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Education

2011–2016 **Ph.D. in Economics**, *Lund University, Sweden*.

2010–2011 **M.Sc. in Economics**, *Lund University, Sweden*.

2009–2010 **M.Sc. in Economics**, *Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan*.

2005–2009 **B.Sc.(Hons) in Economics**, *International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan*.

Research Interests

Fields Tourism Economics, Institutional Economics, Development Economics

Topics Determinants of International Tourism, Cultural Change, Institutional Change, Public Policy, Economics of Armed Conflict

Academic Employment

2019–Present **Assistant Professor in Economics**. *United Arab Emirates University*.

- Courses developed and taught at the undergraduate level: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Economics, Econometrics, Theory of Macroeconomics, and Applied Economics of the Middle East
- Courses developed and taught at the postgraduate level: UAE in the Global Business Environment, and Research in Support of Business Functions
- Co-supervising two DBA students
- Served as a member of several committees such as the committee for revamping the Bachelors program in Economics, and MBA Transformation committee.

2016–2019 **Assistant Professor in Economics**. *University of Nottingham Malaysia*.

- Developed and taught following undergraduate courses: Advanced Development Economics, Development Economics, Quantitative Economics and Introduction to Microeconomics
- Managed research output of the school and organized regular research talks, workshops, and events
- Coordinated with staff to manage PhD applications
- Supervised 15 undergraduate dissertations

Editorial Experience

Associate Editor: Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences

Guest Editor: Sustainability

Consultation Experience

- 2018 **Consultant, World Bank, Pakistan.**
 - Project title: *Pakistan @ 100: Nurturing people, policies and institutions for economic development in Pakistan*
- 2017 **Consultant, World Bank, Malaysia**
 - Project title: *Productivity Unplugged: The Challenges of Malaysia's Transition into a High-Income Country*
- 2017 **Consultant, PwC, Middle East.**
 - Project title: *Forecasting the impact of International Financial Center in Sri Lanka*
- 2016 **Consultant, PwC, Middle East.**
 - Project title: *Determinants of volunteering work in GCC countries*

Publications in Refereed Journals

- 2023 Promoting Outbound Tourism Through Financial Inclusion: Evidence From Emerging Markets and Developing Economies. *Annals of Tourism Research: Empirical Insights*. (with Sasidaran Gopalan).
- 2023 From Diversification Resistance to Sustainable Diversification: Lessons From the UAE's Public Policy Shift. *Management & Sustainability: An Arab Review*. (with Amany A El Anshasy).
- 2023 Why are Firms in High-income Economies More Productive than in Middle-income Economies? Decomposing the Firm Labor Productivity Gap *Studies in Comparative International Development*. (with Mohammad Amin and Asif M Islam).
- 2023 The Impact of Ethnic Fractionalisation on Labor Productivity: Does Firm-size Matter? *The Journal of International Development*. (with Mohammad Amin).
- 2022 COVID-19 Economic Policy Response, Resilience and Tourism Recovery. *Annals of Tourism Research: Empirical Insights*. (with Luke Okafor and Sasidaran Gopalan).
- 2022 Dyadic Hostility, Tourism, and Regional Trade Agreements *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor and Dulashini Sooriyarachchi).
- 2022 Do the Level of Digitalization and the Size of the Tourism Industry Affect COVID-19 Economic Policy Response? *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor and Laura Elizabeth Moreno Gama).
- 2022 Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Analyzing Environmental Performance and Tourist Behavior Using a Gravity Approach. *Tourism Economics*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Luke Okafor).
- 2022 Economic Reform and Political Stagnation: The Inconsistent Patterns of Institutional Change. *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*. (with Luke Okafor and Muhammad Shahbaz).
- 2022 Exploring the Diverse Sources of Linguistic Influence on International Tourism Flows. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Luke Okafor and Olajide Sanusi).
- 2022 Does the Level of a Country's Resilience Moderate the Link between the Tourism Industry and the Economic Policy Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic? *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).

- 2022 How Does Financial Inclusion Influence Tourism Demand? Empirical Evidence from Emerging Markets and Developing Economies *Tourism Recreation Research*. (with Sasidaran Gopalan).
- 2022 Do Stock Markets Play a Role in Determining COVID-19 Economic Stimulus? A Cross-Country Analysis. *World Economy*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Sajid M Chaudhry).
- 2022 Exploring the Nexus between Natural Disasters and Food (in)security: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh *The Geographical Journal*. (with Muhammad Ibrahim Shah and Sakil Ahmmed).
- 2021 Do Regional Trade Agreements Enhance International Tourism Flows? Evidence from a Cross-Country Analysis. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).
- 2021 The Effect of Migration on International Tourism Flows: The Role of Linguistic Networks and Common Languages. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).
- 2021 Does The Size of The Tourism Sector Matter for Economic Policy Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic? *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).
- 2021 Does Panda Diplomacy Promote Chinese outbound Tourism Flows? *Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management*. (with Luke Okafor and Chee Meng Tan).
- 2021 Nexus between Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Economic Growth in G7 Countries: Fresh Insights via Wavelet Coherence Analysis *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*. (with Rabeh Khalfaoui, Aviral Kumar Tiwari and Muhammad Shahbaz).
- 2021 Does the Quality of Health Security of a Country Moderate the Link between Bilateral Tourism Flows and the COVID-19 Death Rate? *Journal of Policy Research in Tourism, Leisure and Events*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska)
- 2021 Financial Development and Governance: A Panel Data Analysis Incorporating Cross-sectional Dependence. *Economic Systems*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah).
- 2021 Does meat consumption exacerbate greenhouse gas emissions? Evidence from US data. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Muhammad Shahbaz).
- 2021 Regaining international tourism attractiveness after an armed conflict: the role of security spending. *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor).
- 2021 Military Spending and Economic Growth in Turkey: A Wavelet Approach. *Defence and Peace Economics*. (with Olivier Habimana)
- 2021 The Effects of Economic and Financial Crises on International Tourist Flows: A Cross-Country Analysis. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Luke Okafor).
- 2020 A nonparametric analysis of energy environmental Kuznets Curve in Chinese Provinces. *Energy Economics*. (with Muhammad Shahbaz, Muhammad Shafiullah, and Malin Song)
- 2019 Armed Conflict, Military Expenditure and International Tourism. *Tourism Economics*. (with Luke Okafor and Nusrate Aziz).
- 2019 Armed Conflict, Military Expenses and FDI Inflow to Developing Countries. *Defence and Peace Economics*. (with Nusrate Aziz).
- 2019 Determinants of International Tourism Demand: Evidence from Australian States and Territories. *Tourism Economics*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Luke Okafor).

- 2018 Are Capitalists Green? Firm-ownership and Provincial CO₂ Emissions in China. *Energy Policy*. (with Fredrik NG Andersson and Sonja Oppen).
- 2018 Common Unofficial Language, Development and International Tourism. *Tourism Management*. (with Luke Okafor and Terence Then).
- 2017 The Effect of Trade and Political Institutions on Economic Institutions. *The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*.

Publications in Edited Books

- 2022 Language Requirement for Naturalization, Linguistic Networks, and International Migration: The Role of Common Unofficial Language. *Book chapter in "Economics and Finance Readings Selected Papers from Asia-Pacific Conference on Economics & Finance, 2021."* (with Luke Okafor and Nusrate Aziz).
- 2021 The Effects of Regional Trade Agreements on International Tourist Flows in the Middle East and Africa. *Book chapter in "New Frontiers in Hospitality and Tourism Management in Africa."* (with Luke Okafor and Ogechi Adeola).

Work Under Review

- 2023 Assessing the relationship between economic growth and travel frequency in light of the transport Kuznets curve in China *Under Review: World Economy*
- 2023 Responsiveness of Stock Prices to COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Policies: Evidence from the Tourism and Hospitality Industry *Under Review: Tourism Analysis*.

Op-Eds in Media

- 2021 How financial inclusion is a pathway to reviving tourism. *Published online in Gulf Business*. (with Sasidaran Gopalan).
- 2020 Emerging role of credit bureaus. *Published online in Dawn Pakistan*.
- 2019 Credit bureaus and registries for financial sector development. *Published online in The Financial Express*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah).

Research Grants Received

- 2022 - 2023 **Impact of sanctions on environmental performance and energy poverty.** (Role: PI)
 - Funded By: *CBE Annual Research Program, United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2021 - 2023 **Assessing the effects of tourism networks on socioeconomic outcomes.** (Role: PI)
 - Funded By: *United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2020 - 2022 **Tourist behaviour to shocks and building tourism resilience in UAE.** (Role: PI)
 - Funded By: *United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2019 - 2021 **Risk preference and choice of career: the role of subjective wellbeing, religiosity and social values.** (Role: PI)
 - Funded By: *Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS), Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia*.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2022 Second Conference on "Economic Policy and Research in the UAE and Beyond," American University of Sharjah.

- 2022 10th Asian Management Research and Case (AMRC) Conference, Al Ain.
- 2022 5th International Conference of Development and Economy, Kalamata, Greece.
- 2022 The 3rd Barcelona Conference on Education.
- 2022 6th Forum for Research in Economics and Finance.
- 2021 2021 Asia-Pacific Conference on Economics and Finance.
- 2021 The 20th International Conference of the Japan Economic Policy Association.
- 2021 The Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference 2021.
- 2021 55th Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings.
- 2021 European Economics and Finance Society Nineteenth Annual EEFS Conference.
- 2021 Global Economic Policy Group Meeting 2021: Politics, Integration and Trade, Virtual Conference by FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany CEAMeS & University of Westminster, London, UK Westminster Business School.
- 2020 Research Workshop, College of Business and Economics, United Arab Emirates University.
- 2020 19th RSEP International Economics, Finance & Business Conference.
- 2020 19th International Conference of Middle East Economic Association.
- 2020 The 19th International Conference of the Japan Economic Policy Association.
- 2019 Research Workshop, College of Business and Economics, United Arab Emirates University.
- 2018 10th GEP International Conference. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2015 PhD Workshop in Development Economics. Berlin, Germany.
- 2015 5th IWH/INFER Workshop on Applied Economics and Economic Policy. Halle (Saale), Germany.
- 2013 12th Nordic Conference in Development Economics. Bergen, Norway.
- 2012 Workshop on "The New Institutional Economics and Divergence in the Developing World". Lund, Sweden.

Journal Refereeing

Journal of Economic Structures, Journal of Cleaner Production, Tourism Planning and Development, The World Economy, Small Business Economics, Policy Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Current Issues in Tourism, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice, Tourism Management, Resources Policy, Cogent Economics & Finance, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Journal of Environmental Management, Defence and Peace Economics, Applied Economics, Cogent Business & Management.

University Service at UAEU - Highlights

- Chair of departmental Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2022-23
- Member of College Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2022-23
- Member of CBE Teaching Effectiveness and Impact Committee, 2022-23
- Member of departmental Curriculum Content & Evaluation Committee, 2022-23
- Member of College Council as a representative of Assistant Professors, 2021-22
- Member of CBE Teaching Effectiveness and Impact Committee, 2021-22
- CETL Faculty Fellow for 2022

- Member of ad hoc committee responsible for preparing proposal for PhD in Economics
- Member of departmental Curriculum Content & Evaluation Committee, 2021-22
- Member of departmental Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2021-22
- Member of the program revamping committee at the department level that is tasked to revamp the Undergraduate program in Economics
- Served on the College Research Committee as a representative of the department of Innovation in Government and Society, 2020-21
- Part of the MBA transformation project that is tasked to redesign the MBA program
- Course coordinator of the DBA904: Research in Support of Business Functions

Technical and Programmin skills

Proficient user of: **Stata, Eviews, Tableau, Matlab and R**