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QUALIFICATION:

Ph.D. in Applied Economics (2020), Thesis title “Food Prices and Household Welfare in Pakistan”, from Applied Economics Research Centre University of Karachi

MAS in Applied Economics (2005), Secured 2nd Position, from Applied Economics Research Centre University of Karachi

M.Sc. in Economics (2003), with First Division, from Department of Economics, University of Karachi

B.Sc. (H) in Economics (2002), with First Division, from Department of Economics, University of Karachi

EXPERIENCE:

Aug 2020- To date	Research Economist/ Assistant Professor	Applied Economics Research Centre University of Karachi
Mar 2011-Aug 2020	Staff Economist/ Lecturer	Applied Economics Research Centre University of Karachi
Sept 2008-May 2009	Research Economist	ARCH TEC Consulting firm
Feb 2008- July 2008	Lecturer	KASB Institute of Technology
June 2006-Aug 2007	Research Scholar	Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FPCCI)
Jan 2006-May 2006	Junior Lecturer	Institute of Business Management (CBM)
Mar 2005-Nov 2005	Teaching Assistant	Applied Economics Research Centre University of Karachi

RESEARCH INTEREST

Poverty, Human Development / Welfare, Food Security

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

TASK ASSIGNED	SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
Principal Investigator on the Project Funded by RASTA PIDE	Project: “Dynamics of Food Prices in Major Cities of Pakistan.” Year: 2021 Description: This research is aimed to study the dynamics of food prices for fifteen commodities in fourteen major cities of Pakistan. The dynamics of food prices are evaluated by estimating the components of inflation such as the frequency of price change, the duration of price change, the average size of price change, the direction (increase or decrease) of price change, the synchronization of price change and also by assessing the volatility of food prices. Furthermore, the research also explained the factors of food prices in Pakistan.

PUBLICATIONS:

- "Impact of food price volatility on child health and education attainment: A case study of urban households of Pakistan," International Journal of Social Economics, Emerald Group Publishing, vol. 47(2), pages 223-243, January.
- "FOOD PRICE VOLATILITY: A Comparative Analysis among Major Cities of Pakistan," Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics, Applied Economics Research Centre, vol. 29(1), pages 71-91.
- “Food price volatility and household welfare: A case study of major cities of Pakistan”. Business Review, 17(1), 85-105. Retrieved from [10.54784/1990-6587.1459](https://doi.org/10.54784/1990-6587.1459)
- “Nexus between Human Development and Trade Liberalization: Comparative Analyses of Developed and Developing Countries. Global Economics Review, VII (II), 148-155. [https://doi.org/10.31703/ger.2022\(VII-II\).13](https://doi.org/10.31703/ger.2022(VII-II).13)
- “Economic Structure of Major Cities of Pakistan, A Regional Specialization and Concentration Analysis”. Competitive Social Science Research Journal, 3(2), 434–452. Retrieved from <https://cssrjournal.com/index.php/cssrjournal/article/view/351>
- Socioeconomic Challenges Faced by Mothers of Disabled Children: A Case Study of Karachi, Pakistan. Human Nature Journal of Social Sciences, 3(3), 321–328. Retrieved from <http://hnpublisher.com/ojs/index.php/HNJSS/article/view/148>

TRAINING COURSES & WORKSHOPS:

- Training workshop on “Introduction to GIS” conducted by Geography Department University of Karachi.
- Training workshop on “Marketing/ PR & Financial Management” conducted by Center for International Private Enterprise affiliated with US Chamber of Commerce.
- Training Course on “Elimination of Textile Quotas and Pakistan-EU Trade” conducted by Social Policy Development Centre (SPDC) and sponsored by European Union.

COMPUTER SKILLS:

MS OFFICE, E-VIEWS, STATA etc.

REFERENCES:

Will be furnished on request