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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*.

Research Interests

Fields International Economics, Development Economics, Political Economy, Tourism Economics
Topics Economic Sanctions, Foreign Direct Investment and Capital Flows, Trade Agreements and Tariffs, Energy Poverty and the Environment, Determinants of International Tourism, Institutional Change, Economics of Armed Conflict

Academic Employment

2023–Present **Associate Professor in Economics**. *United Arab Emirates University*.

2019–2023 **Assistant Professor in Economics**. *United Arab Emirates University*.

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

Teaching Responsibilities

2019–Present **College of Business and 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, Applied Economics of the Middle East, International Trade, International Finance and Policy, International Economics and Globalization, and Sustainable Development.
- Courses developed and taught at the **postgraduate level**: Economics for Management, UAE in the Global Business Environment, and Research in Support of Business Functions.
- Co-supervised two **Doctor of Business Administration** candidates to completion (2023 and 2025), and main supervisor of two DBA candidates from fall 2026.
- Part of the committee tasked to revamp the undergraduate program in Economics and the MBA program.

2016–2019 **School of Economics, University of Nottingham Malaysia**

- Developed and taught the following undergraduate courses: Advanced Development Economics, Development Economics, Quantitative Economics, and Introduction to Microeconomics.
- Supervised 15 undergraduate dissertations.

2011–2016 **Department of Economics, Lund University, Sweden**

- Teaching assistant for multiple courses during doctoral studies, responsible for teaching labs and tutorial sessions.

Teaching Qualifications

- 2022 **Certified Management and Business Educator (CMBE)**, *Chartered Association of Business Schools, UK*.
- 2019 **Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)**, *Higher Education Academy, UK*. Awarded after 20 credits of the Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE), University of Nottingham.

Editorial Experience

Associate Editor: Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences.

Academic Editor: PLOS One.

Editorial Board Member: Journal of Travel Research.

Editorial Board Member: Annals of Tourism Research: Empirical Insights.

Publications

Refereed and Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2026 Do Culturally Diverse Destinations Attract or Deter Tourism? Probing Competing Psychologies in Global Travel Records. *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Chuma Kevin Owuamalam, Luke Okafor and Stefania Paolini).
- 2026 Do Sanctions Deter Greenfield FDI Inflows? An Empirical Investigation. *Economic Modelling*. (with Sasidaran Gopalan and Kathia Bahloul Zekkari).
- 2025 Is Tourism Becoming More Globally Interconnected or Regionally Concentrated? A Network Analysis Approach. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).
- 2025 Do the Effects of Unilateral and Multilateral Sanctions on Energy Poverty Differ in Target Economies? *Energy*. (with Luke Okafor and Ramez Abubakr Badeeb).
- 2025 Encouraging Self-Study Outside Class by Incorporating High-Stakes Writing. *Assessment Update*.
- 2024 Does Conflict Aggravate Energy Poverty? *Energy Policy*. (with Muhammad Shafiullah and Sajid M Chaudhry).
- 2024 Sanctions and Tourist Flows: The Roles of Religion and Geography. *Annals of Tourism Research: Empirical Insights*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).
- 2024 Do Sanctions Affect the Environment? The Role of Trade Integration. *Research in Globalization*. (with Muhammad Tahir Ali, Luke Okafor and Olajide Sanusi).
- 2024 Do Greenfield FDI Inflows Promote International Tourism? *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Sasidaran Gopalan and Luke Okafor).
- 2024 The Economic Growth–Travel Frequency Nexus in China: Importance of the Transport Kuznets Curve. *The World Economy*. (with Zhilun Jiao, Muhammad Shafiullah, Malin Song and Muhammad Shahbaz).
- 2024 Stock Prices and COVID-19 Stimulus Policies: Evidence from Tourism and Hospitality Industry. *Tourism Analysis*. (with Luke Okafor and Tariq Elrazaz).
- 2024 How Does Financial Inclusion Influence Tourism Demand? Empirical Evidence from Emerging Markets and Developing Economies. *Tourism Recreation Research*. (with Sasidaran Gopalan).
- 2024 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).
- 2023 Dyadic Hostility, Tourism, and Regional Trade Agreements. *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor and Dulashini Sooriyarachchi).

- 2023 Do the Size of the Tourism Sector and Level of Digitalization Affect COVID-19 Economic Policy Response? Evidence from Developed and Developing Countries. *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor and Laura Elizabeth Moreno Gama).
- 2023 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).
- 2023 COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Packages, Tourism Industry and External Debt: The Influence of Extreme Poverty. *PLOS One*. (with Luke Okafor).
- 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? *Journal of International Development*. (with Mohammad Amin).
- 2023 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).
- 2022 COVID-19 Economic Policy Response, Resilience and Tourism Recovery. *Annals of Tourism Research: Empirical Insights*. (with Luke Okafor and Sasidaran Gopalan).
- 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 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 Do Stock Markets Play a Role in Determining COVID-19 Economic Stimulus? A Cross-Country Analysis. *The 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).
- 2022 Do Regional Trade Agreements Enhance International Tourism Flows? Evidence from a Cross-Country Analysis. *Journal of Travel Research*. (with Luke Okafor and Katarzyna Burzynska).
- 2022 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 Influence the 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 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).
- 2020 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).
- 2020 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*.

Book Chapters

- 2025 How Does Financial Inclusion Influence Tourism Demand? Empirical Evidence from Emerging Markets and Developing Economies. *Book chapter in "Tourism Economics: Financial Inclusion, Performance Strategies, and Case Studies"* (Routledge). (with Sasidaran Gopalan).
- 2025 Chinese Energy Consumption. *Chapter in Elgar Encyclopedia of Energy Economics*.
- 2025 COVID-19 Government Economic and Non-Economic Policy Responses and Stock Market Reactions. *Chapter in Encyclopedia of Monetary Policy, Financial Markets and Banking* (Elsevier; first published online in 2023 in the Reference Module in Social Sciences). (with Luke Okafor and Tariq Elrazaz).
- 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).

Revise and Resubmit

- 2026 When Does Foreign Direct Investment Reduce Energy Poverty? Evidence from a Global Panel. *Revise and Resubmit: World Development Sustainability*.
- 2026 Foreign Approval of China's Leadership and Tourist Flows to China and Taiwan. *Revise and Resubmit: Current Issues in Tourism*.
- 2026 Do Tariffs Deter Tourists? Shared Language as Insurance Against Trade Shocks. *Revise and Resubmit: International Review of Economics and Finance*.
- 2026 Contextual Drivers of ESG Performance in Emerging Markets: Evidence from the MENA Region. *Revise and Resubmit: Journal of Financial Reporting and Accounting*.
- 2026 Do Institutions Shape Reporting under Policy Uncertainty? Cross-Country Evidence from Tourism-Dependent Firms. *Revise and Resubmit: Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Insights*.

- 2026 Democratic Immunity? Reassessing the Impact of Sanctions on Greenfield FDI. *Revise and Resubmit: Foreign Policy Analysis*.
- 2026 The Geography of Vulnerability: Financial Sanctions, Volatile Capital Flows, and Geoeconomic Fragmentation. *Revise and Resubmit: Economia Politica*.
- [Under Review](#)
- 2026 College Students' Receptiveness to Generative AI Enabled Instructional Strategies: A Self-Determination Theory Perspective. *Under Review: International Journal of Educational Research Open*.
- [Opinion Pieces](#)
- 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

- 2026 **MicroCheck: an AI-powered real-time misconception detection system for formative assessment.** (Role: PI)
 o Funded By: *Innovations in Teaching and Learning grant, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2023–2025 **Effects of sanctions on socioeconomic outcomes using network analysis.** (Role: PI)
 o Funded By: *United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2023–2024 **Short- and long-run economic determinants of international tourism demand.** (Role: PI)
 o Funded By: *United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2022–2023 **Impact of sanctions on environmental performance and energy poverty.** (Role: PI)
 o Funded By: *CBE Annual Research Program, United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2021–2023 **Assessing the effects of tourism networks on socioeconomic outcomes.** (Role: PI)
 o Funded By: *United Arab Emirates University*.
- 2020–2022 **Tourist behaviour to shocks and building tourism resilience in UAE.** (Role: PI)
 o 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)
 o Funded By: *Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS), Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia*.

Citations Record (October 2026)

Google Scholar **Total Citations:** 2,122; **H-index:** 24

Scopus **Total Citations:** 1,320; **H-index:** 22; **Field-Weighted Citation Impact:** 1.75 (2016–2025), 2.19 as first author

Selected Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2025 The 66th Conference of SIE, the Italian Economic Association. Naples, Italy.
- 2025 The 52nd EBES Conference, Istanbul, Türkiye.
- 2024 Singapore Economic Review Conference (SERC) 2024, Singapore.
- 2023 EconTR2023 IV. International Conference on Economics, Ankara, Türkiye.

- 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 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.
- 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.
- 2018 10th GEP International Conference. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Consultation Experience

- 2025 **Consultant, Al Ain Municipality, UAE.**
- 2025 **Consultant, Prime Minister Office (PMO), UAE.**
- 2022 **Volunteer Consultant, Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism, UAE.**
 - Project title: *Share of Cultural Sector in Abu Dhabi's GDP*
- 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*

Journal Refereeing

Reviewer for more than 30 journals, including Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, The World Economy, International Review of Financial Analysis, Emerging Markets Review, Journal of Institutional Economics, Review of Development Economics, The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development, Defence and Peace Economics, Applied Economics, Small Business Economics, Tourism Management, Annals of Tourism Research, Journal of Travel Research, Current Issues in Tourism, Tourism Economics, Journal of Cleaner Production, Resources Policy, Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, and Cambridge Review of International Affairs.

Honors & Awards

- 2024–Present Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellow, UAE University.
- 2021–2022 Excellence in Scholarship Award, College of Business and Economics, UAE University.
- 2021–2022 Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellow, UAE University.

Academic Service

College of Business and Economics (CBE), United Arab Emirates University

- Chair of CBE Teaching Effectiveness and Impact Committee, 2026–27
- Chair of Departmental Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2022–Present
- Member of Departmental Promotion and Faculty Appraisal Committee, 2023–Present
- Member of CBE AI Integration Committee, 2025–Present
- Member of ad hoc hiring committee, 2025–26
- Member of ad hoc committee responsible for EQUIS Accreditation, 2025–26
- Member of CBE Teaching Effectiveness and Impact Committee, 2025–26
- Member of ad hoc committee responsible for hiring at the Department of Economics, 2024–25
- Member of College Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2022–26
- Chair of CBE Teaching Effectiveness and Impact Committee, 2022–25
- 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
- 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
- Member of the College Research Committee, 2020–21
- Part of the MBA transformation project that is tasked to redesign the MBA program

School of Economics, University of Nottingham Malaysia

- Research Director of School of Economics
- PhD Program Coordinator of the School of Economics