

EDUCATION

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Islamabad, Pakistan
MPhil Economics and Finance CGPA 3.65 2020-2022

Thesis: Analysis of Non-Tariff measures in the automotive sector of Pakistan

Courses: Econometrics| Microeconomics| Macroeconomics| Statistics and Data Analysis| Corporate Finance
Corporate Governance| International Trade| Financial Theory

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Islamabad, Pakistan
MSc Economics CGPA 3.31 2017-2019

Courses: Econometrics| Microeconomics| Macroeconomics| Applied Economics| International Trade| WTO
Development Economics| Advanced Micro & Macro Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Competition Commission of Pakistan-Research Officer (ME-II) Islamabad, Pakistan
May 2025 – Present

- Conducting comprehensive market research and **competition assessments** across various economic sectors to identify anti-competitive practices and market inefficiencies.
- Analyzing industry dynamics, **pricing mechanisms**, and market structures to evaluate competition levels and assess potential market distortions.
- Reviewing and studying existing **regulatory frameworks**, identifying gaps and proposing solutions to enhance competitive practices.
- Engaging with key **stakeholders**, including industry representatives, policymakers, and regulatory bodies, to gather insights and validate research findings.
- Developing evidence-based policy and regulatory recommendations to promote **fair competition**, improve market efficiency, and protect consumer interests.
- Collaborating with cross-functional teams to align **research outputs** with the strategic objectives of the Competition Commission.

Prime Minister's Office, Board of Investment-Public Sector Specialist Islamabad, Pakistan
Jan 2025-May 2025

- Led the **coordination and communication** between public and private sector stakeholders to facilitate ease of doing business initiatives, including **regulatory reforms** and business process mapping.
- Engaged with **regulatory bodies and public sector institutions** to streamline business processes, reduce compliance burdens, and foster an investment-friendly environment.
- Worked as a **team lead** for a **multidisciplinary team** to design and implement strategic reforms aimed at modernizing Pakistan's regulatory landscape.
- Facilitated the **public-private dialogues** to identify challenges and co-develop solutions that enhance business competitiveness and efficiency.
- Developed the actionable roadmaps for **simplifying regulatory frameworks** and automating key processes to improve service delivery.
- Collaborated with **senior policymakers, industry leaders**, and development partners to align reforms with national economic objectives.

Prime Minister's Office, Board of Investment-Sector Specialist Islamabad, Pakistan
July 2023-Jan 2025

- Led the establishment of a **Business Facilitation Center in Islamabad**, designed to serve as a single window for ease of doing business by consolidating all Registrations, Licenses, Certifications, and Other Permits (RLCOs) related to federal ministries and departments.
- Acted as the liaison officer for **China-Pakistan B2B engagements**, facilitating industry relocation from China to Pakistan in priority sectors and driving bilateral business collaboration.
- Drove regulatory compliance and oversaw **business process re-engineering** across key sectors to improve efficiency, reduce red tape, and promote investment-friendly policies.
- Conducted **sectoral mapping exercises** to identify key strengths, challenges, and opportunities within the agri-business and food processing sectors, providing targeted recommendations for regulatory reforms and policy adjustments.

Teach for Pakistan-Fellowship 2022

Islamabad, Pakistan
July 2022-June 2023

- Placed in low-income government schools for teaching under FDE and Teach for Pakistan.
- Completed a 6-week Training Institute focusing on professionalism, work ethics, **leadership**, and conflict resolution.
- Surveyed the local community in Bhara Kahu to meet the **academic needs** of young kids.

PIDE – Research Assistant (RA)

Islamabad, Pakistan
Feb 2021-April 2022

- Worked with Dr. Lubna Hassan, Sr. Research Economist, to understand the functioning of the Fruits and Vegetables Market.
- Conducted surveys and interviews across **5 cities** of Punjab and KPK.
- Proposed the Federal Government to eliminate the administrated market prices to promote free-market competition.

University of Birmingham, UK-Team Member

March 2023

- Conducted a Theological Study of the **Impact of Interest on Debt Sustainability**, Poverty, and Economic Inequality in collaboration with Dr. Shagufta, from the Department of Theology and Religion.
- Conducted research in Pakistan and conducted **200 interviews** to gather data for the study.
- Performed data analysis to draw conclusions about the impact of interest on debt sustainability, poverty, and economic inequality.

Aspire-Team Member

Islamabad, Pakistan
January 2023

- Conducted **digital content analysis** on the content related to the e-learning project of FDE.
- Collaborated with team members to identify gaps in content and suggest improvements.
- Contributed to the development of strategies for improving student engagement and success in **e-learning**.

PIDE-Team Supervisor

April 2022-June 2022

- Collaborated with PIDE and **the World Bank** to study the social, economic, and religious dynamics of Pakistan.
- Led a team of 10 members in the South Punjab region of Pakistan.
- Conducted **300 interviews** of people in South Punjab across 6 districts.

PROJECTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

World Bank Graduate Series on Development-Team Member

Islamabad, Pakistan

- Conducted an extensive learning session on **Emerging Economies**.
- Presented a **Research-Brief** on the Pakistani Economy to an audience of 20 top economists of PIDE and the World Bank.

Economic Advisory Group-Associate Program 23'

Islamabad, Pakistan

- Completed the program, focused on macro, micro, monetary economics, and **policy analysis**.
- Participated in **workshops** and **assignments** that provided practical applications of economic theories and data analysis.
- Gained in-depth knowledge on **economic policy formulation**.
- Developed skills in **data-driven decision making** and **economic forecasting** through hands-on project work.

Learners' Republic Policy Fellowship

Islamabad, Pakistan

- Completed the program conducted in collaboration with Learners' Republic and Atom camp with a focus on policy-making **and evaluation**.
- Gained a deeper understanding of the policy-making process and how to evaluate policy effectiveness.
- Explored innovative approaches to policy-making and evaluated their potential impact on different sectors and communities.

McKinsey & Company - Forward Program

Islamabad, Pakistan

- Engaged in structured methodologies to define and prioritize tasks, improving **analytical and critical thinking abilities**.
- Learned to plan and structure **communications** tailored to diverse audiences, enhancing clarity and effectiveness.
- Acquired strategies for fostering strong **workplace relationships** and maintaining **personal well-being**.

Acumen Academy-Adaptive Leadership

Islamabad, Pakistan

- Completed **6-week long leadership course** conducted by Acumen Academy
- Topics covered included Time Management, Team Management, **Leadership**, and Teamwork.
- Developed a project focused on improving **English language and literacy skills** among students in government schools.

UNICEF-WG Disability Survey

- Collaborated with the **Washington group** and UNICEF to conduct a pilot project on minor disabilities of public school students.
- Organized and conducted survey to analyze data on minor disabilities, including **listening, speaking, sight,** or physical issues, which often go unreported or do not fall under major disability but can impact learning.
- Developed strategies to overcome the **constraints in learning** caused by these minor disabilities.

Acumen Academy-Social Entrepreneurship

- Acquired in-depth knowledge of the **principles and practices** of social entrepreneurship.
- Developed a comprehensive understanding of the **social impact landscape** and its various components.
- Explored innovative business models that **combine profit-making** with social and environmental goals.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Youth Empowerment Forum-President

Islamabad, Pakistan
2017-2021

- Led a team of **30 different** universities in Pakistan to empower youth.
- Conducted workshops on various themes such as leadership and time management.
- Managed and held events related to social, political, and economic issues in Pakistan.

Blue Ribbon Campaign-Head Organizer

Islamabad, Pakistan

- Organized an Awareness Campaign for **Child abuse and neglect** across Islamabad.
- Engaged 15 private and public schools and universities for this purpose.
- Concluded the campaign with an **enormous seminar** at PIDE Islamabad.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

IT Skills: Microsoft Office, Eviews, Stata, Bizagi Modeler, GraphPad Prism

Soft Skills: Verbal & Written Communication| Collaboration |Adaptability |Leadership |Team Building & Leading