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WORK EXPERIENCE

 **PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS (PIDE) – ISLAMABAD , PAKISTAN**

DEPUTY DIRECTOR – CONSULTANCY PROJECTS, EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (EDC) – 03/2025 – CURRENT

- Leading consultancy engagements and coordinating cross-institutional research deliverables with public and private sector clients.
- Supervising proposal development, client interaction, and delivery of timely policy-relevant outputs under the EDC's outreach portfolio.

 **PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS – ISLAMABAD , PAKISTAN**

LECTURER – 02/2025 – CURRENT

- Teaching the undergraduate and graduate courses on political economy and institutional economics, incorporating contemporary debates and empirical insights.
- Mentoring students and assisting in curriculum development for institutional analysis and policy-oriented research.

 **PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS (PIDE) – ISLAMABAD , PAKISTAN**

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE – 07/2023 – CURRENT

- Working on FAO's project on Time Allocation Analysis under the National Poverty Graduation Program (NPGP).
- Authored a Knowledge Brief on Election Manifestoes in Pakistan, contrasting electoral promises with policy discussions.
- Part of the Management Team for *EconFest 2023*, *EconFest 2024*, and *AGM 2025*, contributing to event planning, coordination, and outreach.
- Serving on the editorial team of *Discourse*, PIDE's flagship magazine on policy, research, and national development issues.
- Co-ordinating the Cost Evaluation Unit project, evaluating the economic impact of public policies, enhancing the institute's influence on policy decisions.
- Contributed to PIDE's Reform Agenda, researching and formulating strategies for energy and local government reforms to support sustainable development.



INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER – 04/2018 – 06/2019

- Researched on and co-authored article on trade and transport connectivity in Pakistan in context of South and Central Asia.
- Researched on and co-authored chapter on Streamlining Tax Reforms in Pakistan.
- Researched on and co-authored chapter on Sustaining Agricultural Production in Pakistan.

 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY INSTITUTE (SDPI) – ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**

PROJECT ASSISTANT – 12/2017 – 03/2018

- Co-organized 2 sessions in the 20th Sustainable Development Conference.
- Engaged in UNDP study on Dispute Resolution Councils in 9 districts of KP.
- Engaged in USIP study on Bilateral Trade between India and Pakistan.

 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY INSTITUTE (SDPI) – ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**



PROJECT TRAINEE – 09/2017 – 12/2017

- Co-organized meetings on Export Competitiveness in Islamabad, Peshawar and Lahore.
- Co-organized a conference in collaboration with World Bank on Tax Reforms in Pakistan.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY INSTITUTE (SDPI) – ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

RESEARCH INTERN – 07/2017 – 08/2017

- Co-authored an OP-ED on the Informal Economy of Pakistan in Pakistan Today.
- Conducted research on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and China's trade ties to South Asia.
- Worked on a concept note regarding financial market integration under CPEC.

ALIF AILAN, DIFD FUNDED EDUCATION CAMPAIGN – ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

INTERN – 07/2015 – 07/2015

- Prepared and reviewed monthly progress reports for the campaign.
- Updated Pakistan District Education Rankings Wikipedia page for comparing progress of Pakistan's districts in education.
- Regularly updated campaign's official website with latest media reports on education.

LAHORE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (LSE) – LAHORE, PAKISTAN

TEACHER'S ASSISTANT – 09/2014 – 05/2017

- Aided teachers in providing individualized and timely feedback to students
- Graded student performance
- Assisted professors with relevant research material incorporated in lesson plans

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/2020 – 05/2023 Islamabad, Pakistan

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology

Relevant Courses: Gender and Development, Economics of Developing Countries, Sustainable Development, Public Policy Management, Political Economy of Pakistan.

The nexus between Energy Consumption, Trade Openness, Urbanization and Economic Growth in Pakistan (SZABIST)

- Appraised the empirical relationship between energy consumption, trade openness, urbanization and economic growth in Pakistan over 1985-2019. Used World Bank's WDIs to perform a ARDL Bounds Test Approach through Stata.

Field of study Social sciences | **Final grade** 4.0

08/2013 – 05/2017 Lahore, Pakistan

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSC) WITH DOUBLE MAJOR IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE Lahore School of Economics

Relevant courses: Pakistan Economy, Statistics, Public Finance, International Relations, Financial Accounting and Western Political Thought.

Research Thesis: Impact of International Trade on Economic Growth of Pakistan (LSE)

- Empirically analyzed the role of international trade in impacting the generation of economic growth and poverty alleviation in Pakistan over 1990-2015. Used World Bank's WDIs to conduct a time series analysis through Stata.

Field of study Economics, Political sciences and civics | **Final grade** 3.77

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **URDU** | **PUNJABI**



Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint) | Stata, SPSS, E-Views | Python Language - Basic knowledge | R language and R studio

PUBLICATIONS

2024

Pakistan's population boom: Shaping a future powerhouse

Maken, A. M. (2024, October 9). Pakistan's population boom: Shaping a future powerhouse. *Business Recorder*.

2024

Demographic Trajectory: Pakistan's Influence From Regional Growth To Global Shifts

Maken, A. M. (2024). *Pakistan's influence: From regional growth to global shifts* [Infographic]. PIDE.

2024

Misunderstanding Markets: The Case for a Market-Friendly Government in Pakistan

Maken, A. M. (2024). Misunderstanding markets: The case for a market-friendly government in Pakistan. In *Celebrating five years of reason, rigor & research* (pp. 173-186). PIDE.

2024

The hidden price of protectionism: Pakistan's tariff trap

Maken, A. M. (2024, September 12). The hidden price of protectionism: Pakistan's tariff trap. *Business Recorder*.

2024

Unveiling the Hidden Costs of Economic Inefficiencies in Pakistan

Maken, A. M. (Ed.). (2024). *Unveiling the hidden costs of economic inefficiencies in Pakistan*. Costonomics. PIDE.

2024

Cost of Protectionism

Maken, A. M., & Zia, U. (2024). *Cost of protectionism*. Costonomics. PIDE.

2024

Stunted Growth: The Economic Stalemate of Pakistan's Business Landscape

Maken, A. M. (2024, March). *Stunted growth: The economic stalemate of Pakistan's business landscape*. Discourse, Policy and Research (2024-03). PIDE.

2024

Revamping PTV: A Blueprint for Global Success

Maken, A. M. (2024, March). *Revamping PTV: A blueprint for global success*. Discourse. PIDE.



2024

Stunted growth: the economic stalemate of Pakistan's business landscape

Maken, A. M. (2024, July 10). Stunted growth: the economic stalemate of Pakistan's business landscape. *Business Recorder*.

2023

Digital Dialogues Vs Paper Promises: Manifesto Alignment

Maken, A. M., & Salam, I. (2023). *Digital Dialogues Vs Paper Promises: Manifesto Alignment*. (Knowledge Brief No. 2023:106). Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE).

2019

Reforming Trade and Transport Connectivity

Manzoor, R., Maken, A. M., Ahmed, V., & Javed, A. (2019). Reforming Trade and Transport Connectivity. *Sukkur IBA Journal of Management and Business*, 6(1), 45-65.

2019

Sustaining agricultural production in Pakistan: Obstacles and prospects

Manzoor, R., Maken, A., & Culas, R. (2019). Sustaining agricultural production in Pakistan: Obstacles and prospects. *Current Politics and Economics of the Middle East*, 10(3), 331-356.

2019

Pakistan-China financial market integration

Manzoor, R., Ahmed, V., & Maken, A. (February, 2019). Pakistan-China financial market integration. (SDPI Working Paper No. 165).

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/330845460_Pakistan-China_Financial_Market_Integration

2018

Trading with India: some current impediments for Pakistan

Manzoor, R., Maken, A. M., Syed, S. A., & Ahmed, V. (2018). Trading with India: some current impediments for Pakistan. *Journal of International Trade Law and Policy*.

2018

Consanguineous marriages: Effects on pregnancy outcomes in Pakistan.

Manzoor, R., Imran, W., Maken, A. M., & Syed, T. H. (2018). Consanguineous marriages: Effects on pregnancy outcomes in Pakistan. *J Dev Policy Pract*, 2, 78-105.

2018

Streamlining Tax Harmonization in Pakistan

Nazir, A., Maken, A. M., & Ahmed, V. (2018). Streamlining Tax Harmonization in Pakistan. In *70 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT* (pp. 62-71). SDPI & Sang-e-Meel Publications.

2018

Sustaining agricultural production in Pakistan: Obstacles and prospects

Manzoor, R., Maken, A., & Culas, R. (2018). Sustaining agricultural production in Pakistan: Obstacles and prospects. In S. Waechter (Ed.), *Agricultural production: Management, opportunities and challenges* (pp. 115-143). (Agricultural issues and policies). Nova Science Publishers.



2017

Pakistan's Economic Woes

Maken, A. M., Syed, S. A. (2017, July 30). Pakistan's Economic Woes. *Pakistan Today*.

● **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

03/2024

Dean's Honors List – Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST)

In Master's Program

03/2024

Highest Achiever Award – Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST)

In Master's Program

02/2018

Dean's Honors List – Lahore School of Economics (LSE)

In Bachelor's Program

02/2018

Silver Medalist – Lahore School of Economics (LSE)

In Bachelor's Program

Partial Scholarship – Lahore School of Economics (LSE)

In Bachelor's Program from Winter 2014 to Spring 2017

● **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

History

English Literature

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