Asma Awan) **IF 1.71**
7. Polarisation, Institutional Quality, and Social Cohesion: evidence in worldwide scenario, *International Journal of Computational Economics and Econometrics*. Vol 13, No 3, 2023(with Muhammad Nadeem et al). **IF 0.8**
8. Effect of Internal and External Remittances on Expenditure Inequality in Pakistan, *Cogent Economics & Finance*, Volume 11, Issue 1; <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322039.2023.2178121>, 2023 (with Waqas Shair) **IF 0.411**
9. Instability of Government Revenues and Expenditures: Implications for Budget Deficit in Pakistan, *Quality & Quantity*, (Published online); <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11135-022-01553-z>, 2022 (with Malik Muhammad) **IF 2.87**
10. Turning Crisis into a Sustainable Opportunity regarding Demand for Training and New Skills in Labour Market: An empirical analysis of COVID-19 pandemic and Skills Upgradation, *Sustainability*, 14(24), 16785; <https://doi.org/10.3390/su142416785>, 2022 (with Muhammad Azmat Hayat et al) **IF 3.89**
11. Towards Sustainable Water Use: Factors influencing Farmers' Participation in the Informal Groundwater Markets in Pakistan, *Frontiers in Environmental Sciences*, doi 10.3389/fenvs.2022. 944156, 2022, (with Amar Razzaq et al). **IF 5.41**

12. The Role of Women Empowerment Towards Household Poverty Reduction: Evidence from Punjab, Pakistan, *Humanities and Social Sciences Reviews*, 2021, Vol. 9, Issue 3, pp. 384-397 (with Ambreen Sarwar). **IF 2.73**
13. A Nexus between Household Characteristics and Women's Empowerment: A case study of Punjab, Pakistan, *Humanities and Social Sciences Reviews*, 2021, Vol. 9, Issue 2, pp. 203-212 (with Hasfa Batool et al). **IF 2.73**
14. Women Autonomy and Sustainable Development: A case of southern Punjab, *Elementary Education Online*, 2021, Vol. 20, Issue 4, pp. 1733-1745 (with Hafsa Batool et. al.) **IF 0.41**
15. Women Empowerment in the Perspective of Socioeconomics Dynamics: A case study of northern Punjab, Pakistan, *Elementary Education Online*, 2021, Vol 20, Issue 5, pp. 4852-4863 (with Hafsa Batool et. al) **IF 0.41**
16. Women Decision Making Autonomy as a Facilitating Factor for Contraceptive Use for Family Planning in Pakistan, *Social Indicators Research*, 2021, published online (with Muhammad Nadeem et. al) **IF 2.00**
17. The Impact of Political Institutional Quality on Social Cohesion: Evidence from worldwide perspective, *Journal of Public Affairs*, 2021, published online (with Muhammad Nadeem et. al) **IF 0.86**
18. Inequality of Opportunity in Access to Antenatal Care in Districts of Punjab, Pakistan, *Elementary Education Online*, 2021, Vol 20, Issue 4, pp. 1706-1721 (with Hafiz Ghulam Mujaddad) **IF 0.41**
19. Estimate the Economic Cost of Achieving WASH related SDGs Targets in Punjab, *Journal of Sustainable Finance and Investment*, 2020, Vol. 10, Issue 1, pp.1-17 (with Uzooba Hureem et al.) **IF: 0.76**
20. Can the Informal Groundwater Markets Improve Water Use Efficiency and Equity? Evidence from a semi-arid region of Pakistan, *Science of the Total Environment*, 2019, Vol 666, pp. 849-857 (with Amar Razzaq et al.) **IF: 5.589**
21. Critical issues at the upstream level in sustainable supply chain management of agri-food industries: Evidence from Pakistan's citrus industry, *Sustainability*, 2019, Vol. 11, pp. 1326 (with Muhammad Asad ur Rehman Naseer et. al) **IF: 2.592**
22. The Political Economy of US Aid to Pakistan, *Review of Development Economics*, 2006, Vol. 10 (2), pp. 195-209 (with Katharina Michaelowa) (earlier version: HWWA Discussion Paper 302, Hamburg, 2004) **IF:0.54**

### Discussion Papers

1. Rotten Kid or Forgotten Kid? On child disciplining in Punjab. PERI's Discussion Paper March 2017. (with Umair Ayaz)
2. Quantifying Economic and Urban Growth of Pakistan: Sub-national analysis using nighttime lights data, PERI's Discussion Paper February 2017. (with Hassan Mahmood and Hadia Majid)

### **Policy Briefs**

1. Is Higher Education in Pakistan Moving in the Right Direction? PERI Policy Brief, September 2017
2. Situational Analysis of Women Employed in Manufacturing Sector: The Case Study of Lahore, March 2018

### **Reports**

#### **As Author**

#### **1. Punjab Economic Report 2017, Govt. of the Punjab**

2. An Analyses of the Land Utilization Patterns in Punjab using Land Record Management Information System (LRMIS) Data, 2021  
*PERI's Report No. 445*

3. Road Scorecard: A Framework for Road Sector Development, 2018  
*PERI's Report No. 430*

4. Analysis of Annual Development Programme 2015-16 and 2016-17

5. Market Analysis for Value Chain and Olive Oil Consumption in Pakistan. 2016  
*PERI's Report No. 418*

6. Impact Assessment of Continuum of Care (Green Book) Initiative. 2016  
*PERI's Report No. 419*

#### **As a General Editor**

1. Needs Assessment of Trauma Centres in Punjab, *PERI's Report No. 432*

2. Farm Accounts Family Budgets of Rural Families and Cost of Production of Major Crops in Punjab 2016-17, *PERI's Report No. 431*

3. Educational Attainment in Pakistan: Measurement and Barriers at the District Level, *PERI's Report No. 429*

4. Identification of Financial Requirements to Achieve the SDGs in Punjab, *PERI's Report No. 428*

5. Impact of Agriculture Subsidies on Productivity of Major Crops in Pakistan and India: A case study of fertilizer subsidy, *PERI's Report No. 427*

6. Situational Analysis of Small Scale Industry of Punjab, *PERI's Report No. 426*

7. Situational Analysis of Women Employed in Manufacturing Sector: The Case Study of Lahore, *PERI's Report No. 425*
8. State of Family Welfare in Punjab: The Need of Innovative Population Planning, *PERI's Report No. 424*
9. Review of Medical Teaching Facilities: Medical Colleges and Affiliated Teaching Hospitals, *PERI's Report No. 423*
10. Public Spending on Health and Nutrition Sensitive Programs in Punjab: Do the Poor Benefit or Not? *PERI's Report No. 422*
11. What Restricts Children's Educational Attainment in Punjab: A Framework of Analysis, 2016, *PERI's Report No. 421*
12. Plastic Bags Menace- Alternatives and Social Responsiveness: A Case Study of Lahore, Punjab, 2016, *PERI's Report No. 420*
13. Evaluation of ALCs & NFBE Schools at Brick Klin in Multan and Khanewal, 2015 *PERI's Report No. 417*