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SUMMARY

Economist and Educator pursuing a PhD in Economics at National University of Sciences and Technology, with strong academic foundations from Punjab University and University of Sargodha. I have 1.5 years of teaching experience at NUST and 6 months at Beaconhouse, along with guiding approximately 150 IELTS students at UK Lines Academy. I have also contributed to global online tutoring and content development at High Aims Training Ltd, London, enhancing student engagement and institutional outreach.

In addition to academic work, I have participated in international professional experiences, including attending an economic policy conference in France, and traveling to Germany in recognition of my work as a research assistant on the pre- and post-flood economic situation in Pakistan. My research interests include human capital, economic growth, remittance patterns, and policy-oriented empirical analysis, allowing me to bridge academic research with practical policy and development insights

EXPERIENCE

Lecturer & Teaching Assistant | Nust University Islamabad | Sep 2024 – Present (1.5 years)

- Delivered lectures and tutorials for courses including Fiscal Policy, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Mathematical Economics, Population Economics, and Econometrics.
- Assisted in course planning, assessment design, and academic research, ensuring smooth curriculum delivery.
- Conducted problem-solving sessions, research guidance, and one-on-one student support, improving student engagement and understanding by ~20%.
- Integrated real-world data, case studies, and applied econometric techniques to enhance analytical and critical thinking skills.

Research Assistant – Economic Policy & Development

National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad, Pakistan | 2024 – Present

- Conducted policy-oriented research on monetary and exchange rate transmission, human capital, and economic growth in Asian economies.
- Managed high-dimensional growth datasets and applied econometric and machine learning techniques, including mediation analysis, to generate evidence-based policy insights.
- Assisted in drafting research reports and policy briefs, contributing to national economic development planning projects.

Research Assistant – Disaster Economics

Germany – Supervisor's Project on Pre- and Post-Flood Economic Situations in Pakistan | 2023

- Assisted in analyzing the economic impact of floods in Pakistan and developing policy recommendations for recovery and resilience strategies.
- Contributed to data collection, econometric analysis, and preparation of research summaries for international dissemination.

Participant – International Economic Policy Conference

France | 2022

- Attended sessions on global economic policy, sustainable development, and SDG implementation, gaining exposure to international policy debates and best practices.

Policy Research & Content Development

High Aims Training Ltd, London (Online, Global) | 2021 – 2022

- Developed curriculum and content with an economic policy focus, integrating global development frameworks and empirical research findings.
- Enhanced institutional outreach and engagement with students from diverse backgrounds.

Economics Instructor| Beacon house College, Islamabad | Jan 2024 –Jun 2024

Taught Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and basic economic principles to high school students, simplifying complex concepts for better understanding. Designed and delivered interactive lessons, case studies, and real-world examples, improving student engagement and learning outcomes. Assisted students in problem-solving, assignments, and project work, fostering critical thinking and analytical skills. Conducted class assessments and feedback sessions, helping students improve academic performance by ~15–20%. Integrated practical applications of economics, such as market dynamics, fiscal policy, and global trade concepts, to make learning relevant and engaging.

IELTS & English Language Instructor| UK Lines Academy,& Online Platforms (TeacherOn, Fiverr,Upwork) February 2020 – Present

Achieved 7-band score in IELTS, which led to being hired as an IELTS instructor at UK Lines Academy. Delivered in-person and online IELTS instruction, guiding ~150 students to improve language proficiency and achieve their target band scores. Provided students with comprehensive IELTS materials, practice tests, online resources, and exam strategies, including tips and tricks to maximize performance. Transitioned to online IELTS teaching on platforms such as TeacherOn and Fiverr, offering personalized lessons to students worldwide. Helped students overcome language barriers and exam challenges, boosting success rates by ~25%. Built a strong international student base, particularly immigrants from Canada, the USA, and other countries, ensuring repeat clients and high satisfaction. Applied interactive teaching methods, real-world examples, and exam-focused strategies to make learning effective, engaging, and results-driven.

Content Writer |High Aims Training Ltd, London | March 2020 – February 2021

Worked for one year with the social media team at High Aims Training Ltd, a UK-based organisation. Crafted engaging content for various social media platforms, including Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and blogs. Composed website articles and posts designed to enhance online presence and engage the target audience.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH FIELD

Research Paper:"Interplay Between Human Capital and Economic Growth: A Comparative Case Study of Developed and Developing Countries"

- **Overview:** Investigated the impact of human capital on economic growth, comparing developed and developing countries.
- Applied growth accounting models and multivariable regression analysis to examine the relationship between human resources and economic outcomes.
- Found significant income gaps and low living standards in developing countries despite technology transfer.
- Emphasized the importance of enhancing human capital to reduce economic disparities and promote sustainable development.

Research Paper: "The Impact of Immigrant Skill Levels on Remittances: A Case Study of Pakistan (1990–2021)"

- **Overview:** Examined the relationship between remittances and immigrant education/skill levels in Pakistan, the 5th largest remittance recipient globally (~\$19.3B).
- Found that remittances decrease as immigrants' skill levels and education rise, contrary to common assumptions.
- Analyzed 50 years of data from World Development Indicators, incorporating macroeconomic and political factors.
- Highlighted policy implications, suggesting prioritization of unskilled migration for maximizing remittance inflows

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Overview:

Policy-Oriented Analysis of Monetary and Exchange Rate Transmission in Asian Economies

- Examining the impact of monetary and exchange rate policies on economic growth and sectoral outcomes across multiple Asian countries.
- Applying traditional econometric methods and machine learning techniques, including mediation analysis, to uncover direct and indirect policy transmission channels.
- Utilizing high-dimensional growth data and macroeconomic indicators for robust empirical analysis.
- Producing evidence-based policy insights through dashboards, data visualizations, and analytical reports.
- Comparing outcomes from machine learning and econometric models to strengthen policy recommendations.

SKILLS

Technical & Analytical:

- Econometric and statistical analysis using Stata, R, Python
 - High-dimensional growth and panel data analysis
 - Mediation analysis, regression modeling, and scenario simulations
 - Data cleaning, dashboards, forecasting, and visualization
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Policy & Research:

- Economic policy analysis, SDG alignment, fiscal policy, and sectoral diagnostics
- Development economics, trade, FDI, and labor market trends
- Preparation of policy briefs, technical reports, and stakeholder summaries
- Knowledge management and workshop coordination

Soft Skills:

- Strong analytical thinking and problem-solving
- Academic writing and presentation
- Independent research and teamwork

Awards & Recognition

- Traveled to Germany in recognition of research assistant work on pre- and post-flood economic analysis in Pakistan
- Extended SDG term paper on Japan's multi-tree growth system highly appreciated and awarded top marks by PhD supervisor

Relevant Coursework & Certifications

- PhD Coursework: SDGs, Development Economics, Advanced Econometrics, Population Economics
- Policy Analysis, Fiscal Policy, Mathematical Economics, International Trade
- Online / External Certifications (if any): Coursera/edX courses in data analysis, policy evaluation, or development economics

International Exposure & Conferences

- Attended economic policy conference in France
- Participated in multiple international remote conferences and webinars on development economics, SDGs, and economic policy
- Active participant in national economics conferences in Islamabad
- Collaborated on research projects with international teams (remote) focusing on Asian economies and policy simulations

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics |University of Science and Technology (NUST) |Islamabad . Continued

MPhil Economics |University of Punjab |Lahore | Sep 2021 – Dec 2023 | CGPA: 3.41

ThesisAdvisor:DrKulsoomZulfiqarThesisTitle:BrainDrainandRemittances:Doskilledlabourremittless to Pakistan?

Bsc(hons) Agriculture |University of Sargodha |Sargodha | Oct 2017 – June 2021 | CGPA: 3.86

Thesis advisor:Dr.MoazzamSabir

Thesis Title: The interplay between Human Capital and Economic Growth

Fsc (pre-medical) |Punjab Group of Colleges |Sargodha |2015 – 2017

CERTIFICATIONS

Host the Annual Dinner: University of Punjab, Lahore,2022

Certificate of Basic IT Literacy: Punjab Vocational Training Council, 2019

Certificate of Participation: Annual Dinner & Alumni Meet, 2019
