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Current Affiliation

2024–date	Research Fellow at the Department of Economics and the ARC CoE for the Elimination of Violence against Women (CEVAW) at Monash Business School
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Past Affiliation

2021–2024	Postdoctoral Associate at New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD)
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Other Affiliations

2025–date	Associate Editor at the <i>Economic and Labour Relations Review</i>
July, 2023	Visiting Scholar in New York University, NY
2021–date	Research Fellow at MHRC (Mahbub ul Haq Research Center) at LUMS.
2020–date	Junior Fellow at AALIMS (Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies)

Education

2017–2021	PhD in Economics, The University of Western Australia
2009–2011	M.Phil., Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
2006–2008	M.Sc., Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan
2003–2005	Bachelors, University of the Punjab, Lahore

Publications

2025	“Money from Afar: Analyzing the Link Between Remittances and Terrorism” (<i>Forthcoming</i> at the European Economic Review). Working Paper available here .
2024	“Income and Terrorism: Insights from Subnational Data,” with Michael Jetter and David Stadelmann. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , 68(2-3). Earlier version available as IZA Discussion Paper # 14970 available here .
2023	“Gone with the wind: The consequences of US drone strikes in Pakistan,” with Michael Jetter. The <i>Economic Journal</i> , 133(650), 787-811. Earlier version available as IZA Discussion Paper # 12318 entitled “ Military intervention via drone strikes .” Video synopsis available here .
2022	“Post-Cold War civil conflict and the role of history and religion: A Stochastic Search Variable Selection approach,” with Michael Jetter, Christopher F. Parmeter, and Andrés Ramírez-Hassan. <i>Economic Modelling</i> , 114, 105907. Earlier version available as IZA Discussion Paper # 13511 .
2019	“ Communications technology and terrorism ,” with Michael Jetter. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> . Earlier version available as CESifo Working Paper # 6995 .

Work in Progress

“From Education to Extremism? Exploring Madrassa Identity and Its Implications” with Samreen Malik and Jocelyn Belanger.

“Gender Dynamics Amidst Parental Struggles (GAPS) during crises” with Samreen Malik and Faiz ur Rehman.

“Echoes of Violence: Evidence from the Malala Attack and Public Attitudes Toward Women”

“Speaking Up, Being Shut Down? Gender and Disruptions in the Australian Parliament” with Astghik Mavisakalyan.

“Can Religious Leaders Help Prevent Perpetration of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women? Experimental Evidence from Indonesia” with Pushkar Maitra, Astghik Mavisakalyan, and Siwan Anderson.

“The Green Revolution and the relationship between income and terrorism”.

“Women, Law, and Wellbeing” with Sharon Koh and Grace Lee.

“From Fields to Minds: The Hidden Costs of Crop Fires on Child Development” with Lihina DeSilva and Sundar Ponnusamy.

Recent Invited Talks

2025-August	Curtin University CEVAW Curtin Node Seminar Series
2025-May	Queensland University of Technology School of Economics and Finance Seminar Series
2025-March	RMIT Economics Seminar series

Grants and Awards

2025	Won the Australia-Malaysia 2025 Research Collaboration Development Scheme Award (Lead investigator)
2024	Won the XCEPT Grant for Research on Women in Cross-border Conflict (Co-lead investigator)
2024	Received Dean's letter of appreciation for my course being one of the top-performing units in the Student Evaluation of Teaching and Units (SETU)
2013	PIDE Competitive Grant for Energy

Teaching Experience

2024	Chief Examiner - 'ECF5580 - Macroeconomic Theory and Policy for Developing Countries' at the Department of Economics, Monash University
2020	Teaching Assistant - 'Macroeconomics: Policy and Applications' (Blended learning) at University of Western Australia Business School
2020	Teaching Assistant - 'Microeconomics: Policy and Applications' at University of Western Australia Business School
2018	Teaching Assistant - 'Economic Policy' at University of Western Australia Business School
2016	Visiting Lecturer- 'Macroeconomics for Public Policy' at PIDE
2014	Visiting Lecturer- 'Macroeconomic Theory-I' at PIDE
2013	Visiting Lecturer- 'Economics of Regulation' at PIDE
2012	Visiting Lecturer- 'Development Economics' at PIDE

Research Interests

Applied Econometrics
Political Economy
Economics of Conflict and Terrorism
Gender and Violence

Conferences and Seminars

2025	Presenting at the Australasian Development Economics Association Conference (ADEA), Queensland University of Technology Sydney.
2025	Presenting at the Seminar Series in the Department of Economics, RMIT, Melbourne.
2024	Presented at the Econometric Society Australasian Meeting (ESAM) 2024, Monash University.
2024	Presented at the Brown Bag Seminar at the CDES, Monash University.
2023	Presented and served as a discussant in the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 17th International Conference at the University of Melbourne.
2022	Presented at the Development Cluster Seminar Series at New York University Abu Dhabi.
2022	Presented and served as a discussant in the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 97th Annual Conference
2022	Presented in the Social Sciences Postdoc Seminar Series at New York University Abu Dhabi.
2021	Presented in an invited seminar in the Department of Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).
2021	Presented and served as a discussant in the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 78th Annual Conference.
2021	Presented in the AALIMS-MIT Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World (April 2021).
2021	Presented at New York University Abu Dhabi.
2020	Presented at the Econometric Society Winter Meeting 2020.
2020	Presented in the Australian Political Economy Network (APEN) PhD Students Workshop.
2020	Presented at the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC) 24h conference.
2020	Presented at the conference by the North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) 2020.
2020	Presented in the European Economic Association (EEA) 35th Annual Congress (Virtual)
2020	Presented and served as a discussant at the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 95th Annual Conference
2020	Presented in the Monthly PhD Seminar at the University of Western Australia, Business School
2019	Presented in the POLS Seminar Series at the University of Western Australia, WA
2019	Presented in the EFP Seminar Series at Curtin University, WA
2018	Presented and served as a discussant at the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) 14th International Conference, Newcastle, Australia
2018	Presented in the Work-in-Progress Seminars at the University of Western Australia, Business School
2013	Presented in the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) 29th Annual General Meeting and Conference, Islamabad, Pakistan

Selected Refereeing Roles

Journal of Economic Growth
European Journal of Political Economy
Economic Modelling
Journal of Applied Economics (JAE)
Defence and Peace Economics
Terrorism and Political Violence
Economics of Conflict and Terrorism
Scientific Reports-Nature

Achievements

2024	Won first prize for Poster presentation in CEVAW Symposium.
2023	Secured NYUAD Postdoc Collaborative Grant for a research residency in New York University, NY
2023	Won NYUAD Postdoctoral Travel Award
2022	Finalist in Grad Slam (3-minute thesis competition) at New York University Abu Dhabi (video available here)
2019	Murdoch University Annual Research Symposium (MARS 2019) - Prize in the Best Oral presentation category (8 minutes)
2019	Participated in UWA 3-minute thesis competition
2017	Research Training Program (RTP) fellowship from the Australian Government to pursue PhD studies
2011	President's Gold Medal in M.Phil. on securing the first position in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University
2011	Chancellor Medal in M.Phil. on securing the first position in the Department of Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University
2008	President's Gold Medal in M.Sc. on securing the first position in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University
2008	Chancellor Medal in M.Sc. on securing the first position in the Department of Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University
2002	Gold Medal from the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Rawalpindi on securing the first Position among girls in High School (F.Sc.)

Memberships of Professional Organizations

American Economic Association (AEA)
Royal Economic Society (RES)
European Economic Association (EEA)
Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE)

Other Roles

2025	Organized CDES Workshop on Development Economics at Monash University.
2012-2021	Served as Staff Economist at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE).
2022	Organized and coordinated the first Annual Postdoctoral Conference at NYUAD
2020	Organizing an online seminar series with international participants - Research in Terrorism Seminar (RITES) series.
2020	Served as a mentor for incoming graduate students in the <i>UniMentor</i> program at the University of Western Australia.
2020	Tutored a Masters Student (Yadav Padhyoti) on Data analysis for his dissertation.
2016	Participated in preparing Pre-Budget recommendations for Pakistan for the fiscal year 2015-16.
2013-2016	Prepared various issues of the quarterly report on Pakistan economy as member team 'Economy Watch'.
2015	Supervised Interns(Vijeta Kashyap, Bachelors in Economics, 6th Semester) from Department of Economics, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi in her assignment of learning to apply some estimation techniques in EVIEWS by conducting research on 'Impact of Environmental Degradation on Human Development'.
2015	Supervised Intern (Ayesha Sultana, BSc Hons 8th Semester) from the Department of Agriculture Economics, the University of Sargodha in her research report on the 'Impact of FDI on Employment Opportunities and GDP growth in Pakistan: A Sectoral Analysis'.
2014	Served as Assistant Secretary, Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE) from January 2014 to December 2014 and organized 30th Annual General Meeting and Conference of the PSDE.
2014	Supervised Intern (Fadia Rasheed, BSc Hons 8th Semester) from the Department of Agriculture Economics, University of Poonch, Rawalakot in her research report on the 'The Role of Microcredit in Improving Living Standards: A case study of Abbaspur district'.
2012-2013	Served as member media committee in 28th and 29th AGM and Conference of the PSDE and in 4th Convocation of PIDE.

Computer Skills

Proficient user of Stata, LaTeX, and MS Office and familiar with R and ArcGIS.

Languages

Urdu	Mother tongue
English	Fluent [TOEFL Score 112/120; PTE Score 90/90]
Punjabi	Fair

References

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