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***"BEYOND POLYCRISIS: PATHWAYS TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC FUTURE"***

**SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**05-06 NOVEMBER, IBA KARACHI**

| **Day 1 — Thursday, November 5, 2026** | | |
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| **Time** | **Session / Panel** | **Venue** |
| 09:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Registration | G&T Auditorium |
| 10:00 AM – 10:10 AM | Welcome Address — Yaqoob Khan Bangash, Dean SESS | G&T Auditorium |
| 10:10 AM – 10:20 AM | Opening Remarks — S. Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director IBA | G&T Auditorium |
| 10:20 AM – 11:20 AM | **Keynote Address**<br>**Adil Najam**<br>**Dean Emeritus; Professor of International Relations and Earth & Environment Boston University + Q&A** | G&T Auditorium |
| 11:20 AM – 12:00 PM | **Cultural Theatre on Climate Change** | G&T Auditorium |
| 12:00 AM – 12:10 AM | Tea Break | G&T Auditorium, Foyer |
| 12:10 AM – 01:30 PM | **Populism, Democratic Institutions, and Political Stability**<br>**Panelist**<br>• Evren Balta<br>Professor-Ozyegin University, Turkey<br>• Adeel Malik<br>Professor-University of Oxford<br>• Ajay Gudavarthy (On line)<br>Associate Professor-Jawaharlal Nehru University-New Delhi, India<br>**Panel Commentary**<br>• Nafisa Shah<br>Member National Assemble of Pakistan<br>**Moderator**<br>• Farhan Hanif Siddiqi<br>Professor & Chairperson SSLA IBA, Karachi | G&T Auditorium |
| **01:30 PM - 2:30 PM** | **Lunch** | **Event Hall, Student Centre** |

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| 2:30 PM -4:00 PM | **Prosperity Under Pressure: What Is Holding Back Job Creation in Pakistan? (World Bank)**<br>**Panelist**<br>• Maria Qazi – World Bank<br>• Muhammad Nasir – Professor SESS IBA<br>• Yasmin Haider – CEO World Concepts<br>• Junaid Iqbal – Founder Caravan Media<br>**Moderator**<br>• Saad Rajput – World Bank | G&T Auditorium |
| 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM | **The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Advancing Evidence-Based Policymaking in Pakistan**<br>**Panelist**<br>• Irshad Shodar<br>CEO SSPA<br>• Tariq Rafi<br>Chairman SHEC<br>• Tehmina Mangan<br>VC BNBWU<br>**Moderator**<br>• Shakeel Khoja<br>Professor & Dean SMCS – IBA Karachi | Seminar Room MAV-1, Adamjee Building |
| 04:00 PM – 05:30 PM | **Leadership Session: Leading Beyond Crisis: Resilience, Reform and Renewal**<br>• Zafar Masud<br>President and CEO Bank of Punjab<br>**Moderator**<br>• Maleeha Sattar<br>ITU Lahore | G&T Auditorium |
| 04:00 PM – 05:30 PM | **Parallel Session - Gender, Water Conflicts and Local Livelihoods**<br>**Panelist**<br>• Danish Mustafa<br>Professor – King's College London<br>• Aliya Amirali<br>Assistant Professor – Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad<br>**Moderator**<br>• Arsalan Waheed<br>Assistant Professor – SSLA IBA Karachi | Seminar room MAV-1, Adamjee Building |
| 05:30 PM – 05:40 PM | Networking Tea/Coffee | G&T Auditorium, Foyer |

| 04:00 – 05:30 PM | Parallel Technical Sessions | MAS-1, MAS-2, MAV-1 Seminar rooms, Adamjee Building |
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| 05:40 PM – 06:40 PM | **Session with Amjad Saqib- Founder Akhuwat Foundation** | G&T Auditorium |
| 06:40 PM – 07:40 PM | **Conversation with**<br>• **Umar Saif – Former IT Minister,**<br>• **Miftah Ismail – Former Finance Minister**<br>• **Bilal Kayani – Minister of State for Finance & Revenue**<br>**Moderator**<br>Yaqoob Khan Bangash<br>Dean – School of Economics and Social Sciences, IBA Karachi | G&T Auditorium |
| **08:00 PM** | **Dinner** | |
| **Day 2 — Friday, November 6, 2026** | | |
| 09:15 AM – 09:30 AM | Welcome to Guests and Program — Director, CBER | G&T Auditorium |
| 09:30 AM – 10:30 AM | **Keynote Address**<br>**Iwi Ugiagbe-Green**<br>**Professor - Manchester Metropolitan University + Q&A** | G&T Auditorium |
| 10:30 AM- 11:20 AM | **Session with Rashid Langrial – Chairman FBR**<br>**Moderator**<br>Ammar Habib<br>Assistant Professor – IBA Karachi | G&T Auditorium |
| 11:20 AM – 11:30 AM | Tea Break | G&T Auditorium, Foyer |
| 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM | **Artificial Intelligence in Economic Research, Policy and Planning**<br>**Panelist**<br>• Muhammad Ali<br>Chief Technology & Information Officer<br>Sky47 Limited<br>• Sohail Javaad Syed<br>Executive Director DFS Group<br>State Bank of Pakistan<br>• Rizwan Ahmed Khan<br>Professor-SMCS, IBA Karachi<br>**Moderator**<br>• Sahar Arshad Mahmood<br>Assistant Professor-SESS IBA Karachi | G&T Auditorium |

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| 11:30 AM – 01:00 PM | **Impact Session**<br>**From Policy to People: Demonstrating Impact Through Experience**<br>Network of Organizations Working for People with Disabilities Pakistan (NOWPDP) | Seminar room MAS-1, Adamjee Building |
| **01:00 PM – 02:30 PM** | **Prayer Break and Lunch** | **Event Hall, Student Centre** |
| 02:30 PM – 03:30 PM | **Keynote Speech – Senator Musadik Malik** | G&T Auditorium |
| 02:30 PM – 04:00 PM | **Loss and Damage from Floods in South Asia: Regional Perspectives and Lessons for Pakistan**<br>**Panelist**<br>• K. Enam Ul Haq, Director General of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Bangladesh (Online)<br>• Nazim Ud din, Aga Khan University, Karachi.<br>• Asiya Ashraf -UNICEF Pakistan<br>**Moderator**<br>• Ghamze Ali Siyal<br>Assistant Professor SESS – IBA Karachi | Seminar room Adamjee Building |
| 02:30 PM – 05:30 PM | **Grand Dialogue on Trade and Tariff Reforms for a Competitive Economy**<br>• Manzoor Ahmed- Trade Facilitation Expert<br>• Mukarram Ansari- Member FBR<br>• Javed Kureishi – CEO Pakistan Business Council<br>• Aamir Allawala- CEO Tecno Group<br>• Vaqar Ahmed- Team Lead OPM<br>• Aisha Moriani- Former Federal Joint Secretary. Ministry of Commerce<br>**Moderator**<br>• Aadil Nakhoda<br>Assistant Professor- SESS IBA Karachi | Seminar room MAS-1, Adamjee Building |
| **05:30 PM – 05:45 PM** | **Closing Remarks — Audience Reflections** | **G&T Auditorium** |
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