

# Fourth Annual International Conference

## Rethinking Economics in the Contemporary World

9 – 10 December 2024

Main Campus, Institute of Business Administration

Day 1: Monday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024		
Time	Session	Venue
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Registration	G&T Auditorium
10:30 am-10:45 am	Welcome address <b>Lubna Naz</b> Institute of Business Administration	
10:45 am- 11:00 am	Opening Remarks <b>S Akbar Zaidi</b> Institute of Business Administration	
11:00 am - 11:30 am	<b>Presentation</b> <b>Kiyoshi Taniguchi</b> Asian Development Bank  and <b>Marcel Schröder</b> Asian Development Bank	
11:30 am - 11:45 am	<b>Tea Break</b>	

11:45 am-1:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Panel I</b>  <b>Rethinking International Trade in a Digitalized World</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderated by  <b>Aadil Nakhoda</b>  Institute of Business Administration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panelists</p> <p><b>Alexey Kravchenko</b>, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  <b>Aftab Haider</b>, Pakistan Single Window  <b>Farzana Noshab</b>, Asian Development Bank  <b>Nadia Seth</b>, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority  <b>Farooq Ahmed Khan</b>, Bank Alfalah</p>	G&T Auditorium
1:00 pm -2:30 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Student Center
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>Parallel Technical Session I</b>  Session titles  Human Development and Inclusion I (MAV 1) Human Development and Inclusion II (MAV 2) Environment, Energy and Growth Nexus (S1) Digital Transformation: Insights from Complex Economic Data (S2)	Seminar Rooms, Adamjee building
	<b>Growth, Trade and Digitalization</b>  Moderator by <b>Manzoor Ahmad</b>  “Pakistan’s Transformative Digital Future: Growth Strategy and Roadmap” <b>Nasruminalah Mian</b> , Asian Development Bank  “Enhancing Trade Efficiency and Transparency: Digitalization of trade eco system under Pakistan Single Window” <b>Naveed Abbas Memon</b> , Pakistan Single Window  “Macroeconomic trends” <b>Aasim Wajid Jawad</b> , Bank Alfalah	G&T Auditorium
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Tea Break</b>	

<p>5:00 pm - 6:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In Conversation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Economists as Vice Chancellors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>S Akbar Zaidi</b> Institute of Business Administration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">with</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ali Cheema</b> Lahore University of Management Sciences</p>	
<p>6:30 pm - 7:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Networking</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reserve a Table with experts</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Higher education, internship and research opportunities</b> (student event)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nasir Iqbal, Demetrio Panarello, Zehra Aftab, Hadia Majid, Harun Ucak, Karim Khan, Zahid Asghar, Anwar Shah, Abdul Salam, Mahdi Ansari</p>	<p>Breakout Rooms, Adamjee building</p>

Day 2: Tuesday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024		
Time	Session	Venue
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration	G&T Auditorium
9:30 am - 11:00 am	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p><b>Ali Pervaiz Malik</b> Minister of State for Finance, Revenue, and Power</p> <p>Moderated by <b>S Akbar Zaidi</b> Institute of Business Administration</p>	
11:00 am - 11:15 am	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:15 am - 12:45 pm	<p><b>Panel II</b> <b>Institutions, Laws, and Development</b></p> <p>Moderated by <b>Faiz ur Rehman</b> Institute of Business Administration</p> <p>Panelists</p> <p><b>Adeel Malik</b>, University of Oxford <b>Sultan Mahmood</b>, New Economic School <b>Asad Rahim Khan</b>, Ashtar Ali LLP <b>Laila Sohail Farooq</b>, Institute of Business Administration</p>	
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Student Center
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<p><b>In Conversation</b></p> <p>Behavioral Insights</p> <p><b>Asma Hyder</b> Institute of Business Administration</p> <p>with <b>Sheheryar Banuri</b> University of East Anglia</p>	G&T Auditorium

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Tea Break	
3:15 pm - 5:15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parallel Technical Session II</b> <b>Session titles</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evolving Dynamics in Inflation, Monetary and Fiscal Policy (S1) Institutions, and Economics (S2) Cities and Infrastructure (MAV 1) Innovation, Productivity and Competitiveness (MAV 2)</p>	Seminar Room, Adamjee building
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Round Table</b> <b>Fostering Global Partnerships in Higher Education</b> (By invitation)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderated by <b>Asma Hyder</b> Institute of Business Administration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and <b>Muhammad Nasir</b> Institute of Business Administration</p>	Conference Room, Tabba Building
5:15 pm - 5:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks, Shield and Certificate Distribution</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Muhammad Nasir</b> Institute of Business Administration</p>	G&T Auditorium

# Post Conference Activities

(By invitation only)

Wednesday December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024		
Workshop on		
Trade Intelligence and Negotiations Advisor (TINA) and Legal TINA		
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Opening Remarks by <b>Muhammad Nasir</b> Institute of Business Administration  Moderated by <b>Aadil Nakhoda</b> Institute of Business Administration  Presentation <b>Alexey Kravchenko</b> United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	MCS 3 Aman CED
11:30 am - 11:45 am	Tea Break	Foyer area Aman CED
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	Presentation <b>Alexey Kravchenko</b> United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	MCS 3 Aman CED
1:00 pm	Lunch	Foyer area Aman CED

Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Round Table

Policy Dialogue on Paperless Cross-border Trade

10:30 am - 1:00 pm	<p>Opening Remarks by</p> <p><b>Manzoor Ahmad</b></p> <p>Presentation by</p> <p><b>Alexey Kravchenko</b> United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Open Floor Discussion</b></p> <p>Concluding remarks by</p> <p><b>Aadil Nakhoda</b> Institute of Business Administration</p>	Meeting room Aman CED
1:00 pm	Lunch	Foyer area Aman CED

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION I-DAY I (2:30 PM - 4:30 PM)

Session titles	Paper titles	Presenters	
<b>Human Development and Inclusion I</b>  <b>(MAV 1 room, Adamjee building)</b>	Does Improving Infrastructural Facilities at Schools Increases Participation Rate of Differently Abled Children? Evidence from Pakistan	Abbas Ali Gillani, University of Lincoln	<b>Chair:</b> Nasir Iqbal, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics  <b>Discussants:</b> Khadija Bari, Institute of Business Administration  Fatima Sadik, Institute of Business Administration
	The Power of Assets: A Catalyst for Multidimensional Well-being	Nasir Iqbal, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics	
	Human Capital Skills and Industrial Output Growth in sub-Saharan Africa. An implication for Human Capital Migration: A dynamic system GMM approach.	Keji Sunday, Federal University Oye Ekiti	
	Integrating Human Development in Teacher Training: The Role of Mentored Blended Learning and MOOCs	Sadia Batool, Karakoram International University	
<b>Human Development and Inclusion II (hybrid)</b>  <b>(MAV 2 room, Adamjee building)</b>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82554337800?pwd=mGd89M5kr15B7bt5hVAaeUZGRG9k8m.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82554337800?pwd=mGd89M5kr15B7bt5hVAaeUZGRG9k8m.1</a> <b>Meeting ID: 825 5433 7800</b>	Effect of Violent Conflict on Female Decision-Making Power within the Household	Shagufta Sultana, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics	<b>Chair:</b> Abdul Salam Lodhi, Baluchistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences  <b>Discussants:</b> Amir Jahan, Institute of Business Administration  Sadia Mehboob, Institute of Business Administration
	Impact of Multilateral Aid on Female Access to Education and Employment: A Spatiotemporal Analysis of World Bank (WB) Aid Projects in Pakistan	Muhammad Ashar Khan, Habib University	
	Corruption and Education: A Cross-Analysis Using Panel Data	Abdul Salam Lodhi, Baluchistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences	
	Gender Segregation in Caring Labor: The Impact of Social Norms on Career Choices	Evelyn Cheng, Harvard Kennedy School (Online)	
	An Empirical Assessment of the Determinants of Radicalization: Evidence from North-Western Pakistan	Fahim Nawaz, University of Peshawar	
<b>Environment, Energy, and Growth Nexus (hybrid)</b>	Environmental Concerns: Thinking Beyond the Traditional Elections	Muhammad Faisal Ali, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics	<b>Chair:</b> Heman Das Lohano, Institute of Business Administration
	Impact of Pathogenic E. Coli in Drinking Water on the Well-being of Children	Aysha Khatoon, Institute of Business Administration	



<b>(S1 room, Adamjee building)</b>  <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4459620281?omn=99839164336">https://zoom.us/j/4459620281?omn=99839164336</a> <b>Meeting ID: 445 962 0281</b>	Assessing university students' behavior toward environmental sustainability in Pakistan; a case study of Islamabad and Rawalpindi	Shahla Rani, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (Online)	<b>Discussants:</b> Sahar Mahmood, Institute of Business Administration  Junaid Memon, Institute of Business Administration
	Analyzing Food Security Trends Amidst Environmental Challenges: A Convergence Perspective	Faisal Azeem Abbassi, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir	
	Role of greenfield investment, institutional quality, and economic activities on environmental performance in belt & road initiative countries	Jamal Hussain, Karakoram International University	
<b>Digital Transformation: Insights from Complex Economic Data</b>  <b>(S2 room, Adamjee building)</b>	Assessing Pakistan's Textile Exports under Trade Agreements	Junaid Ahmed, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics	<b>Chair:</b> Hadia Majid, Lahore University of Management Sciences  <b>Discussants:</b> Wali Ullah, Institute of Business Administration  Zehra Aftab, Prince Muhammad University
	Customer Data and the Digital Age	Mahdi Ansari, Sharif University of Technology	
	Digital bodyguards: Experimental evidence on the role of personal safety on mobility and empowerment	Zehra Aftab, Prince Muhammad University	
	If You Can't Beat Them Join Them: Empirical Assessment into How Integrating Conventional Taxis on the Uber App Impacts Conventional Taxi Ridership	Shahmeer Mohsin, Paris Sciences et Lettres University	

## PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION II - DAY II (3:15 PM - 5:15 PM)

Session titles	Paper titles	Presenters	
<b>Evolving Dynamics in Inflation, Monetary and Fiscal Policy</b>  <b>(S 1 room, Adamjee building)</b>	Does Central Bank Transparency Curb Foreign Exchange Vulnerability?	Muhammad Aftab, COMSATS, University Islamabad	<b>Chair:</b> Kalim Hyder, State Bank of Pakistan  <b>Discussants:</b> Ilfan Oh, Institute of Business Administration  Karim Khan, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
	Bayesian Estimation of a Pragmatic Model for Monetary Policy Analysis: The Case of Pakistan	Shahzad Ahmad, State Bank of Pakistan	
	Monetary Policy in Good Times and in Bad: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan	Haider Ali, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics	
	From Boom to Bust: The Perils of Pro-Cyclicality in Fiscal Policy	Nadeem Sarwar, FAST-National University	
	A Review on Fiscal and Debt Policies in Pakistan	Karim Khan, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics	
<b>Institutions and Economics (hybrid)</b>  <b>(S 2 room, Adamjee building)</b>  <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4459620281?omn=99076877332">https://zoom.us/j/4459620281?omn=99076877332</a> <b>Meeting ID: 445 962 0281</b>	Role of Sufi Shrines in Local Politics: A Case Study of Mitthan Kot Rajanpur, Pakistan	Sarfraz Ahmad, Institute of Business Management	<b>Chair:</b> Anwar Shah, Quaid-i-Azam University  <b>Discussants:</b> Adnan Haider, Institute of Business Administration  Muhammad Sabir, Institute of Business Administration
	Authoritarian Legality of SIFC: An Inquiry into the Dual State and Economic Decision making in Pakistan	Hassan Zaheer, Centre for Strategic and Contemporary Research	
	Criminal Justice system initiation-criminal Justice system reusable	Maryam Dars, Khawaja Fareed UEIT (Online)	
	Reform Impacts: The Long-Term Outcomes of an Equal Opportunity Admissions Reform	Hadia Majid, Lahore University of Management Sciences	
	Pros and cons of debt financing: an objective analysis	Anwar Shah, Quaid-i-Azam University	
<b>Cities and Infrastructure</b>  <b>(MAV 1 room, Adamjee building)</b>	Unlocking the Power of Data: Enhancing Public Policy through Advanced Data Infrastructure and Language Model Analysis	Zahid Asghar, Quaid-i-Azam University	<b>Chair:</b> Qazi Masood, Institute of Business Administration  <b>Discussants:</b> Demetrio Panarello, Link Campus University  Zahid Asghar,
	The energy efficiency price premium of residential buildings in three Italian regions	Demetrio Panarello, Link Campus University	
	The Economic Contribution of Cherry to the Household Economy in Pakistan. A case study from Lower-Hunza, Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan	Rizwan Akhtar, Karakoram International University	
	Fiscal decentralization and education index; Evidence from Punjab Pakistan	Noor Ahmed,	

		Baluchistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences	Quaid-i-Azam University
	Teaching of Economics	Quratulain Shafique, Institute of Business Administration	
<b>Innovation, Productivity and Competitiveness (hybrid)</b>  <b>(MAV 2 room, Adamjee building)</b>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85652461087?pwd=Skq3vbCvPb0xhJrXlIbxZHpPawtM4kX.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85652461087?pwd=Skq3vbCvPb0xhJrXlIbxZHpPawtM4kX.1</a> <b>Meeting ID: 856 5246 1087</b>	Virtual water trade: theory and an empirical application	Harun Ucak, Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University	<b>Chair:</b> Harun Ucak, Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University  <b>Discussants:</b> Ateeb Shah, Institute of Business Administration  Salman Khalid, Institute of Business Administration
	Do Tourists perception of social responsibility awareness shape tourists environmental behavior? A case study in a high mountain region	Amjad Ali, Karakoram International University	
	Analyzing the role of innovation and digitalization in accelerating productivity: A comparative analysis of four Asian countries	Muhammad Adnan Khan, Abdul Wali Khan University	
	The evolution of innovation, productivity and competitiveness relationship in the global markets	Elifnur Meral, Akdeniz University (Online)	
	Infrastructure and innovation: Unveiling the Impact of City Size on Individual Innovation Perceptions from a global dataset	Muhammad Faraz Riaz, Government College University	