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Applied economist and education policy researcher with over 10 years of experience designing and leading large-scale impact evaluation projects, with a special focus on causal inference methods and policy-relevant studies in Pakistan and comparable contexts.

Employment History

Nov 2025 – Present

-  **Head of Research** Jinnah School of Public Policy and Leadership (JSPP), National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan.

Major responsibilities include: Lead the School's research agenda, delivering high-impact policy research, mentoring researchers, applying advanced analytics and M&E, and translating evidence into policy via strategic stakeholder engagement.. [Details here.](#)

Sep 2023 – Nov 2025

-  **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Govt & Public Policy, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan.

Courses Taught: Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Research (with STATA), Comparative Public Administrative Systems, Economics for Public Policy. [Details here.](#)

Sept 2022 – Aug 2023

-  **Impact Evaluation Researcher**, Seoul National University (SNU), Seoul, South Korea.

Research Project: *Technology-based Monitoring and Learning Outcomes*: Analyzed seven rounds of ASER data using difference-in-differences and instrumental variable methods. Received the [2023 Innovative Policy Research Award by ADB and the International Economic Association \(IEA\)](#)

Sep 2020 – Aug 2022

-  **Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Govt & Public Policy, National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan.

Courses Taught: Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Research (with STATA), Comparative Public Administrative Systems, Economics for Public Policy. [Details here.](#)

Jan 2019 – Sept 2020

-  **Impact Evaluation Team Lead** KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea

Project Details: Impact evaluation of Land Record Digitization Program in Punjab, a joint research between KDI School of Public Policy and COMSATS University Islamabad, Attock Campus. Developed research design, evaluation framework, and theory of change; conducted fieldwork and applied generalized difference-in-differences methods for causal analysis. The findings were published in [Land Use Policy](#). Also conducted workshops and developed instructional modules for practitioners and project teams.

Jan 2012 – Jan 2015

-  **Lecturer and Outreach Coordinator**, Centre for Disaster Preparedness and Management (CDPM), University of Peshawar [Full Time].

Organized Annual Disaster Management Exhibitions (DMEs) attracting over 20,000 visitors and 100+ national and international organizations. Also taught courses and conducted workshops on disaster management for practitioners and students.

May 2018 – Jan 2019

-  **Research Assistant**, KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea [Part Time].

Project Details: Impact evaluation of the Government School Monitoring Program, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan.

Worked under the supervision of Prof. Hee-Seung Yang and Prof. Kim Booyuel. Key contributions include data collection and analysis for impact evaluation.

Employment History (continued)

- April 2018 – Jan 2019 ■ **Research Assistant**, KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea [Part Time].
Project Details: Analysis of 150 modularization cases through the Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) at the Korea Development Institute (KDI). Worked under the supervision of Prof. Dong Young Kim.
- Nov 2017 – March 2018 ■ **Teaching Assistant, Economics for Graduate Students** KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea [Part Time].
- Feb 2010 – Feb 2011 ■ **Project Research Associate under NIP Program** Directorate of On Farm Water Management, Government of Khyber, Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan.

Education

- Jan 2016 – Jan 2019 ■ **Ph.D. in Public Policy**, Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea.
Dissertation Topic: Three Essays on Governance and Sustainable Development in Developing Countries. Advisors: Prof. Heeseung Yang, Prof. Dong-Young Kim, and Prof. Booyuel Kim.
Major Courses: Advanced Econometrics (with STATA), Development Economics, Microeconomics I & II (including Game Theory), Macro-Economic Policy, Impact Evaluation Methods, Education Policy Analysis, Participatory Governance, Fragile States, Foundations of Public Policy.
- Jan 2011 – Aug 2014 ■ **M.Phil. in Finance**, University of Malakand, Pakistan.
Thesis Title: The Role of Microfinance Services in the Development of Resilience of Flood-Affected Communities in District Swat, Pakistan. (Published in Emerald Journal, JEC)
Supervisor: Dr. Madiha Khan.
- Jan 2012 – Jan 2013 ■ **Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management**, University of Peshawar, Pakistan.
Thesis Title: Impact of Microfinance on Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Aug 2008 – Dec 2010 ■ **MBA in Finance**, University of Peshawar, Pakistan.
Specialization: Finance (distinction).

Funded Research Projects and Consultancies

- July 2024 – April 2025 ■ **M & E Consultant, GIZ Pakistan**
Project Details: Developing Monitoring & Evaluation Framework for Social Protection Programs in the KP Province, Pakistan. Led a team to design the framework through stakeholder consultations, supervised data collection, and adapted international best practices to the KP policy context (2.1 million).
- Nov 2024 - March 2025 ■ **Co-Lead**, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Project.
Title: Labor Market Integration Survey in Pakistan. (PKR 7.9 million)
- Nov 2023 – Dec 2024 ■ **Team Lead**, Oxford Policy Management, Islamabad, Pakistan.
UNICEF Funded Project: Post-flood Assessment of Children with Disabilities in Pakistan. Responsibilities include developing a conceptual framework, research design, conducting field visits to affected districts for data collection, analyzing quantitative and qualitative data, writing the final research report, and presenting findings to stakeholders.
- Sept 2023 – Oct 2023 ■ **Research Fellow, Oxford Policy Management, Islamabad**
Project Details: Social Protection Design and Delivery for Practitioners in Pakistan. Designed and delivered course content for government officials, covering evaluation methods, indicators, standards compliance, and systematic evidence reviews for social protection programs.

Funded Research Projects and Consultancies (continued)

May, 2023	ADB-IEA Innovative Policy Research Award 2023 Paper Title: <i>Does Technology-based Teachers' Monitoring Increase Learning Outcomes? Evidence from Public Schools in Pakistan.</i> Selected among 100+ papers. (USD 7,000)
Sep 2022 – Aug 2023	CHEY Foundation International Scholar Exchange Fellowship Award 2022. Project Title: <i>Impact Evaluation of Development Interventions in Pakistan.</i> (USD 30,000)
Jan 2019 – Dec 2020	Lead Researcher, Impact Evaluation Research Project. Project Title: <i>Impact Evaluation of the E-governance Initiatives by the Punjab Government, Pakistan.</i> Funded by KDI School Korea. (USD 20,000)
March 2021 - March 2023	Principal Investigator, NUST Research Project Grant. Project Title: <i>Assessment of Parental Preferences towards Children Schooling</i> (with Saeeda Khannum). (PKR 450,000)
Nov 2021 – April 2023	Co-Investigator, NUST Research Project Grant. Project Title: <i>Assessment of Vulnerability to Poverty of the Working Middle Class in Times of Crises in Pakistan</i> (with Wajiha Haq). (PKR 450,000)
Apr 2020 – Jul 2020	Development Economics Consultant, Centro de Capacitación en Economía y Finanzas, Lima, Peru Project Details: <i>Development Economics in Practice.</i> Conducted an online seminar course for postgraduate students, and provided consultation on evaluation design and assessment of project proposals focusing on validity and data considerations.

Research Publications

Journal Articles

- 1 H. Iftikhar, U. Shah, U. Hashmi, I. Ullah, and S. Khan, "Navigating the intersection of technology, disinformation, and human rights: Balancing freedom of expression and speech," *Jurnal Cita Hukum*, vol. 13, no. 2, pp. 537–560, 2025.  URL: <https://journal.uinjkt.ac.id/citahukum/article/view/47165>.
- 2 I. Ullah and S. Hussain, "Impact of early access to land record information through digitization: Evidence from alternate dispute resolution data in punjab, pakistan," *Land Use Policy*, vol. 134, p. 106 917, 2023.  URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264837723003836>.
- 3 B. Kim and I. Ullah, "Impact evaluation of teacher attendance monitoring program for public schools in khyber pakhtunkhwa province of pakistan," *Review of International and Area Studies*, pp. 63–86, 2022, KCI Accredited Journal.  DOI: 10.56115/RIAS.2022.03.31.1.63.
- 4 A. Anwar, I. Ullah, M. Younis, and A. Flahault, "Impact of air pollution (pm2.5) on child mortality: Evidence from sixteen asian countries," *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, vol. 18, no. 12, p. 6375, 2021.  URL: <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/18/12/6375>.
- 5 I. Ullah and D.-Y. Kim, "Inclusive governance and biodiversity conservation: Evidence from sub-saharan africa," *Sustainability*, vol. 13, no. 7, p. 3847, 2021.  URL: <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/13/7/3847>.
- 6 A. Anwar, M. Younis, and I. Ullah, "Impact of urbanization and economic growth on co2 emission: A case of far east asian countries," *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, vol. 17, no. 7, p. 2531, 2020.  URL: <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/17/7/2531>.
- 7 I. Ullah and D.-Y. Kim, "A model of collaborative governance for community-based trophy-hunting programs in developing countries," *Perspectives in Ecology and Conservation*, vol. 18, no. 3, pp. 145–160, 2020.  URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2530064420300389>.

- 8 Z. Ullah, I. Ullah, I. Ullah, S. Mahmood, and Z. Iqbal, "Poaching of asiatic black bear: Evidence from siran and kaghan valleys, pakistan," *Global Ecology and Conservation*, vol. 24, e01351, 2020. ⓧ URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2351989420308921>.
- 9 I. Ullah and M. Khan, "Microfinance as a tool for developing resilience in vulnerable communities," *Journal of Enterprising Communities: People and Places in the Global Economy*, vol. 11, no. 2, pp. 237–257, 2017. ⓧ URL: <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/jec-06-2015-0033/full/html>.
- 10 I. Ullah, M. Rizwanullah, M. Khan, and S. Rehman, "Correlation dynamics of equity markets in pakistan and india: A comparative study in the context of financial crisis," *City University Research Journal*, 2012. ⓧ URL: <https://cusit.edu.pk/curj/Journals/Journal/Jan%202013/Article%209.pdf>.

Working Papers

- 1 I. Ullah et al., "Impact evaluation of the land record management information system in the punjab province, pakistan," Working Paper, 2021. ⓧ URL: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4074267.
- 2 H.-S. Yang, B. Kim, and I. Ullah, "Teachers' monitoring and schools' performance: Evidence from public schools in pakistan," Working Paper, 2020. ⓧ URL: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3527951.

Policy Reports

- 1 U. Inayat, S. Khan, and U. Laila, "Global assessment report on disaster risk reduction 2025: Resilience pays: Financing and investing for our future," United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2025. ⓧ URL: <https://www.undrr.org/gar/gar2025>.

Presentation in International Research Conferences

- 2024 ━ International Conference of Young Scientist: Transformative and Inclusive Science for a Sustainable Future, National Academy of Sciences, Washington D.C., USA, May 4–11, 2024.
- 2023 ━ - Asian Economic Development Conference (AECD): Asia's Recovery and the Future of Globalization, University of Tokyo, Japan, July 15–16, 2023.
- 2023 ━ - ADB-IEA Innovative Policy Award Session, ADB Annual Meetings, Incheon, South Korea, May 5, 2023.
- 2023 ━ - ISEF Research Seminar, Chey Institute of Advanced Studies (CIAS), Seoul, South Korea, August 16, 2023.
- 2023 ━ - Seminar on Impact Evaluation of Development Interventions in Pakistan: A Case Study of IMU, School of Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, March 31, 2023.
- 2021 ━ - Agribusiness Innovations for Sustainable Rural Community Development, organized by Asian Productivity Organization (Japan), March 24–26, 2021.
- 2020 ━ IFIP EGOV-CeDEM-ePart 2020 Conference, Linköping University, Sweden, September 1–2, 2020.
- 2019 ━ Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) 2019 Conference, Washington D.C., USA, March 6–9, 2019.
- 2018 ━ Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), Seoul National University, South Korea, December 13–15, 2018.
- ━ KDI School and 3ie Conference on Impact Evaluation in Development Research, Seoul, South Korea, November 22–23, 2018.
- ━ Brown Bag Seminar, Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management, Sejong City, South Korea, December 4, 2018.

Technical Skills Set with Demonstrated Experience

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| Quantitative Data | ■ STATA (Professional), Impact Evaluation Techniques, Estimation of Multi-dimensional Poverty Index |
| Qualitative Data | ■ Meta-analysis including systematic reviews |
| Publications and Write-ups | ■ LaTeX, Mendeley, Endnotes (Professional) |
| Research | ■ Academic research, teaching, training workshops, consultancies, L ^A T _E X |
| Languages | ■ English (strong reading, writing, speaking), Urdu (Native), Pashto (Native), Korean (Basic) |

Memberships

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| 2024–2029 | ■ Member, Global Young Academy (GYA). A global network of early career researchers that fosters interdisciplinary dialogue and promotes the voices of young scientists in evidence-based and inclusive policy making. |
| 2023–Present | ■ Member, UNU-WIDER Researcher Network. A global community of development researchers contributing to evidence-based policy through collaborative research and dissemination. |
| 2023–2026 | ■ Member, Digital Government Society (DGS). A global, multi-disciplinary organization of scholars and practitioners interested in the development and impacts of digital government.. |

References

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