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Statement

I am a Doctoral Candidate at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management and a Development Policy Expert at ImpactAI, the World Bank. My research focuses on the political economy of conflict, development economics, and state capacity building. I am interested in exploring the causes and consequences of terrorism, including counter-terrorism strategies, education, labor markets, health, and electoral outcomes. In addition, I am interested in examining the spillover effects of state capacity building through digitization.

Education

Ph.D.	Public Policy	KDI School of Public Policy and Management	Summer 2026
M.S.	Public Policy	KDI School of Public Policy and Management	2021
M.S.	Management Sciences	COMSATS University Islamabad	2020
B.S.	Public Administration	COMSATS University Islamabad	2018

Employment

Full Time Positions

Research Associate, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE)	2022-2023
Head of Accounts Department, Cadet College Hasanabdal (CCH)	2016-2022

Part Time Positions

Development Policy Expert, ImpactAI, DIME – The World Bank (WB)	2023-Current
Research Fellow, Institute for Replication (I4R)	2025-Current
Research Assistant with Prof. Chungeun , KDI School of Public Policy	2024-2025
Research Associate with Prof. Inayat , KDI School of Public Policy	2020
Data Analyst with Prof. Saddam , COMSATS University Islamabad	2019

Teaching Experience

Trainer, Advanced Training in Economic Studies and Policy Practice for Kurdish Experts	2025
Trainer, Capacity Building Program for Royal Academy of Cambodia (RAC)	2025
Instructor, Stata, KDI School	2023-Current
Teaching Assistant, Impact Evaluation Methods, KDI School	Summer 2025
Teaching Assistant, Development Economics: Labor and Development, KDI School	Fall 2024
Teaching Assistant, Advance Impact Evaluation Methods, KDI School	Fall 2024

Research

Journal Articles

1. Impact of Terrorism on Education: Evidence from the Death of Osama bin Laden, *Labour Economics*, 2025 (with Chungeun Yoon)
2. Impact of Early Access to Land Record Information through Digitization: Evidence from Alternate Dispute Resolution Data in Punjab, Pakistan, *Land Use Policy*, 2023 (with Inayat Ullah)
3. Sustainable Leadership and Environment: An Empirical Study in Organizational Context, *NUST Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*, 2023
4. What are the Factors Making Pakistan's Exports Stagnant?, *The Pakistan Development Review*, 2023 (with Ghulam Mustafa)
5. Review of The Quality of Life and Policy Issues Among the Middle East and North African Countries, *Journal of Business Ethics*, 2020 (with Rida Ali Khan)
6. The Quality of Life and Policy Issues Among the Middle East and North African Countries, *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 2020 (with Rida Ali Khan)

Other Publications

Franchising in Pakistan, *The State Of Commerce In Pakistan: International & Domestic*, 2023, Book Chapter
What are the Factors Making Pakistan's Exports Stagnant?, *Pakistan Institute of Dev. Econ.*, 2023, Knowledge Brief

Working Papers

When Terrorists Attack? [Under Review]
9/11, Mental Health and Labor Market [Under Review]
Equal Disaster, Unequal Outcomes [Under Review]
Terror and Trust [WIP]
Violence and Voting [WIP]
Spillovers of Digitization [WIP]
Digital Exclusion and Inequality [WIP]

Conferences

Korean Association of Development Policy (KADP) – 2025	Seoul
International Conference on Applied Development Economics (CREB) – 2025	Lahore
The 2025 World Congress of the Econometric Society (ESWC) – 2025	Seoul
International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE): Università di Torino – 2025	Turin
PhD Colloquium at KDI School of Public Policy and Management – 2025	Sejong
Research for Social Transformation and Advancement (RASTA - PIDE) Conference – 2025	Islamabad
Pathways to Development (path2dev) - Governance and Inclusion Conference – 2024	Lahore
KDI School - World Bank (KDIS-WB) DIME 5th Development Impact Conference – 2024	Seoul
Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) – 2024	Bangkok
University of Chicago–Stone Center Conference and Summer School – 2024	Chicago
KU Leuven–Euro-Asia Conference and Summer School – 2021	Leuven

Future Ideas

[Impact Evaluation of the Vocational Training Institutes in the Punjab Province, Pakistan.](#)

[Impact Evaluation of Billion Tree Tsunami Afforestation Project in the Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.](#)

Awards

Honorable Mention at 2024 ADB-IEA Innovative Policy Research Award	Distinction
Outstanding Master Thesis, KDI School	Distinction
Impact of Punjab Land Record MIS on Land Related Corruption, PIDE, USD 10K (PI)	Research Grant
Improving Displaced Livelihoods of Afghans, SurveyCTO, USD 2K (PI)	Research Grant
Impact of Punjab Land Record MIS on Dispute Resolution, KDI School, USD 20K (Co-PI)	Research Grant
Parents' Perception of Afghan Refugees towards Education, NUST, USD 2.5K (Co-PI)	Research Grant
Global Ambassador Scholarship (GAS), MPP & PhD	Scholarship
Full Tuition Fee on Merit Scholarship, MSMS	Scholarship
Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scholarship, MPA	Scholarship
Competitive Research Fellowship – KDI School	Fellowship
Laptop, Prime Minister's National Laptop Scheme	Prize

Certifications

Information Technology (1 year) - Punjab Board of Technical Education	Diploma
Impact AI - DIME (3 months) – World Bank	Internship
Finance (3 months) - Cadet College Hasanabdal	Internship
Planning for Monitoring and Evaluation - Haas School of Business	Certification
Human Capital Strategy - University of California	Certification
Introduction to Business Management - King's College London	Certification
Impact Evaluation Methods: KDI School & COMSATS University	Certification
Short-Term Staff Onboarding: An Overview of the World Bank	Training
Personal Data Privacy – World Bank	Training
Access to Information – World Bank	Training
Core Values and Code of Ethics – World Bank	Training
Preventing and Addressing Sexual Harassment – World Bank	Training

Memberships

- The Econometric Society (ES)
- American Economic Association (AEA)
- International Association of Applied Econometrics (IAAE)

Courses

Econometrics I | Econometrics II | Impact Evaluation Methods | Development Economics: Field Experiment |
 Development Economics: Labor & Development | Advanced Development Economics | Social Protection & Work