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RESEARCH STATEMENT (SHORT)

I am an applied researcher working at the intersection of finance, economics, and sustainability. My work examines how climate risk, environmental regulation, and institutional quality affect corporate behaviour, financial markets, and firm performance. I specialise in large-scale panel data analysis and causal inference, with a strong interest in policy-relevant research.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Business Studies, Teesside University, United Kingdom	Exp. Mar 2026
Thesis: Corporate Climate Risk Exposure: Implications for Firm Value, ESG Performance, and Stock Market Volatility	
Ph.D. in Economics (Coursework only), Huazhong University of Science & Technology, China	2020-2021
M.S. in Finance, Riphah International University, Pakistan	2015-2017
B.Com. in Finance (Honors), University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan	2010-2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Climate and transition risk; corporate finance; ESG and sustainability; financial volatility; governance and institutions; applied econometrics.

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (Full list available on request)

- Naseer, M. M., Hussain, N., Khan, S & Nicolò, G. (2025). The ESG emissions paradox: Capability-contingent effects of research and development and cost leadership in Asia. *Business Strategy and the Environment*.
- Naseer, M. M., Guo, Y., Bagh, T., & Zhu, X. (2024). Sustainable investments in volatile times: Nexus of climate change risk, ESG practices, and market volatility. *International Review of Financial Analysis*, 95.
- Naseer, M. M., Guo, Y., & Zhu, X. (2025). The dynamics of corporate climate risk and market volatility: A global analysis. *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, 78, 102435.
- Naseer, M. M., Guo, Y., & Zhu, X (2025). When climate risk hits corporate value: The moderating role of financial constraints, flexibility, and innovation. *Finance Research Letters*, 74.
- Naseer, M. M., Hunjra, A. I., Palma, A., & Bagh, T. (2025). Sustainable development goals and environmental performance: Exploring the contribution of governance, energy, and growth. *Research in International Business and Finance*, 73.
- Naseer, M. M., Khan, M. A., Bagh, T., Guo, Y., & Zhu, X. (2024). Firm climate change risk and financial flexibility: Drivers of ESG performance and firm value. *Borsa Istanbul Review*, 24(1), 106-117.

WORKING PAPERS

- Real-Option Channel of Climate Risk
- Climate Risk Exposure and Firm Investment Behaviour.
- ESG Regulation, Governance, and Financial Stability.

METHODS AND DATA

- Econometrics: Fixed effects, IV, GMM, DiD, propensity score matching, quantile regression, volatility models
- Data: Compustat Global, WRDS, Refinitiv ESG, macro-institutional indicators
- Programming: Stata, R, Python

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Designed and executed multi-country empirical studies using firm-level and market-level data.
- Managed large datasets, coding pipelines, and robustness analysis.
- Collaborated with international co-authors across the UK, Europe, and Asia.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Peer reviewer for finance and sustainability journals

Contributor to collaborative research projects

AWARDS & ROLES

Fully Funded Ph.D. Studentship, Teesside University (2022-2025)

China Scholarship Council, Fully Funded Ph.D. Scholarship (2020-2021)

Peer Review Panel Member, University of Galway Postdoc Fellowship (MSCA)

Advisory Board Member, Archives of Management and Social Sciences (Allied Nexus Publishers)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

- Graduate and undergraduate dissertation supervision
- Quantitative methods workshops and mentoring

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Finance Officer | Citizens Advice Darlington, United Kingdom
Oversaw financial operations and compliance

2023 - Present

Assistant Manager Finance | Mirpur Medical Services Pvt Ltd., Pakistan
Led budgeting and financial planning

2021 - 2022

Accounts Officer | Daelim Industrial Co. Ltd., Pakistan
Managed accounting functions.

2018 - 2020

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025: Seminars at the International Business School Teesside University, Northumbria University.

2024: Research week at Teesside University.

2023: Sustainable Finance, ISC Paris Business School & Finance and Banking Network – AVSE Global.

REFERENCES

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