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Professional Summary

Dedicated and detail-oriented higher education professional and researcher with a PhD in Innovation and Management of Public Resources and over seven years of experience in academic coordination, quality assurance, and research administration. Skilled in program evaluation, policy development, and data analysis. Multilingual, technically proficient, and committed to fostering continuous improvement in higher education.

Research Interests

Sustainable governance, Direct democracy, Referendums and AI, Blockchain applications in election and voting systems.

Technical Skills

Programming & Data Analysis: Python, R, RStudio, SPSS

Research Tools: Qiqqa, NVivo, Stata, Microsoft Excel (advanced)

AI & Emerging Technologies: GPT prompt engineering, Blockchain fundamentals

Other Tools: GitHub, LaTeX

Education

- **Ph.D. in Innovation and Management of Public Resources**, University of Molise, Italy (Nov 2020 – Jul 2024)
Dissertation: People engagement in direct democracy: comparison of Italian referendum with UK and Canada
Supervisor: Prof. Fabio Serricchio
- **M.A. in International Relations**, University of Karachi, Pakistan (Jan 2015 – Dec 2018)
Supervisor: Faheem Akhtar
- **B.Sc.**, University of Karachi, Pakistan (Jan 2005 – Dec 2007)

Research Experience

Researcher and Academic Coordinator, University of Molise, Italy (Nov 2020 – Oct 2024)

- Coordinated academic and administrative functions for research projects.
- Managed documentation, reports, and grant submissions.
- Organized quality assurance activities and academic events.
- Liaised with faculty and partners for strategic planning.

Visiting Researcher, University of Surrey, UK (Aug 2023 – Oct 2024)

- Published research findings in peer-reviewed journals and presented at conferences.
- Collaborated with faculty on research projects and grant proposals.
- Participated in seminars, workshops, and public engagement activities.

Teaching Experience

Educational Program Coordinator, NED University, Karachi (May 2019 – Sep 2020)

- Taught undergraduate courses in International Relations, Public Policy, and Sociology.
- Supervised undergraduate projects and supported curriculum planning.
- Managed academic schedules, communications, and faculty coordination.

Lecturer, The Citizen Foundation (TCF), Karachi (Feb 2017 – Apr 2019)

- Delivered lectures and supervised theses.
- Contributed to quality review meetings and academic coordination.

Instructor, AlBadar, Karachi (Jan 2017 – May 2019)

- Taught European Diplomacy, Middle East Since 1919, and Far East in the 20th Century.
- Guided final-year undergraduate projects.

Publications

- Ummara, U., Uzma, Ismail, M. (2025). Female Suicide in Ghizer: Policy Gaps, Social Vulnerabilities, and Pathways to Prevention. *Dialogue Social Science Review (DSSR)*, 3(9), 292–301.
- Amir, S., Ummara, U., Abbas, K. (2025). Pakistan–Saudi Arabia Strategic Mutual Defense Pact (2025): Geo-political and Security Implications. *Pakistan Journal of Social Science Review*, 4(5), 668–681.
- Gill, A. T., Ummara, U., Hashmi, A. A. (2025). Great Power Rivalry and Regional Escalation: The Russia–U.S. Proxy Conflict and its Impact on the Iran–Israel War. *Policy Journal of Social Science Review*, 3(9), 224–235.
- Saeed, R., Ummara, U., et al. (2025). Analysis of carbon emissions before and after intervention. *Policy Research Journal*.
- Akhter, F., Ummara, U. (2024). Divorce: Social menace or blessing. *Pakistan Journal of Gender Studies*, 24(2), 145–160.
- Akhter, F., Ummara, U. (2024). Imprudent purchasing: Study in relation to UN SDG 12. *Journal of Research in Social Development and Sustainability*, 3(1), 127–152.
- Fareed, G., Nawaz, M. J., Iqbal, S., Ummara, U., Hamza, A. (2024). Impact of operational strategy on project performance. *Migration Letters*, 21(S8), 86–101.
- Iqbal, S., Ummara, U., et al. (2024). Political leadership and economic growth via political stability. *IRASD Journal of Economics*, 6(3), 786–809.
- Tariq, S., Choudhary, A., Kazmi, S. A. S., Hussain, J., Zahra, N., Ummara, U. (2024). Gender-based bullying and its impact on careers. *Int. J. of Contemporary Issues in Social Sciences*, 3(1), 981–997.
- Ummara, U., Raza, M. (2022). Media’s role in viewer’s perception building. *Himalayan Journal of Humanities and Cultural Studies*.
- Ummara, U., Akhtar, F. (2019). Impact of good governance on sustainable economic development. *Cross Current Int. Journal of Economics, Management and Media Studies*, 2(7).
- Akhter, F., Ummara, U. (2020). Impact of no adherence to social norms on business activities. *Cross-Currents Journal of Humanities Social Sciences*.

Conferences

- IMEBESS 2023, Lisbon, Portugal.
- PSAI Annual Conference 2023, Queen's University Belfast.
- SISP Conference, Trieste, Italy, September 2024.
- SISP Conference, Naples, Italy. September 2025.
- International Conference on Collaborative Research in Social Sciences, and Humanities (I2CRET), September 2025 in Rome, Italy. Participated as "National Advisory Member".

Summer Schools & Workshops

- Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, University of Oxford, 2023.
- 8th Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies, University of Zurich, 2022.
- Political Sciences Summer School (Next Generation EU), University of Molise, 2021.

Recommendations

- Prof. Fabio Serricchio, University of Molise, Italy — fabio.serricchio@unimol.it
- Prof. Federico Pernazza, University of Molise, Italy — federico.fernazza@unimol.it
- Prof. Luca Muscara, University of Molise, Italy — muscara@unimol.it