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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 (JSPPL), 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	 <b>ADB-IEA Innovative Policy Research Award 2023</b> 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	 <b>CHEY Foundation International Scholar Exchange Fellowship Award 2022.</b> Project Title: <i>Impact Evaluation of Development Interventions in Pakistan.</i> (USD 30,000)
Jan 2019 – Dec 2020	 <b>Lead Researcher</b> , 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	 <b>Principal Investigator</b> , NUST Research Project Grant. Project Title: <i>Assessment of Parental Preferences towards Children Schooling</i> (with Saeeda Khanum). (PKR 450,000)
Nov 2021 – April 2023	 <b>Co-Investigator</b> , 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	 <b>Development Economics Consultant, Centro de Capacitación en Economía y Finanzas, Lima, Peru</b> 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](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](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 (AECDE): 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

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, $\LaTeX$
Languages	English (strong reading, writing, speaking), Urdu (Native), Pashto (Native), Korean (Basic)

## Memberships

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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