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Education

Ph.D., Economics – University of Southern California, 2013

Dissertation Title: “The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Firm Performance in Developing Countries – New Evidence from Pakistani Manufacturing Sector”

M.A., Economics – University of Southern California, 2009

B.Sc. (hons), Major Economics, Minor Mathematics – Lahore University of Management Sciences, 2007

Fields of Concentration

International Economics; Empirical studies of Trade; Macroeconomic impact of Public and Private debt

Selected Publications

“[Trade Misreporting: Evidence from Pakistani Importers](#),” with Bilal M. Khan and Karrar Hussain, forthcoming in *The World Economy*.

“[Asymmetric Effects of Private Debt on Income Growth](#),” with Muhammad Farid Ahmed, *The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, March 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1515/bejm-2022-0004>

“[On-the-match price renegotiation: Evidence from Pakistan’s import data](#),” with Bilal M. Khan and Karrar Hussain, *Economics Letters*, 2021, Vol. 202.

“[En route to the world: understanding firms that solely export](#),” with Karrar Hussain, *Economics Bulletin*, 2020, Vol. 40(4).

“[The long-term consequences of external debt: Revisiting the evidence and inspecting the mechanism using panel VARs](#),” with Irfan Qureshi, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, March 2020, Vol. 63.

“[Providing a Safe Working Environment: Do Firm Ownership and Exporting Status Matter?](#)” *Asian Development Review*, September 2019.

“[Does government debt crowd out capital formation? A dynamic approach using panel VAR](#),” *Economics Letters*, May 2019, Vol. 178, pp. 86-90.

“[Differing Impact of Liberalization: The Case of Vertically Integrated Clothing Firms](#),” *The Pakistan Development Review*, 2018, Vol. 57 No.3, pp. 283–306

“[Understanding Canada’s International Trade under the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Lessons from Gravity Redux](#),” *Canadian Public Policy*, 2017, Vol. 43 No.3, pp. 284-297.

“[When Do Firms Choose to Train? The Roles of Labor Regulations, Their Enforcement, and Firm and Industry Characteristics](#),” with Jeffrey B. Nugent, *The Journal of Development Studies*, 2016, Vol. 52 No. 2, pp. 224-241.

[“Under-provision of Private Training by MENA Firms: What to do about it?”](#) with Jeffrey B. Nugent, *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, 2015, Vol. 4 No. 12.

[“The End of Multi-Fibre Arrangement and Firm Performance in the Textile Industry: New Evidence.”](#) *The Pakistan Development Review*, 2014, Vol. 52 No. 2, pp. 97-126.

Book Chapters

Contributing author, Top Hat Economics textbook

- Chapter 16: Why International Trade?
- Chapter 24: Full Employment and a New Long-Run Equilibrium

Work in Progress

“Keeping the enemies closer: Exporting behavior of firms under conflict,” with Karrar Hussain.

“Firm-to-firm networks and sourcing strategy of importers,” with Bilal M. Khan and Karrar Hussain.

“An investigation of debt-investment nexus using panel autoregressive models,” with Farid Ahmad & Irfan Qureshi.

Teaching Experience

University of Waterloo – *Sessional Lecturer (January 2013 – To date)*

ECON 101: Introduction to Microeconomics

ECON 101: Introduction to Microeconomics (*Online*)

ECON 102: Introduction to Macroeconomics

ECON 102: Introduction to Macroeconomics (*Online*)

ECON 201: Microeconomic Theory for Business and Policy (*Online*)

ECON 221: Statistics for Economists

ECON 221: Statistics for Economists (*Online*)

ECON 231: Introduction to International Economics

ECON 332: International Finance

ECON 361: Cost-Benefit Analysis (*Online*)

Wilfrid Laurier University – *Contract Academic Staff*

EC 260: Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis for Management (*Winter 2023*)

EC 285: Introductory Statistics (*Spring 2023*)

EC 239: Introduction to International Trade (*Fall 2016*)

Received excellent teaching evaluations acknowledgement, February 2017

Lahore University of Management Sciences

Visiting Faculty (Spring 2018)

ECON 262: Mathematical Applications for Economists

ECON 352: International Finance

Adjunct Faculty

ECON 240: Development Economics (*Summer 2018*)

ECON 4411: Economic Development Modeling and Empirical Applications (*Summer 2011*)

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

[Why COVID-19 is an inequality virus](#), *Policy Options*, April 30, 2021.

[Learning from the 2017 softwood lumber dispute](#), *Policy Options*, February 13, 2018.

[TPP 2.0 a complex solution for challenging times](#), *Policy Options*, August 7, 2017.

Supervised Projects

Sania Zahra, “Revisiting the Debt-Growth Nexus in Developing countries”, Summer 2018

Faisal Yusuf and Waqas Ahmad Jan, “The Impact of Gross Debt on Economic Growth: A Special Case of Pakistan”, Spring 2018

Xinya Wang, “The Determinants of U.S. Demand, Supply and Import of Softwood Lumber: New Evidence”, Winter 2017

Changqing Li, “The Relationship between Exchange Rate and Trade Flow of China and its Major Trade Partners”, Winter 2016 – the paper won 2015-2016 Senior Honours Essay Award

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

- Professional Development Fund for Contract Teaching Faculty, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2022-23
- LUMS Office of Research Faculty Initiative Fund 2020, *February 2020*
- Wilfrid Laurier University, CAS Research Grant, *February 2017*
- University of Southern California Fellowship, *2007-2012*
- HEC Pakistan Graduate Ph.D. Fellowship, *2010-2011*
- 100% LUMS Merit scholarship, *2006-07*
- LUMS Dean’s Honors’ List, *2004-2007*

Presentations and Panel Discussions

“On-the-match price renegotiation: Evidence from Pakistan’s import data,” Faculti interview, December 2021:

<https://faculti.net/on-the-match-price-renegotiation-evidence-from-pakistans-import-data/>

“Why COVID-19 is an inequality virus,” seminar organized and hosted by Louis-Philippe Rochon, Review of Political Economy, November 3, 2021.

“Firm-to-firm networks and sourcing strategy of importers,” with Bilal M. Khan and Karrar Hussain, presented at:

- 55th Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings, June 2021.
- RCEA Future of Growth Conference, Waterloo, Canada, 2021.

The Canadian Women Economists Committee’s Panels on Workplace Climate Survey: Sex/Gender.

April 13, 2021: <https://www.economics.ca/cpages/cwec-workplace-climate-survey>

“Heterogeneity in quality sorting and spatial price discrimination by exporting firms,” with Karrar Hussain, RCEA Growth, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference, Waterloo, Ontario, September 2019.

“The long-term consequences of external debt: Revisiting the evidence and inspecting the mechanism using panel VARs,” with Irfan Qureshi, accepted for presentation at: 10th RCEA Macro, Money and Finance Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, September 2019.

“Racing to the Bottom? The Link between Exporting Behavior and Worker Job Satisfaction,” presented at the Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance (RCEF 2016) at Waterloo, Ontario, September 2016.

“A Commodity Level Analysis of Effects of Supply and Demand Shocks on Exports,” with Syed M. Hussain and Lin Liu, accepted for presentation at:

- The Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance (RCEF 2016) at Waterloo, Ontario, September 2016.
- CEA 2015 Annual Conference at the University of Toronto, Ontario, June 2015.

“The End of Multi-Fiber Arrangement and Firm Performance in Textile Industry: New Evidence,” presented at:

- University of Guelph, Department of Economics and Finance seminar series, May 11, 2012.
- 8th annual Pacific Conference on Development Economics (PAC-DEV) at the University of California, Berkeley, March 12, 2011.

Refereeing

Review of International Economics

Journal of Development Studies

Review of Economic Analysis

Economic Change and Restructuring

The Pakistan Development Review

Interactive Graphs for Principles Economics, Canadian edition, Milligan/Oreopoulos

Textbook chapters of international macroeconomics textbook, University of Toronto Press

Relevant Experience

- Member of Canadian Women Economists Committee/Comité des Femmes Économistes Canadiennes, 2020-2021
- CTF representative to the Economics and Lazaridis School councils, 2022-2023
- Special Economics Lectures for Chinese engineers and professionals from Daqing Oilfield group of companies, conducted by University of Waterloo, *April 2014, September 2015, December 2016, January 2017*
- Research Assistantship with Professor Jeffery Nugent (USC), *Summer 2009, 2012-2013*
- Visiting Researcher with Professor Liping Fu at the University of Waterloo, 2011-2012

Teaching Training and Courses at Centre for Teaching Excellence, University of Waterloo

Effective Lesson Plans

Teaching Methods

Teaching Large Classes

Accessibility Training

Teaching Online - Advanced Skills

Referees

Jeff Nugent

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