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Education

- **Fordham University** Ph.D., Econometrics and Quantitative Economics 2021
Dissertation: Essays on Intergenerational Mobility
Committee: Subha Mani (Chair), Sophie Mitra, and Andrew Simons
- **Fordham University** M.A., Economics 2016
- **Lahore School of Economics** M.Sc., Economics 2014
- **Lahore School of Economics** B.Sc., Economics & Finance 2012

Current Position

- Research Associate (Postdoctoral Scholar) Aug 2021- Present
Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, CUNY

Research

Specialization and Interests

- **Specialization:** Development Economics; Applied Microeconomics; Applied Econometrics
- **Research Interests:** Inequality; Intergenerational Mobility; Education; Gender

Works in Progress

- Instrumental Variable Approach to Intergenerational Mobility: Evidence from Indonesia
- Multi-generational Mobility in Education

Publications

- The Textiles and Garments Sector: Moving Up the Value Chain (with Naved Hamid & Ijaz Nabi) (2014) (*The Lahore Journal of Economics.*)

Research Experience

- **Graduate Research Assistant, Fordham University** Aug 2014- May 2016
 - Graduate Student Representative for the Economics Department
 - Worked with the then Chair of Economics Department, Dr. Daryl McLeod, on a project studying competitiveness and real exchange rate undervaluation in the CFA Franc Zone
- **Research Assistant, Lahore School of Economics** Oct 2013- June 2014
 - Performed industry analysis of the textile and garments industry of Pakistan using the trend and volume of exports from 2000-2013
 - Specifically identified reforms in import policy and government's incentive structure which could boost textile exports
 - Lastly, we highlighted structural changes required for textile and garment exports to move up the value chain

Teaching Experience

- **Principles of Microeconomics, Fordham University** Aug 2018- May 2021
Primary Instructor, ECON 1200 - 2 sections
- **Principles of Macroeconomics, Fordham University** Aug 2016- Dec 2020
Primary Instructor, ECON 1100 - 8 sections

Conference & Seminar Presentations

- North East Universities Development Consortium Hanover, NH November 2020
- Pacific Conference for Development Economics Berkeley, CA March 2020
- Fordham University Applied Micro Workshop New York, NY April 2019
- Eastern Economic Association New York, NY March 2019
- Southern Economic Association Washington, DC November 2018
- New York State Economics Association Rochester, NY October 2018
- Fordham University Economics Department Seminar New York, NY September 2018

Workshops

- Applied Econometrics Workshop New York, NY September 2018
- Inequality by Numbers Workshop New York, NY June 2017

Awards & Honors

- Alumni Dissertation Fellowship, Fordham University 2019-2020
- Teaching Fellowship, Fordham University 2016- 2019
- Summer Research Fellowship, Fordham University 2018
- Omicron Delta Epsilon, Fordham University 2017
- Phi Beta Kappa, Fordham University 2016
- Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Fordham University 2014- 2016
- Merit Scholarship (100 percent), Lahore School of Economics 2012- 2014
- Merit Scholarship (75 percent), Lahore School of Economics 2008- 2012

Skills and Languages

Programming

- STATA
- Python (*beginner*)
- R
- MATLAB
- EViews
- SPSS

Languages:

- English (*proficient*)
- Urdu (*native*)

References

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