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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 Development Economics, Applied Economics, Tourism Economics, Institutional Economics
Topics Institutional Change, Firm Performance, Determinants of International Tourism, Cultural Change, Public Policy, 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, and Applied Economics of the Middle East.
- 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-supervising multiple **Doctoral of Business Administration** students.
- Part of the committee tasked to revamp the Undergraduate program in Economics.

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.

Editorial Experience

Associate Editor: Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences.

Publications

Refereed and Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 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).
- 2023 Do Greenfield FDI Inflows Promote International Tourism? *Current Issues in Tourism* (with Sasidaran Gopalan and Luke Okafor).
- 2023 Dyadic Hostility, Tourism, and Regional Trade Agreements. *Current Issues in Tourism*. (with Luke Okafor and Dulashini Sooriyarachchi).
- 2023 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).
- 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 Assessing the Relationship Between Economic Growth and Travel Frequency in Light of the Transport Kuznets Curve in China. *World Economy* (with Zhilun Jiao, Muhammad Shafiullah, Malin Song, Muhammad Shahbaz).
- 2023 Responsiveness of Stock Prices to COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Policies: Evidence from the Tourism and Hospitality Industry. *Tourism Analysis*. (with Luke Okafor and Tariq Elrazaz).
- 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 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*.

Book Chapters

- 2023 COVID-19 Government Economic and Non-economic Policy Responses and Stock Market Reactions. *Chapter in 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).

Work In Progress/Under Review

- 2024 Effects of Unilateral Versus Multilateral Sanctions on Energy Poverty in Target Economies: The Role of Income Levels. *Under Review: Energy Economics*.
- 2024 Do Culturally Diverse Nations Attract or Deter Tourists? *Under Review: Annals of Tourism Research*.
- 2024 Do Sanctions Reduce Greenfield FDI Inflows? *Under Review: World Development*.
- 2024 Short- and Long-Run Economic Determinants of International Tourist Arrivals: A Cross-country Analysis. *Under Review: Current Issues in Tourism*.
- 2024 Tourism Demand and Travel and Leisure Spillovers. *Under Review: Tourism Economics*.

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

- 2023 - 2024 **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)
 - 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.*

Selected Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2024 Singapore Economic Review Conference (SERC) 2024, Singapore.
- 2023 EconTR2023 IV. International Conference on Economics, Ankara, Turkey.
- 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.
- 2018 10th GEP International Conference. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Consultation Experience

- 2022 **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

Ecological Economics, 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.

Academic Service

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

- Chair of departmental Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2022-24
- Member of Departmental Promotion and Faculty Appraisal Committee, 2023-24
- Member of College Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2022-24
- Member of CBE Teaching Effectiveness and Impact Committee, 2022-24
- 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
- Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning 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
- 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 School of Economics