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INTERESTS	Financial Economics of Climate Change, Sustainable Banking and Finance.		
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Finance , University of Otago Supervisors: Associate Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Helen Roberts, Ph.D. Thesis: <i>Essays on Climate Finance</i> .	On-going	Jul 2022 [Expected]
	M.Sc. in Finance , Northern University of Malaysia Supervisor: Professor Yusnidah Ibrahim, Ph.D. Thesis: <i>Mission Drift in Microfinance Institutions of OIC Countries</i> .		2018
	B.Bus. (Hons) in International Business , University of Malaysia Perlis Thesis: <i>Sustainability, Outreach and Efficiency of Microfinance Institutions</i> .		2014
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Teaching Assistance , Otago Business School, University of Otago FINC304 Financial Markets and Institutions [S1-2020;2021] FINC206 Corporate Finance [S2-2020] FINC102 Business Mathematics [S2-2020] Guest Lecture , Otago Business School, University of Otago Microfinance Institutions and Climate Change: Risk and Opportunities.		Feb 2020- Present S1, 2020
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant [Administrator] , CEFGGroup, University of Otago to Associate Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D.; Associate Professor Helen Roberts, Ph.D. and Sebastian Gehricke, Ph.D.		May 2020- Present
	Research Assistant , Northern University of Malaysia to Professor Mohd Sobri Minai, Ph.D. Project: <i>Investigating the Presence of MFIs Mission Drift in ASEAN and the Mission of Malaysian MFIs</i> .		Aug 2017- Dec 2018
	Research Assistant , Asian Research Institute of Banking and Finance to Professor Salim Rashid, Ph.D. Projects: <i>Financial and Banking sectors in Malaysia; Immigrant Entrepreneurship; Family-run Dual Business</i> .		Sep 2017- Dec 2018
	Research Assistant [Visiting] , Accounting Research Institute, UiTM to Professor Zuraidah Mohd Sanusi, Ph.D. Project: <i>Anti-Fraud and Anti-Money Laundering Mechanisms in Financial Reporting Environment</i> .		Jan 2017- Jun 2017
BOOK CHAPTER	Diaz-Rainey, I., Tulloch, D. J., Ahmed, I. , McCarten, M. and Taghizadeh-Hesary, F. (2020). An Energy Policy for ASEAN? Lessons from the EU Experience on Energy Integration, Security and Decarbonisation. In <i>Economic Integration in Asia and Europe: Lessons and Recommended Policies</i> . Tokyo: ADBI. (Forthcoming). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A working paper on the topic is published by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo: Japan. <i>ADBI Working Paper No. 1217</i>. 		

JOURNAL PAPERS	Expand or Avoid: Microfinance Credit Risk and Climate Vulnerability, with Diaz-Rainey, I., Roberts, H. and Nguyen, D. T. T. Under-review.		
	Stakeholders on Board: Impact in Microfinance Sustainability and Social Outreach, with Hussain, M. D., Mohiuddin, M. and Hossain, M. T. Under-review.		
	Is Mission drift True for Microfinance Institutions? New Evidence from ASEAN Countries, with Ibrahim, I., Minai, M. S. and Alam, M. M. Under-review.		
	Hussain, M. D. and Ahmed, I. Governance and Double Bottom Line Performance of Microfinance Institutions: Evidence from Bangladesh. <i>Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research</i> . (SJ-R-Q3). RnR.		
	Ahmed, I. , Ibrahim, Y. and Bhuiyan, A. B. (2021). Microfinance performance in the OIC member states - Does regulation status matter? <i>International Journal of Development and Conflict</i> . (ABDC-B). Forthcoming.		
WORKING PAPERS	Ibrahim, Y. Ahmed, I. and Minai, M. S. (2018). The influence of institutional characteristics on the financial performance of microfinance institutions in the OIC countries. <i>Economics & Sociology</i> , 11(2), 19-35. (SJ-R-Q1).		
	Ahmed, I. , Bhuiyan, A. B., Ibrahim, Y., Said, J. and Salleh, M. F. M. (2016). Social Accountability of Microfinance Institutions in South Asian Region. <i>International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues</i> , 6(3), 824-829. (SJ-R-Q3).		
	Microfinance's Climate Distress Risk, with Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H.		
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	Systemically Important Microfinance Institutions and Climate Change, with Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H.		
	Capital structure and outreach nexus of microfinance institutions: New evidence from the society of Muslim economies, with Ibrahim, Y. and Minai, M. S.		
	7 th International Young Finance Scholars' Conference 2021, online event.		
	3 rd JRC Summer School on Sustainable Finance 2021, online event.		
	25 th Annual New Zealand Finance Colloquium 2021, Tauranga, New Zealand.		
	1 st CEFGroup Climate Finance Symposium 2020, Dunedin, New Zealand.		
	Sintok International Conference on Social Science and Management 2017, Langkawi Island, Malaysia.		
	3 rd Annual ECoFI Symposium 2016, Sintok, Malaysia.		
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	Thematic Workshop on Intra Trade in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Countries 2015, Sintok, Malaysia.		
	4 th International Malaysian-Ireland Joint Symposium on Engineering, Science and Business 2014, Penang, Malaysia.		
	University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship		
	University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 81,000 plus tuition fees	2019-2022
	Climate and Energy Finance Group (CEFGroup) Conference Travel Award	NZD 600	2020
	University of Otago, New Zealand		

	He Kaupapa Hononga: Otago's Climate Change Research Network Conference Travel Award University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 400	2020
	Best Academic Award for Excellence in Academics University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia	MYR 200	2013
	Dean List Award University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia		2012, 2014
AFFILIATIONS	American Finance Association		2021-Present
	Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand		2021-Present
	Group for Research on Organizations and the Natural Environment		2020-Present
	The Operational Research Society		2020-Present
SKILLS	Software in Practicing Software in Learning Reference Management Operating System Application Package Language	STATA, Eviews, Microfit, PLS, AMOS and SPSS. Python, R. Zotero, Mendeley and EndNote. Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 10. Microsoft Office package, Adobe Acrobat package etc. English, Bengali, Malay, Hindi, Urdu.	
AD-HOC REVIEWER	African Development Review, Applied Economics, International Journal of Managerial Finance, Journal of Financial Economic Policy, Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research, Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment.		
REFEREES	Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D. Director, Climate and Energy Finance Group (CEFGGroup) & Associate Professor of Finance Department of Accountancy and Finance Otago Business School, University of Otago PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054 New Zealand Office Tel: +64 3 479 8117 E-mail: ivan.diaz-rainey@otago.ac.nz	Helen Roberts, Ph.D. Deputy-Director, Climate and Energy Finance Group (CEFGGroup) & Associate Professor of Finance Department of Accountancy and Finance Otago Business School, University of Otago PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054 New Zealand Office Tel: +64 3 479 8072 E-mail: helen.roberts@otago.ac.nz	