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I am an Economist and data scientist with more than ten years of research experience. My research interest lies in exploring economic issues empirically and analyzing complex economic data using newly developed econometric methods and statistical tools. I am particularly interested in analyzing the factors that determine international tourist flows across countries using large panel gravity dataset. The aim of my research is to provide policy implications to support evidence-based policy making.

Education

- 2011–2016 **Ph.D. in Economics**, *Lund University, Sweden*.
 - Dissertation title: *Essays in institution and institutional change*
- 2010–2011 **M.Sc. in Economics**, *Lund University, Sweden*.
- 2009–2010 **M.Sc. in Economics**, *Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan*.
- 2005–2009 **B.Sc.(Hons) in Economics**, *International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan*.

Research and Teaching Interests

- Fields Tourism Economics, Institutional Economics, Development Economics
- Topics Determinants of International Tourism, Institutional Change, Public Policy, Economics of Armed Conflict

Academic Employment

- 2019–Present **Assistant Professor in Economics**. *United Arab Emirates University*.
 - Developed and taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses
 - Undergraduate courses include: Principles of Microeconomics, Econometrics, Theory of Macroeconomics, Applied Economics of the Middle East
 - Postgraduate courses include: UAE in the Global Business Environment, Research in Support of Business Functions
 - Involved in developing a blended MBA program
 - Redesigned the undergraduate Econometrics course to a blended course.
 - Involved in redesigning the undergraduate Economics program.
 - Served as a Research Director for the department of Innovation in Govt. & Society.
- 2016–2019 **Assistant Professor in Economics**. *University of Nottingham Malaysia*.
 - Developed and taught undergraduate courses to over two hundred international students
 - Courses include: Advanced Development Economics, Development Economics, Quantitative Economics and Introduction to Microeconomics
 - Managed research output of the school and organized regular research talks, workshops, and events
 - Coordinated with staff to manage PhD applications
 - Supervised 15 undergraduate dissertations

Consultation Experience

- 2018 **Consultant, World Bank, Pakistan.**
 - Project title: *Pakistan @ 100: Nurturing people, policies and institutions for economic development in Pakistan*
- 2017 **Consultant, World Bank, Malaysia**
 - Project title: *Productivity Unplugged: The Challenges of Malaysia's Transition into a High-Income Country*
- 2017 **Consultant, PwC, Middle East.**
 - Project title: *Forecasting the impact of International Financial Center in Sri Lanka*
- 2016 **Consultant, PwC, Middle East.**
 - Project title: *Determinants of volunteering work in GCC countries*

Publications in Refereed Journals

- 2021 Exploring the Diverse Sources of Linguistic Influence on International Tourism Flows. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Luke Emeka Okafor and Olajide Sanusi).
- 2021 Does The Size of The Tourism Sector Matter for Economic Policy Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic?. *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Emeka Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).
- 2020 Does meat consumption exacerbate greenhouse gas emissions? Evidence from US data. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Muhammad Shahbaz).
- 2020 A nonparametric analysis of energy environmental Kuznets Curve in Chinese Provinces. *Energy Economics*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah, Muhammad Shahbaz and Malin Song).
- 2020 Financial Development and Governance: A Panel Data Analysis Incorporating Cross-sectional Dependence. *Economic Systems (Forthcoming)*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah).
- 2020 Regaining international tourism attractiveness after an armed conflict: the role of security spending. *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Emeka Okafor).
- 2020 Military Spending and Economic Growth in Turkey: A Wavelet Approach. *Defence and Peace Economics*. (with Olivier Habimana).
- 2020 The Effects of Economic and Financial Crises on International Tourist Flows: A Cross-Country Analysis. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Luke Emeka Okafor).
- 2019 Armed Conflict, Military Expenditure and International Tourism. *Tourism Economics*. (with Luke Emeka Okafor and Nusrate Aziz).
- 2019 Armed Conflict, Military Expenses and FDI Inflow to Developing Countries. *Defence and Peace Economics*. (with Nusrate Aziz).
- 2019 Determinants of International Tourism Demand: Evidence from Australian States and Territories. *Tourism Economics*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Luke Emeka Okafor).
- 2018 Are Capitalists Green? Firm-ownership and Provincial CO2 Emissions in China. *Energy Policy*. (with Fredrik N.G. Andersson and Sonja Oppen).
- 2018 Common Unofficial Language, Development and International Tourism. *Tourism Management*. (with Luke Emeka Okafor and Terence Then).
- 2017 The Effect of Trade and Political Institutions on Economic Institutions. *The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*.

Work in Progress or Under Review

- 2020 Language Requirement for Naturalization, Linguistic Networks, and International Migration: The Role of Common Unofficial Language. *Under Review: Population Research and Policy Review.*
- 2020 The Effect of Migration on International Tourist Flows: The Role of Linguistic Networks and Common Language. *Under Review: Journal of Travel Research.*
- 2020 An assessment of The Relationship Between Economic Growth and Travel Frequency in Light of The Transport Kuznets Curve in China. *Under Review: Journal of Regional Science.*
- 2020 The Effect of Regional Trade Agreements on International Tourist Flows in Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East-North Africa. *Under Review for publication as a book chapter in "New Frontiers in Hospitality and Tourism Management in Africa."*
- 2020 Do Stock Markets Play a Role in Determining COVID-19 Economic Stimulus? A Cross-Country Analysis. *Under Review: World Economy*

Research Grants Received

- 2021 - 2023 **Assessing the effects of tourism networks on socioeconomic outcomes.** (Role: PI)
 - o Funded By: *United Arab Emirates University.*
- 2020 - 2022 **Tourist behaviour to shocks and building tourism resilience in UAE.** (Role: PI)
 - o Funded By: *United Arab Emirates University.*
- 2019 - 2021 **Risk preference and choice of career: the role of subjective wellbeing, religiosity and social values.** (Role: PI)
 - o Funded By: *Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS), Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia*

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2021 Global Economic Policy Group Meeting 2021: Politics, Integration and Trade, Virtual Conference by FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany CEAMeS & University of Westminster, London, UK Westminster Business School.
- 2020 Research Workshop, College of Business and Economics, United Arab Emirates University.
- 2020 19th RSEP International Economics, Finance & Business Conference.
- 2020 19th International Conference of Middle East Economic Association.
- 2020 The 19th International Conference of the Japan Economic Policy Association.
- 2019 Research Workshop, College of Business and Economics, United Arab Emirates University.
- 2018 10th GEP International Conference. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2015 PhD Workshop in Development Economics. Berlin, Germany.
- 2015 5th IWH/INFER Workshop on Applied Economics and Economic Policy. Halle (Saale), Germany.
- 2013 12th Nordic Conference in Development Economics. Bergen, Norway.
- 2012 Workshop on "The New Institutional Economics and Divergence in the Developing World".Lund, Sweden.

Editorial and Refereeing Experience

Associate Editor

Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences

Refereeing

Tourism Management, Resources Policy, Cogent Economics & Finance, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Journal of Environmental Management, Defence and Peace Economics, Applied Economics, Cogent Business & Management

Technical and Language skills

Stata: Proficient user. Using since 2008 for data analysis and cleaning. Conducted training in Stata.

Proficient user of other econometric software like **Eviews, Matlab and R**

Tableau: Proficient user. Using since 2014 for creating interactive maps, charts, tables and dashboards

Proficient in English. Native speaker of Urdu. Conversational Hindi. Basic Bahasa (Malaysia), Arabic and Swedish