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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

PhD-qualified economist and university academic with extensive experience in teaching, quantitative research, academic training, and institutional service. Specializing in econometrics, financial & statistical analysis, and policy-oriented research, with a demonstrated record of scholarly publications, international conference participation, and professional training delivery. Recognized for translating complex economic concepts into practical, accessible learning for students, faculty, and professional audiences, while promoting critical thinking, ethical pedagogy, and research excellence.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Advanced Econometric & Statistical Analysis
- Policy-Oriented Economic Research
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Financial Modeling & Analysis
- Training & Professional Development
- Editorial and Publication Management
- International Collaboration & Conference Organization
- AI-Powered Research & Financial Analysis

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Ph.D. in Economics** (2024), University of Karachi
Dissertation: Intensification of Asian Immigrants in the United States: An Economic Interpretation of Causes and Consequences (CGPA: 3.72)
- **M.Phil. in Economics** (2015), University of Karachi
Dissertation: Impact of Monetary Policy on Economic Growth in Pakistan (GPA: 3.9)
- **M.A. in Economics and Finance** (2010), University of Karachi
Awarded 1st Class, 2nd Position
- **B.Sc. in Science** (2006), University of Karachi
Achieved 1st Division

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES & CERTIFICATIONS:

1. **CFI Financial Analysis and Modeling Professional Certificate**
Corporate Finance Institute - Apr 2026
2. **Project Portfolio Management Foundations**
Project Management Institute – April 2026
3. **Financial Modeling and Forecasting Financial Statements (2019)**
National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA)
4. **Excel and PowerPoint: Creating High-Impact Financial Presentations**
National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

University of Karachi — Department of Economics

Lecturer (BPS-18) & Student Advisor

Aug 2019 – Present

Key Responsibilities:

- Teach undergraduate and graduate courses including Money & Banking, International Trade & Finance, Corporate Finance, Financial Management, Project Evaluation, and Statistics

- Provide academic advising and mentorship to students
- Design course materials, assessments, and evaluation strategies

Academic Service & Leadership:

- Editor, Departmental Newsletter
- Member, Departmental Research Committee
- Member, Board of Studies (Economics)
- Member, Board of Faculty (Arts & Social Sciences)

NED University of Engineering & Technology — Department of Economics & Management Sciences

Assistant Professor (BPS-19) – On Deputation

Apr 2018 – Aug 2019

- Taught Econometrics, Advanced Economic Statistics, and Microeconomics
- Served as ISO Area Coordinator (Faculty of Architecture & Management Sciences)
- Member, Board of Studies

University of Karachi — Department of Economics

Lecturer

Jul 2010 – Apr 2018

- Taught courses including Applied Economics, Basic Mathematics, Statistics, Islamic Banking & Finance, and Money & Banking
- Served as Student Advisor (2014–2017)
- Examiner and Paper Setter for Master's programs
- Member, Board of Studies and Faculty Board

Iqra University — Gulshan Campus

Visiting Faculty

Sep 2016 – Aug 2019

- Taught Quantitative Analysis, Econometrics, Statistical Inference, and Business Economics at MBA and MPhil levels

CAMS – College of Accounting & Management Sciences

Lecturer (Full-Time)

Aug 2010 – Jan 2013

- Taught Economics for CIMA, ACCA, and CA programs
- In-charge of Student Affairs
- Member, Admission Committee

UCSI University Malaysia (CAMS)

Visiting Faculty

Sep 2012 – Jan 2013

- Taught Microeconomics

State Bank of Pakistan — Monetary Policy Department

Intern

Jul 2010 – Aug 2010

- Completed research project on **IMPACT OF INTEREST RATES ON FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT**

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING EXPERTISE:

Recognized professional trainer delivering capacity-building programs in economics, quantitative analysis, and AI-integrated education for academic and professional audiences.

- Delivered specialized training programs at **National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF)** on:
 - Monetary policy framework of Pakistan
 - Economic forecasting for banking professionals
 - Economic impact of climate change policies
 - Behavioral economics in business decision-making
- Designed and conducted professional training sessions at **Directorate Distance Education** on:
 - Statistical and quantitative data analysis using Excel and EViews
 - Applied econometrics and quantitative research techniques
 - Ethical use of artificial intelligence in teaching and learning
 - Practical applications of AI in academic and professional settings

RESEARCH & TECHNICAL SKILLS:

- Econometric and statistical analysis using **Stata, SPSS, EViews, and Excel**
- Data visualization through **spreadsheets** and **Tableau**
- Quantitative modeling (microeconomic and macroeconomic frameworks)
- Empirical research design and statistical interpretation
- Data-driven policy analysis and reporting

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Shakir, R. (2026). Economic distress and mental health: An empirical study of inflation, unemployment, and suicide rates in Pakistan (2003–2023). *Migration Letters*, 23(1), 1705–1716.
2. Shakir, R. (2022). Economic pull factors of migration in the United States of America: An empirical investigation of Asian immigrants. *Pakistan Journal of International Affairs*, 5(2), 1287–1301.
3. Shakir, R. (2017). China–Pakistan Economic Corridor: A key to regional connectivity and development. *Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, 56(2), 23–37.
4. Shakir, R. (2016). Monetary policy transmission mechanism and its effectiveness in the banking system of Pakistan. *Journal of Accounting, Finance and Economics*, 6(2), 65–77.
5. Shakir, R., et al. (2016). Analysis of factors causing merger and acquisition: Case study of the banking sector in Pakistan. *Journal of Business Studies*, 12(1), 328–346.
6. Shakir, R., et al. (2016). Redefining economic systems as an Islamic economic system. *Journal of Business Studies*, 12(1), 65–78.
7. Shakir, R., et al. (2015). Patterns of global political interaction: A case study of Pakistan. *European Academic Research*, 8(28), 8653–8675.
8. Shakir, R. (2015). Public policy analysis under military governance in Pakistan: A comparative study of two contrasting regimes. *Public Policy and Administration Research*, 5(10), 48–54.
9. Shakir, R., et al. (2015). Socio-economic distress in Pakistan: A direct consequence of contrasting public policies. *European Scientific Journal*, 11(28), 205–216.
10. Shakir, R., et al. (2014). The efficiency of foreign exchange markets in Pakistan: An empirical analysis. *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, 19(1), 133–149.
11. Shakir, R., et al. (2012). Relationship between FDI and economic growth: A case study of SAARC. *Global Management Journal for Academic & Corporate Studies*, 2(1), 71–81.

ONGOING RESEARCH

- Stock Market Returns and Weather Anomalies: A Comparative Study of Two Mega Cities, Funded by Research Facility Center, University of Karachi.

Master's Thesis Supervision:

- Darenoor Hussain (2024), An In Depth Exploration of the Interplay between Economic Inflation and Suicide Rate in Pakistan: A Regression Analysis, Department of Economics, University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan.

REVIEWER (Peer-Reviewed Journals)

- International Journal of Policy Studies
- Journal of Business Strategies

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS:

- International Academy for Leadership (IAF) Workshop on *Education in Crisis – A Liberal Way Forward*, **2018**, Germany
- Global Business Research Symposium — Paper presented on *Migration Theories (Chinese Immigrants in USA)*, **2018**, USA
- Los Angeles International Business and Social Science Research Conference — Paper presented on *Stock Market Returns and Weather Anomalies*, **2017**, USA
- 8th Annual American Business Research Conference — Paper presented on *Monetary Policy Transmission in Pakistan*, **2016**, USA
- International Conference on Social Sciences (ICSS) — Paper presented on *Ineffectiveness of Monetary Policy in Pakistan*, **2016**, UAE
- Keele University Residential Workshop on Technology in Mathematics Education, **2015**, United Kingdom

LOCAL & REGIONAL CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

- International Conference on Globalization & Cultural Diversity – Paper on *Managing Migrant Talent: The Role of Globalization and Economic Mobility in Organizational Performance*, **2026**, Pakistan
- International Conference on Sustainable Development through Innovation in Economics & Management Sciences — Paper on *CPEC & Pakistan's Role in International Political Economy*, **2019**, Pakistan
- International Conference on New Trends in Social Sciences & Humanities — Paper on *Pakistan's Political Economy & CPEC*, **2018**, Pakistan

- International Conference on Peace and Diversity: Challenges for Social Discourse — Paper on *China–Pakistan Economic Corridor and Regional Development*, **2017**, Pakistan
- International Conference on Innovation & Emerging Trends in Business Management — Working paper on *Stock Market Returns and Weather Anomalies*, **2017**, Pakistan
- International Conference on Challenges of Social and Human Development — Paper on *Socioeconomic Impacts of CPEC*, **2016**, Pakistan
- International Conference on Process of Democratization in Pakistan — Paper on *Socio-Economic Development during Musharraf's Regime*, **2015**, Pakistan
- International Conference on Management, Education and Social Sciences Research — Paper on *Banking Innovation and Monetary Policy in Pakistan*, **2015**, Pakistan

ACADEMIC SERVICE & CONFERENCE ROLES:

- Conference Secretary, International Conference (NED University)
- Session Chair and Reviewer at international conferences (USA, UAE, Pakistan)
- Member, organizing and publication committees

MEDIA & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Economic Expert featured on Business Plus, Metro One News, Pakistan Television Home
- Invited Speaker on FPCCI Seminar & Pakistan Chamber of Commerce Karachi.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS:

- **Hameed Azra Award (2nd Prize)**, University of Karachi, 2023
- **Best Paper Award**, 8th Annual American Business Research Conference, New York, 2017
- **Best Faculty Award**, CAMS, 2011 & 2012
- **Merit Certificate**, M.A. Economics, University of Karachi, 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- National Institute of Banking & Finance (Trainer & Subject Expert)
- Central Bank Research Association (CEBRA), Switzerland
- Young Scholar Initiative (INET), USA
- Pakistan Society of Applied Economics (PSAE)
- Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan

REFERENCES:

Available upon request