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Key Qualifications and Responsibilities:

Has over 10 year of experience in undertaking research assignments and teaching at the post-graduate level. Has undertaken assignments for several core research projects in the field of health economics, social and welfare economics. Have a number of publications in reputable international journals to her credit. Have rich experience of teaching in Health Economics, Micro economics, General equilibrium and Welfare at post-graduate (MAS/M. Phil) level.

Key Qualifications:

Education:

- PhD in Health Economics in (2014), entitled “Economic Analysis of the Socioeconomic Determinants of Child Health: Empirical Evidence from Developing Countries and Pakistan”, from University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom
- M.Phil.in (2007) entitled “Economic Efficiency of the Investment Strategies for the child Nutrition programs in Pakistan” from Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi.
- M.A.S (1998) Passed in Applied Economics from Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

- Associate Professor/Senior Research Economist from January 2022 to till date

- Assistant Professor/ Research Economist from April 2014 to January 2022
- Staff Economist/Lecturer from March 2005 to March 2014
- Research Assistant from January 2001 to February 2005

Completed Publications:

1. Wage disparities between high and low wage cities with and without the cost of living within Punjab and Sindh: An application of Oaxaca-Blinder using PSLM with HIES in Journal of Applied Economics and Business Studies, Volume. 4, Issue 4(2020) 1-14.
DOI: [10.34260/jaeb.441](https://doi.org/10.34260/jaeb.441)
2. Impact of Trade Facilitation on Sectoral Export Performance: A Case For SAARC Countries, in PJAE, 2017.
3. Exchange Rate and Trade: A Causality Analysis for Pakistan Economy”, Journal of Applied Economics, Volume VIII, Sep 2009, Issue, 5.
4. International trade, Foreign Direct Investment and the Phenomenon of Child Labor: A Case Study of Pakistan” in International Journal of social Economics. Volume 35, Number 11, 2008. pp. 809-822 , ISSN: 0306-8293
5. Socioeconomic Determinants of Child Mortality in Pakistan: Evidence from Sequential Probit Model” in International Journal of social Economics, Volume 1&2, 2008.
6. Socioeconomic Determinants of School Progression In Pakistan” In Applied Econometrics and International Development, Volume7-2, 2007.
7. Contribution of Health in Economic Growth: An Application of VAR Approach in Pakistan”, in Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics (PAJE), Vol. 18, # 1 &2, 2008.

8. Understanding the Health and Nutritional Status of Children in Pakistan: A study of the interaction of Socioeconomic and Biological factors in International Journal of Social Economics in 2004.
9. Determinants of Household Food Security: An Empirical Analysis for Pakistan in International Journal of social Economics, volume 31, No 7, 2004.
10. Child Diarrheal Morbidity and its Determinants in Pakistan: An application of logistic model in Indian Journal of Quantitative Economics, volume-17, No.1 and 2, 2003.
11. Socioeconomic and Environmental Determinants of Child Care Patterns of Preschoolers in Pakistan in International Journal of Social Economics, volume 31, No. 3, 2004
12. Incidence of Poverty: A Conceptual Understanding in Pakistan in Indian Journal of Quantitative Economics, 1999.

Research papers Presented at Conference:

- The determinants of Child Health: Empirical findings from Developing Countries” 19-20 September 2013 at University of East Anglia, **United Kingdom**.
- Decomposition of Child Health Inequalities in Pakistan, 5-7 July 2013 at OECD Conference Centre, **Paris**.
- Socioeconomic and Environmental Determinants of Child Care Patterns of Preschoolers in Pakistan”, presented in National Health Sciences Research Symposium –2002. The **Aga Khan University**.
- Impact Of Trade Facilitation On Sectoral Export Performance: A Case For SAARC Countries, in AERC international Conference 2016
- The Effects of Environmental Degradation on child Acute Respiratory Infection System and Mortality: Evidence from SAARC countries in AERC international Conference 2017.

- Determinants of Child Nutritional Inequalities in Pakistan: Regression Based Decomposition Analysis, in AERC international Conference 2018.

Book Chapter:

- Socioeconomic and Environmental Determinants of Child Care Patterns of Preschoolers in Pakistan”, in Early Childhood Education, SAGE Publications Ltd, 2012

Submitted Publications:

- Determinants and Decomposition of Child Health Inequalities in Pakistan.
- Women Empowerment and Child Health: A Pseudo Panel Data Analysis using Evidence from Pakistan Social and Living Standard Measurement survey.

Selected Research Reports

- Project Economist on UNFPA funded project “Evaluation of Family Welfare through NGOs” Pathfinder component.” at Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi.
- Project Economist on UGC/HEC research study “The Preparation of National Strategy Programmes and Investment Strategies for reducing Malnutrition in Pakistan”, at Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi.

Thesis supervisor

- The Effects Of Early Marriages On Child And Maternal Health Status: Evidence From Pakistan.
- Socio-Economic Determinants Of Maternal Healthcare Inequalities In Pakistan.
- Impact Of Fertility On Women Labour Force Participation In Pakistan: Connecting Evidence At Micro Level

- Inter-City Wage Dispersion In Metropolitan Cities Of Pakistan: Does Cost of Living Matter?
- Impact Of FDI On Exports & Output Performance: Evidence From Industrial Sector Of Pakistan
- Impact of Women's Bargaining Power on Child Welfare: An Empirical Investigation For Pakistan.
- Socioeconomic Determinants of Health Care Expenditures and Nutritional Inequalities in Pakistan

Teaching Assignments at A.E.R.C since 2001 to till date

Course Taught

- General Equilibrium and Welfare Economics
- Microeconomics-1
- Health Economics

➤ Teaching assignments at IBA as Visiting Faculty since 2014

- Microeconomics for BS (5)
- Introduction of Economics
- General Equilibrium and Welfare Economics for MS
- Health Economics for MS
- Welfare Economics for MS
- Intermediate Microeconomics

- Visiting Faculty at Bahria Institute of Management and Computer Sciences

Course Taught

- Public Economics for BS (6)
- Managerial Economics for BBA (5)
- Economics for MBA

Research Assignments:

TASKS ASSIGNED at AERC

1. Project Economist on UGC Funded Core Research Study. The Preparation of National Strategy Programmes and Investment Strategies for reducing Malnutrition in Pakistan in 2000.
2. Project Economist on UNFPA funded project “Evaluation of Family Welfare through NGOs” Pathfinder component in 1999.
3. Internship on International Asset Management Company Limited: An Investment Preferences Study” in 1998

TRAINING PROGRAMME

1. Participate Training of the Trainers Workshop on “Standardized Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System”, Organized by Evaluation and Research Development Unit PPAF at Karachi on April 17 to 21, 2006.
2. Participate Training on the “Quality Assurance in Higher Education” by Pakistan Institute of Quality Control on April 29th 2006.

CONDUCTED CONFERENCES AT AERC

1. Performed as a Head of conference for AERC International conference entitled” The Economy of New Pakistan: Emerging Challenges, Prospects for Change and Road to Prosperity (TENPECPCRP)” will be held on November, 19-20, 2019 in **ISLAMABAD.**
2. Performed as a Head of conference for AERC International conference entitled “Towards Inclusive Governance and Efficient Institutions for Sustainable Development (TIGEISD)”, October, 24-26, 2017.
3. Performed as a Head of conference for AERC International conference entitled “Central Asian Regional Economic Integration And CPEC: Prospects, Challenges And The Way Forward, (CAREIC-PCWF), December 18-20, 2018
4. Performed as a Head of conference for AERC International conference entitled “Transforming Economic Development: Policies and Strategies” 22-24 November, 2016
5. Conducted AERC International conference 2015 entitled “Structural Reforms for Inclusive Development”, March 17-18, 2015.

CONDUCTED SEMINARS AT AERC

1. Seminar on “Gender ” by senior economist, World Bank on 9th February, 2017.
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3. Seminar on “CPEC” by Federal Minister on 8th February, 2017.
4. A panel Discussion on “AERC pre-Budget 2016” on 11 May 2016 by panelists.
5. Seminar on “State of the Economy and Way Forward” by Dr. Tokhir Mirzonev, Resident Mission of IMF on 24th March 2016.
6. Seminar on “The Chinese Investments, Macros and Impact on Capital Market” by Mr. Muzzammil Aslam, CEO, Invest & Finance Securities Ltd, on 16th March 2016.

7. Seminar on “Analysis of the Government Bond Market and Monetary Policy” by Dr. Muhammad Nishat, Professor of Economics & Associate Dean, IBA on 10th March, 2016
8. Seminar on “Monetary Policy Challenges in Pakistan” by Mr. Riaz Riazuddin, Deputy Governor, SBP on 15th February 2016.
9. Seminar on “Emerging Economic Trends and the Challenges Pakistan Faces” by Dr. A. B. Shahid, Fellow of Institute of Bankers (IBP) on 8th February 2016.
10. Seminar on “Development Vision & Strategy for Regional Development: Case of Baluchistan by Dr. Kaiser Bengali, Advisor to Chief Minister of Baluchistan on 28th October 2015.
11. Conducted and participated in HEC pre-conference one day seminar on “Managing energy demands - the new global energy paradigm” at Applied Economics Research Centre, September 8, 2006.
12. Conducted and participated in one day seminar on “The impact of Education and Assessment of Educational Policies in Pakistan” at Applied Economics Research Centre, Saturday 24th February, 2007.

Administration Tasks at AERC

- In charge-of GSP (January 2021)
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- Head of PhD program (2018-2021)
- Head of conference & Seminar Committee (2016- 2020)

- Member of Graduate Directory Committee
- Member of Academic Committee
- Member of Publication Committee

- Convener of conference 2015
- Editor of AERC Newsletter
- Convener of Library Committee
- Member of Graduate Studies committee
- Member of Editorial Committee