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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

University of Oregon, USA  
2024-Present

CGPA: 3.75/4.0; Macroeconomics: 3.9/4.0. Includes 2 A+ so far.

MPhil Economics

University of Oxford, UK  
2018–2020

Bachelor of Science (Honors)

Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan  
2014–2018

Major: Economics and Mathematics, CGPA = 3.92/4.0, Economics CGPA = 4.0/4.0

## 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.
- **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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