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EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Employee	University of Oregon, USA September 2024 to Current
Macroeconomic Consultant	Asian Development Bank: https://adb.org/ January-June 2024
Research Fellow	PIDE, Islamabad: https://pide.org.pk/ July 2021-June 2024
Lecturer	Department of Economics, IBA Karachi August 2020-June 2021

EDUCATION

PhD Economics CGPA: 3.75/4.0; Macroeconomics: 3.9/4.0. Includes 2 A+ so far.	University of Oregon, USA 2024-Present
MPhil Economics	University of Oxford, UK 2018-2020
Bachelor of Science (Honors) Major: Economics and Mathematics, CGPA = 3.92/4.0, Economics CGPA = 4.0/4.0	Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan 2014-2018

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Passed the PhD Qualifying Exams On First Attempt.
- Awarded the *Lockey Graduate Science Award* and Graduate Employee Offer for PhD in Economics at the University of Oregon, USA.
- Awarded the fully funded Oxford-Sir Anwar Pervez Graduate Scholarship from Oxford University for MPhil Economics (2018-2020).
- Ranked 2nd in LUMS Econ/Math program: 2018 Cohort.
- Awarded Pakistan level distinction in Cambridge A level Economics and Urdu exams in 2014.

GRADUATE COURSES AT OXFORD

- Heterogeneous Agent Models in Economics (Professor Jesús Fernández-Villaverde: UPenn).
- Advanced Macro: Applied Monetary Policy, Learning, Robust Control and Bayesian Estimation.
- Advanced Econometrics, Labor Economics and Behavioral Economics.

RESEARCH INTEREST: MONETARY POLICY IN OPEN ECONOMIES AND LABOR MARKET NETWORKS.

- **Global Monetary Transmission:** Estimating Global Transmission Effects of US-based Monetary Policy Shocks.
- **International Financial Networks:** Understanding the Network Structure of Financial Institutions Across the Globe.
- **Labor Market Networks:** Labor Market Referral Networks In a Divided Karachi.

Research Assistance

FOR DR. IRFAN QURESHI

LUMS and Asian Development Bank
Fall 2018 and Spring 2023

- Worked on building rich, quarterly data on turnovers of governors for 60 countries, decomposing them by *regular*, *irregular* and *ally* appointments (Spring 2023).

Research Work

CONSULTANT FOR ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Disaster Shocks and Global Business Cycles Jan-June 2024

- I worked as a consultant with ADB, working on measurement of exogenous monetary policy uncertainty shocks around disaster periods in the US and its global transmission across advanced and emerging economies.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK

MPhil Thesis, Supervisor: Professor Michael McMahon 2019-2020

- I wrote a theoretical thesis, building a learning model in general equilibrium, in which *asymmetric* business cycles can emerge due to *endogenous* fluctuations in consumer sentiment.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Memon, S, Qureshi, IA. Income inequality and macroeconomic instability. Rev Dev Econ. 2020; 00: 1– 32.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/rode.12730>

Working Papers

- Ethnic Frictions in Karachi’s Labor Market (December 2025)
- Global Monetary Coordination Shocks (December 2025)
- High-Frequency Inflation Forecasting: (December 2024)
- Desirability of Economic Inequality: A Discourse (December 2023)

Research Toolkit

- **Programming (Advanced):** STATA, MATLAB with Dynare, R Studio, Julia & L^AT_EX.
- **Programming (Intermediate):** Python (Data Science and Machine Learning).
- **Econometric Methods:** Working with Time Series and Cross-Country Panel Data. Empirical Macro Models: VARS (vector auto-regressions), Including Bayesian VARS and Local Projections.

References

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