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INTERESTS	Banking, Finance, and Macroeconomics.		
EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D. in Finance</b> , 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]
	<b>M.Sc. in Finance</b> , Northern University of Malaysia Supervisor: Professor Yusnidah Ibrahim, Ph.D. Thesis: <i>Mission Drift in Microfinance Institutions of OIC Countries</i>		2018
	<b>B.Bus. (Hons) in International Business</b> , University of Malaysia Perlis Thesis: <i>Sustainability, Outreach and Efficiency of Microfinance Institutions</i>		2014
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Teaching Assistance</b> , Otago Business School, University of Otago FINC304 Financial Markets and Institutions [S1-2020;2021] FINC206 Corporate Finance [S2-2020] FINC102 Business Mathematics [S2-2020]  <b>Guest Lecture</b> , Otago Business School, University of Otago Microfinance Institutions and Climate Change: Risks and Opportunities		Feb 2020- Present  S1, 2020
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>Research Assistant [Administrator]</b> , CEFGGroup, University of Otago to Associate Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D.; Associate Professor Helen Roberts, Ph.D. and Sebastian Gehricke, Ph.D.  <b>Research Assistant</b> , 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> .  <b>Research Assistant</b> , 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> .  <b>Research Assistant [Visiting]</b> , 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> .		May 2020- Present  Aug 2017- Dec 2018  Sep 2017- Dec 2018  Jan 2017- Jun 2017
BOOK CHAPTER	Diaz-Rainey, I., Tulloch, D. J., <b>Ahmed, I.</b> , 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"> <li>A working paper on the topic is published by the Asian Development Bank  Institute (ADBI), Tokyo: Japan. <i>ADBI Working Paper No. 1217</i>.</li> </ul>		

JOURNAL  
PAPERS

**Ahmed, I.**, Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H. Expand or Avoid: Microfinance Credit Risk and Climate Vulnerability. **Under-review.**

Hussain, M. D. and **Ahmed, I.** Governance and Double Bottom Line Performance of Microfinance Institutions: Evidence from Bangladesh. *Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research*. (SJR-Q3). **RnR.**

**Ahmed, I.**, Ibrahim, Y. and Bhuiyan, A. B. (2021). Microfinance performance in the OIC member states - Does regulation status matter? *International Journal of Development and Conflict*. (SJR-Q4, ABDC-B). **Forthcoming.**

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. *Economics & Sociology*, 11(2), 19-35. (SJR-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. *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, 6(3), 824-829. (SJR-Q3).

WORKING  
PAPERS

Microfinance's Climate Distress Risk. With Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H.

Systemically Important Microfinance Institutions and Climate Change. With Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H.

Is Mission drift True for Microfinance Institutions? New Evidence from ASEAN Countries. Ibrahim, I., Minai, M. S., Alam, M. M. *Under-review.*

Stakeholders on Board: Impact in Microfinance Sustainability and Social Outreach. With Hussain, M. D., Mohiuddin, M. and Hossain, M. T.

Capital structure and outreach nexus of microfinance institutions: New evidences from the society of Muslim economies. With Ibrahim, Y. and Minai, M. S.

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

**Ahmed, I.**, Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H. (2021). Geographic Diversification, Climate Vulnerability and Credit Risk in Microfinance. *25<sup>th</sup> Annual New Zealand Finance Colloquium*. Tauranga, New Zealand.

**Ahmed, I.**, Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H. (2021). Geographic Diversification, Climate Vulnerability and Credit Risk in Microfinance. *1<sup>st</sup> CEFGROUP Climate Finance Symposium*. Dunedin, New Zealand.

Ibrahim, Y. and **Ahmed, I.** (2017). The role of capital structure on the social performance of microfinance institutions in the OIC countries." *Sintok International Conference on Social Science and Management*. Langkawi, Malaysia.

**Ahmed, I.**, Ibrahim, Y. and Bhuiyan, A. B. (2016). Is there any difference in the performance of regulated and unregulated microfinance institutions in the OIC countries? *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ECoFI Symposium*. Sintok, Malaysia.

**Ahmed, I.**, Bhuiyan, A. B., Ibrahim, Y. and Said, J. (2015). The Outreach of Microfinance Institutions (MFIs): An Empirical Comparison of Selected OIC Countries in South Asia. *Thematic Workshop on Intra Trade in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Countries*. Sintok, Malaysia.

**Ahmed, I.**, Bhuiyan, A. B. and Said, J. (2014). Operational Self-Sufficiency of Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) in South Asia. *4<sup>th</sup> International Malaysian-Ireland Joint Symposium on Engineering, Science and Business*. Penang, Malaysia.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	<b>University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship</b> University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 81,000 plus tuition fees	2019-2022
	<b>Climate and Energy Finance Group (CEFGGroup) Conference Travel Award</b> University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 600	2020
	<b>He Kaupapa Hononga: Otago's Climate Change Research Network Conference Travel Award</b> University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 400	2020
	<b>Best Academic Award for Excellence in Academics</b> University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia	MYR 200	2013
	<b>Dean List Award</b> University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia		2012, 2014
NETWORK MEMBERSHIP	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	STATA, Eviews, Microfit, PLS, AMOS and SPSS.	
	Software in Learning	Python, R.	
	Reference Management	Zotero, Mendeley and EndNote.	
	Operating System	Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 10.	
	Application Package	Microsoft Office package, Adobe Acrobat package etc.	
	Language	English, Bengali, Malay, Hindi, Urdu.	
AD-HOC REVIEWER	African Development Review		
	Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment		
REFEREES	<b>Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D.</b> 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: <a href="mailto:ivan.diaz-rainey@otago.ac.nz">ivan.diaz-rainey@otago.ac.nz</a>	<b>Helen Roberts, Ph.D.</b> 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: <a href="mailto:helen.roberts@otago.ac.nz">helen.roberts@otago.ac.nz</a>	