

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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PROFILE SUMMARY

Basit Ali is a dedicated professional with a robust background in research, policy development, and program management. Currently serving as a Programme Development, Research and Reporting Officer at Penny Appeal Pakistan, he excels in monitoring funding opportunities, crafting competitive proposals, and producing high-quality reports. Previously, as a Research Associate at the Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Basit conducted in-depth research on economic security, authored policy briefs, and provided valuable insights through data analysis and stakeholder interviews. His tenure as a Development Fellow at the Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiative further honed his skills in project coordination and capacity building. Throughout his career, Basit has demonstrated a commitment to delivering impactful solutions and driving sustainable development initiatives.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. Salman, A., & Ali, B. (2023). Publication: Pakistan's Parallel Foreign Exchange Market. Friedrich Naumann Foundation. <https://www.freiheit.org/pakistan/pakistans-parallel-foreign-exchange-market>
2. Ali, B. & Irfan, M. (2020). The Trade-off between Household Expenditures and Smoking Expenditure: Pre and Post Smoking Awareness Ordinance in Pakistan. Asian Journal of Law and Economics, 11(3), 20200037. <https://doi.org/10.1515/ajle-2020-0037>
3. Li, J., Irfan, M., Samad, S., Ali, B., Zhang, Y., Badulescu, D., & Badulescu, A. (2023). The Relationship between Energy Consumption, CO2 Emissions, Economic Growth, and Health Indicators. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 20(3), 2325.
4. Irfan, M., Cherian, J., Abdul Rahman, A. A., Haddad, A. M., Sial, M. S., Ali, B., & Brugni, T. V. (2022). Measuring the Impact of Air Pollutants on Ecological Footprint, Forest Area and Cropland. International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy, 12(1), 444–452. <https://doi.org/10.32479/ijeep.12631>
5. Pan, C., Cristia, J. F. E., Irfan, M., Pan, Z., Ghardallou, W., Tahir, M., & Ali, B. Modelling the ecological footprints, climate change and economic growth nexus. Geological Journal.
6. Irfan, M., Karam, N., Akber, S., & Ali, B. (2023). Multidimensional Poverty Assessment in Pakistan: Does Household Dependency Escalate Poverty? Pertanika Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities, 31(2).

POLICY BRIEFS

1. Basit Ali and Aneel Salman. (2023). Long-term Policy Options for Reducing Dependence and Improving Core of National Economy. IPRI - Islamabad Policy Research Institute. <https://ipripak.org/2023/06/19/long-term-policy-options-for-reducing-dependence-and-improving-core-of-national-economy/>
2. Basit Ali and Aneel Salman. (2023). Sustainable Futures: Prioritizing Degrowth for Economic and Social Wellbeing in Pakistan. <https://ipripak.org/sustainable-futures-prioritizingdegrowth-for-economic-and-social-wellbeing-in-pakistan/>
3. Basit Ali and Aneel Salman. (2023). Pakistan's Trade Potential with Turkiye. IPRI - Islamabad Policy Research Institute. <https://ipripak.org/2023/05/18/pakistans-trade-potential-with-turkiye/>
4. Basit Ali and Aneel Salman. (2023). Economic Diplomacy and Pakistan's Quest for Economic Security. IPRI - Islamabad Policy Research Institute. <https://ipripak.org/2023/03/20/economic-diplomacy-and-pakistans-quest-for-economic-security/>

5. Basit Ali and Aneel Salman. (2022). Measuring the Economic Security of Pakistan: A South Asian Perspective. IPRI - Islamabad Policy Research Institute. <https://ipripak.org/measuring-the-economic-security-of-pakistan-a-south-asian-perspective/>
6. Basit Ali and Aneel Salman. (2022). IMF Stabilization Program and Macroeconomic Analysis for Pakistan. IPRI - Islamabad Policy Research Institute. <https://ipripak.org/2022/10/27/the-imf-stabilization-program-and-macroeconomic-analysis-for-pakistan/>
7. Basit Ali and Aneel Salman. (2022). External Debt and Growth Nexus –A Case Study for Pakistan. IPRI - Islamabad Policy Research Institute. <https://ipripak.org/external-debt-and-growth-nexus-a-case-study-for-pakistan/>
8. Basit Ali, Aneel Salman. (2022). Sri Lanka's Economic Fallout: Lessons for Pakistan. IPRI - Islamabad Policy Research Institute. <https://ipripak.org/the-sri-lankas-economic-fallout-lessons-for-pakistan/>

WORK EXPERIENCE

February 2024 - Continue

Programme Development, Research and Reporting Officer

Penny Appeal Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

- Monitor websites for RFAs and proposal opportunities aligned with Penny Appeal's core areas.
- Assist in proposal writing, drafting, editing, and finalizing competitive proposals for submission to donors.
- Produce high-quality reports and proposals with M&E staff.
- Edit and format documents according to guidelines.
- Provide editorial support for timely report dissemination.
- Develop and utilize tools, templates, and work processes to streamline proposal development and teamwork.
- Collaborate as a team member to complete high-quality and competitive project designs and proposals.

April 2022 – January 2024

Research Associate Economic Security

Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), Islamabad, Pakistan

- Conduct research and literature reviews on key topics of Economic Security
- Write policy briefs, reports, notes, summaries, abstracts, and blogs as required Chair Economic Security
- Fortnightly economic snapshots and policy recommendations
- Interview academics, policymakers, and important stakeholders for the writing of research reports and policy briefs
- Collect and analyse information and assemble information from a wide variety of sources, both primary and secondary, and synthesize research material
- Produce research findings in various statistical formats and creatively represents that data in different charts, tables, and graphs
- Organize, update, and maintain work documents for the Economic Security Program Offer research and/or administrative support to other research programs as required

December 2019 – December 2020

Development Fellow

Ministry of Planning Development and Special Initiative, Islamabad, Pakistan

- Capacity building in Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) as well as the Public Investment Program (PIP)
- Organizing high-level meetings with stakeholders of the organization
- Conducting research and project projections as well as project hearings related to sustainability
- Coordination among chiefs and members
- Assistance to the research staff, notably Joint Chief Economist
- Any other assistance to Joint Chief Economist

March 2019 - December 2019

Research Assistant**COMSATS University Islamabad, Islamabad, Pakistan**

- Designed the course and conducted tutorials for students
- Managed class records, and coordinate class activities
- Identifying suitable techniques for the collection and analysis of data
- Data coding, data entry, transcribing, data analysis & assistance with writing up
- Producing regular reports for senior management and specialists in different areas

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2019 - 2022

Master of Science in Economics (18 Years)

(Specialization: Economics)

COMSATS University Islamabad

CGPA: 3.77/4.00

- Thesis: "Modelling the Ecological Footprints, Climate Change and Economic Growth Nexus: Evidence from Pakistan"
- Proficiency in statistical software (STATA, SPSS, EViews, and Excel) for economic data analysis
- Expertise in econometric modelling, forecasting, and policy evaluation
- Advanced knowledge of economic theory and its applications in real-world problems
- Quantitative and qualitative research techniques
- Effective communication and presentation of research findings

2014 - 2019

Bachelor of Science in Economics (16 Years)

(Specialization: Economics)

COMSATS University Islamabad

CGPA: 3.59/4.00

- Thesis: "The Trade-off between Household Expenditures and Smoking Expenditure: Pre and Post Smoking Awareness Ordinance in Pakistan"
- Acquired strong statistical skills for analysing and interpreting economic data.
- Learned to apply econometric tools and techniques, such as regression analysis and hypothesis testing, to study real-world economic phenomena.
- Conducted research projects requiring data collection, literature reviews, and critical evaluation of economic theories.
- Strengthened written and verbal communication skills, particularly for presenting economic research findings effectively.

LANGUAGES

Mother tongue(s)

Pashto

Other language(s)

Urdu

English

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Native	Native	Native	Native	Native
English				
Professional	Professional	Professional	Excellent	Excellent

Communication skills

- Developed strong verbal communication skills through regular interactions with university stakeholders, including faculty, staff, and students, ensuring clarity in discussions about project requirements and updates.
- Gained expertise in drafting detailed project reports, official correspondence, and budget documents while working on PSDP projects in Planning Commission.
- Delivered impactful presentations to internal and external stakeholders during academic and professional life.

Organisational / managerial skills

- Managed multiple tasks and projects, such as tracking donor websites and collaborating on reports and proposals at Penny Appeal.
- Provided editorial support for report dissemination and collaborated with M&E staff. Conducted interviews with stakeholders for research reports at IPRI.
- Conducted research and literature reviews on economic security topics. Collected and analysed data from various sources.
- Assisted in capacity building for public sector development programs at the Planning Commission. Coordinated high-level meetings with stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines and prioritize tasks effectively across roles.

Training/Courses

- Two days school on Strategic and Policy Analytics from IPRI
- Green Investment: Renewable Energy from Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
- Introduction to Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific from ADBI
- Course on “Net Zero 101: What, Why and How” from United Nation University
- Course on “Excel skills for Business: Intermediate I” from MACQUARIE University Sydney Australia

References

- **Dr. Aneel Salman**, Chair Economic Security at IPRI
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- **Mr. Ishfaq Ahmed**, Manager Programme Development and Quality Assurance at Penny Appeal
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