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Research Interests

Macroeconomic Forecasting, Nowcasting, Small Open Economy RBC Models, Machine Learning, Deep

Learning, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Causal Machine Learning, Big Data Analytics and Time

Series Econometrics

Education Ph.D. Economics

Expected-2022

Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

M.A. Applied Economics

2012

Ohio University, Athens, USA

M.Sc. Economics

2003

International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor

July 2015-Present

Department of Economics, NUMLS, Islamabad, Pakistan

Software Support (R, Part-time)

Fall 2022

Department of Economics, Carleton University, Canada

Teaching Assistant

January 2017-August 2021

Department of Economics, Carleton University, Canada

Lecturer

September 2012-June 2015

Department of Economics, NUMLS, Islamabad, Pakistan

Lecturer

January 2008-August 2010

Department of Economics, NUMLS, Islamabad, Pakistan

Lecturer

September 2006-November 2007

Riphah Academy of Research and Education (RARE)

Riphah International University, Pakistan

Published Papers

Comparing Out-of-Sample Performance of Machine Learning Methods to Forecast U.S. GDP

Growth (with Ba Chu)

Computational Economics, August 2022

Using Natural Language Processing to Measure COVID19-Induced Economic Policy Uncer-

tainty for Canada and US (with Ba Chu, Fanny S. Demers and Michel Demers) Forthcoming as a book chapter in Contributions to Statistics (springer.com)

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Predicting the COVID-19 Pandemic in Canada and the US (with Ba Chu)

Economic Bulletin, Volume 40, Issue 3, September 2020

Completed Working Papers

Forecasting Canadian GDP Growth with Machine Learning (with Ba Chu and Fanny S.Demers) Carleton Economics Working Papers (CEWP), May 2021

Closing Open Economy Models for Emerging Countries (with Fanny S. Demers, and Michel Demers)

Conference Presentations Using Natural Language Processing to Measure COVID19-Induced Economic Policy Uncertainty for Canada and US (with Ba Chu, Fanny S. Demers and Michel Demers)

7th International Conference on Time Series and Forecasting (ITISE 2021), July 2021, Gran Canaria, Spain

Forecasting the COVID-19 Recession and Recovery for Canada and the US using Machine Learning and Deep Learning Methods (with Ba Chu and Fanny S. Demers)

7th International Conference on Time Series and Forecasting (ITISE 2021), July 2021, Gran Canaria, Spain

Using Natural Language Processing to Measure COVID19-Induced Economic Policy Uncertainty for Canada and US (with Ba Chu, Fanny S. Demers and Michel Demers)

11th RCEA Money, Macro and Finance Conference, July 2021, University of Milano-Bicocca and the University of California-Riverside

Teaching experience

Assistant Professor, July 2015-Present, NUMLS

Basic Econometrics (ECEC-343), 1 semester Statistics for Economics II (ECEC-222), 3 semesters Principles of Macroeconomics (ECEC-102), 2 semesters Mathematical Economics II (ECEC-141), 1 semester

Software Support, Carleton University

Special Topics in Economics (ECON-4880), 3 semesters

Teaching Assistant, January 2017-August 2021, Carleton University

Introduction to Macroeconomics (ECON 1002), Winter 2017 Intermediate Microeconomics II (ECON 2030A), Summer 2017 Intermediate Macroeconomics I (ECON 2102 C), Fall 2017 Intermediate Macroeconomics II (ECON 2103 B), Winter 2018 Introductory Statistics for Economics (ECON 2210A), Fall 2018

Intermediate Macroeconomics I (ECON 2102 G), Winter 2019, Fall 2019, Winter 2020

Intermediate Microeconomics I (ECON 2020 A), Summer 2020

Research Methods in Economics (ECON 3900-A), Fall and Winter 2020

Introduction to Economics: Microeconomics (ECON 1001 C), Summer 2021

Review of Mathematical and Statistical Methods of Economics (ECON 4995 A), Summer 2021

Lecturer, NUMLS, September 2012-June 2015

Research Methodology (ECRM-321), 2 semesters Mathematical Economics II (ECEC-141), 2 semesters Methods and Models of Economic Dynamics, 1-semester

Lecturer, NUMLS, January 2008-August 2010

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECEC-201), 3 semesters Mathematical Economics II (ECEC-141), 5 semesters Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECEC-202), 3 semesters Computer Applications in Economics (ECEC-203), 2 semesters

Basic Econometrics (ECEC-343), 2 semesters Advanced Econometrics (ECEC-344), 1 semester

Lecturer, Riphah International University, September 2006-November 2007

Biostatistics SPSS and E-views Research Methods

Fellowships and Awards Randall Geehan Memorial Scholarship in Quantitative Economics, Carleton University (C\$ 2069) 2020
Randall Geehan Memorial Scholarship in Quantitative Economics, Carleton University (C\$ 2069) 2021
International Doctoral Excellence (IDE) Award, Carleton University (C\$ 10500) 2019
H Edward English Memorial Scholarship, Carleton University (C\$ 1706) 2019
Ph.D. Graduate Scholarship, Department of Economics, Carleton University 2017-2021
Fulbright Scholarship, US Department of State 2010-2012

Certifications and Others

Machine Learning and Big Data with Macroeconomic Applications

Carleton University, February 16 -17, 2019

High-Performance Time Series

Business Science University, August 29, 2022

IBM Data Analyst Professional Certificate

IBM, Coursera, May 10, 2022

Analyzing Big Data with Microsoft R

Microsoft, Edx, October 31, 2017

Testing and Evaluation of modeltime.h2o R package

As a volunteer (Please check the Acknowledgement of the R blog on Introducing Modeltime H2O: Automatic Forecasting with H2O AutoML)

As a Trainer

Quantitive analysis using SPSS, STATA and AMOS

ORIC NUMLS, October 06-08, 2015

Data analysis using Microsoft R and R+ Hadoop

ORIC NUMLS, August 17-19, 2016

Skills

Python, R, Pyspark (Python API for Apache Spark), H2O Driverless AI, SQL, Tableau, Google Data Studio, Power BI, IBM Cognos, AWS Cloud, Saturn Cloud, Model Deployment for Production, Bayesian Estimation Analysis, and Regression Toolbox (BEAR), Dynare and Matlab

Non-academic

Positions Manager Research Development and Operations

August 2014-December 2016

Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC)

NUMLS, Islamabad, Pakistan (Transferred from Economics Department)

Program Officer

Integrated Health Services, Islamabad

December 2003-August 2006

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References

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