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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> .	<i>On-going</i>	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. 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> . 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> . 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> .		May 2020- Present Aug 2017- Dec 2018 Sep 2017- Dec 2018 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.		
	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.		
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	3 rd JRC Summer School on Sustainable Finance. Brussels 2021. virtual event.		
	25 th Annual New Zealand Finance Colloquium. Tauranga, New Zealand.		
	1 st CEFGroup Climate Finance Symposium. Dunedin, New Zealand.		
	Sintok International Conference on Social Science and Management. Langkawi, Malaysia.		
	3 rd Annual ECoFI Symposium. Sintok, Malaysia.		
	Thematic Workshop on Intra Trade in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Countries. Sintok, Malaysia.		
	4 th International Malaysian-Ireland Joint Symposium on Engineering, Science and Business. Penang, Malaysia.		
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship	NZD 81,000	2019-2022
	University of Otago, New Zealand	plus tuition fees	
	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	NZD 400	2020

	University of Otago, New Zealand		
	Best Academic Award for <i>Excellence in Academics</i>	MYR 200	2013
	University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia		
	Dean List Award		2012, 2014
	University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia		
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	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, 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	