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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago

Chicago, IL, USA

MS in Computational Analysis & Public Policy

June 2026

- Courses: Computer Science with Applications, Analytical Politics, Statistics for Data Analysis

Institute of Business Administration

Karachi, Pakistan

BS in Economics & Mathematics

December 2017

CGPA: 3.76/4.00

- Courses: Applied Econometrics, Discrete Mathematics, Numerical Analysis, Functional Analysis, Linear Algebra, Labor Economics, Development Economics, Environmental Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Exchange Policy Department, State (central) Bank of Pakistan (SBP)

Karachi, Pakistan

Policy Analyst (Assistant Director)

October 2019 – August 2024

- Directed implementation of nation-wide project Pakistan Single Window (PSW)-an Integrated digital platform connecting 77 government bodies and 29 banks for smoother trade clearances- by ensuring successful testing (STI & UTI) of all 29 banks, which have now fully transitioned to this system
- Led the policy design of [International Toll Manufacturing](#) to simplify import of input goods by exporters; introduced 'Financial Instrument' at each stage to document the transaction resulting in reduced money-laundering incidences, the facility was availed for the first time by 120+ exporters in the first quarter
- Co-authored policy on [Advance Remittances](#) to promote market-determined exchange rate; reviewed past regimes and created control mechanisms (penalties, weekly reporting) which minimized misuse of policy
- Revamped the 'Insurance' chapter of Foreign Exchange Manual by removing outdated/redundant regulations; the chapter is now in line with current international practices and with streamlined procedures for better efficiency
- Provided regulatory approval to complex cases from commercial banks, which were further analyzed for any policy changes.
- Conducted impact assessments of forex policy changes on trade balances, foreign investment inflows and reserves.

Pakistan Business Council

Karachi, Pakistan

Senior Analyst

July 2017 - September 2019

- Conducted interviews with Pakistan's textile exporters and analyzed the interviews on QDA Lite; the concerns and issues faced were compiled in a report and presented to the government who acknowledged and committed to incorporating the recommendations into future trade policies
- Hosted PBC's core event the Pakistan Economic Forum (PEF) IV & V with the Prime Minister of Pakistan as the chief guest. PEF is a prestigious platform akin to World Economic Forum, providing space for thought leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to discuss and shape economic future of Pakistan.
- Regularly prepared comprehensive trade analysis reports for senior government officials, including the Advisor Commerce and Secretary Commerce, providing strategic recommendations on market diversification, tariff reforms, and export incentives

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- [A Policy Framework for Improving Export Competitiveness of Pakistan's Knitted Apparel Sector](#)
- [Pakistan's GSP+ Status...a missed opportunity?](#)
- [Country Profile: Turkmenistan](#)
- Research Assistant for the book 'The Economy of Modern Sindh' by Dr Ishrat Hussain, renowned Pakistani economist
- Religious Diversity

SKILLS

- **Data Analysis and Visualization:** E-views, R, Latex, Stata, QDA Lite, Python, MATLAB, Power BI
- **Data Handling:** Statistical Modeling, Time Series Analysis
- **Languages:** Fluent in English, Urdu and Sindhi
- **Interests:** Finance, Tech & Policy, Data Analysis, International Trade

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- CFA Level 1, CFA Institute USA (2021)
- Cleared Stage 1 & 2 of Junior Associateship of Institute of Bankers Pakistan (IBP) (2022)