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Academic Positions and Affiliations

Lahore School of Economics

2021 present **Director Graduate Studies**, Faculty of Economics
2021 present **Associate Professor in Economics**
Teaching: Economic Growth (Ph.D); Theories of Economic Growth (MS);
Macroeconomics (BS)
2011 present **Senior Research Fellow**, Center for Research in Economics and Business (CREB)
2011-2021 **Assistant Professor in Economics**

University of Oxford

2019-2021 **Research Affiliate**
The Contemporary South Asian Studies Programme (CSASP)

Global Labor Organization

2017 present **Fellow**

Center for Economic Research in Pakistan

2020 present **Research Fellow**

Higher Education Commission of Pakistan

2016-2021 **Member**, Social Sciences Sub-committee on Economics, Committee for the
Development of Social Sciences and Humanities in Pakistan (CDSSHP)
2013-2013 **Member and Secretary**, National Curriculum Revision Committee (Economics)

Education

2007-2011 **PhD in Economics** (Très honorable avec félicitation du jury)
Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), France.
2006-2007 **MS in Economics** (Economic Analysis and Econometrics)
Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), France.
2002-2004 **MSc in Economics**
Quaid I Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Research and Teaching interests

Research Economics of innovation; Political economy and Institutions; Economic and social
inclusion; Growth theory.
Teaching Growth theory; Economics of innovation; Industrial economics; Development.

Publications

- Wadho, W., & Chaudhry, A. (2024). Measuring process innovation outputs and understanding their implications for firms: Evidence from Pakistan. *Technovation*. Volume. 136. **(SJR Q1)**
- Wadho, W, and Sadia, H. (2023). Ethnic diversity, concentration of political power and the curse of natural resources. *Economia Politica* 40.1: 113-137. **(SJR Q1)**
- Asharaf, N, Wadho, W, & Shahid, S. (2023). Faultlines in Family SMEs: The U-shape effect of family influence and control on innovativeness and performance. *M@n@gement*. Vol. 26 (3). **(SJR Q2)**
- Wadho, W., & Chaudhry, A. (2022). Innovation strategies and productivity growth in developing countries: Firm-level evidence from Pakistani manufacturers. *Journal of Asian Economics*. Volume 81. **(SJR 2)**
- Hasan, Y., & Wadho, W. (2020). Unskilled Migration, Child labor and Human Capital Accumulation of Children in the Presence of Parental Absenteeism. *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, 25(2), 119-138.
- Wadho, W., Goedhuys, M., & Chaudhry, A. (2019). Young innovative companies and employment creation, evidence from the Pakistani textiles sector. *World Development*, 117, 139-152. **(SJR Q1)**
- Wadho, W., & Chaudhry, A. (2019). Identifying and Understanding High Growth Firms in the Pakistani Textile and Apparel Sectors. *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, 24(2), 73-92.
- Wadho, W., & Chaudhry, A. (2018). Innovation and firm performance in developing countries: The case of Pakistani textile and apparel manufacturers. *Research Policy*, 47(7), 1283-1294. **(SJR Q1)**
- Wadho, W., & Ayaz, U. (2018). Government size and economic growth in an endogenous growth model with rent-seeking. *Economics & Politics*, 30(1), 151-179. **(SJR Q2)**
- Wadho, W. (2016). Corruption, tax evasion and the role of wage incentives with endogenous monitoring technology. *Economic Inquiry*. vol 54(1), 391-407. **(SJR Q1)**
- Wadho, W. (2014). Education, rent seeking and the curse of natural resources. *Economics & Politics*, 26(1), 128-156. **(SJR Q2)**
- Wadho, W. (2013). Control rights, bureaucratic corruption and the allocation of resources. *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 35(1), 41-59. **(SJR Q2)**
- Hakro, N, & Wadho, W. (2006). IMF Stabilization Programs, Policy Conduct and Macroeconomic Outcomes: A Case Study of Pakistan. *Lahore Journal of Economics*, 11(1).

Papers under review

- Female community-driven development and empowerment: An RCT in Pakistan (with Andreas, Muhammad Karim and Fazal Khan). Under review at *Journal of Development Economics*. **(SJR Q1)**
- Unlocking Global Markets: The Impact of International Standards Certification on Pakistani Firms' Export Performance (with Azam Chaudhry). Under review at *Journal of Development Studies*. **(SJR Q1)**

Funding and Research grants

- Managers' and Households' Attitude Toward Women Working in Factories: Role Model Firms and Information Interventions in Pakistan (2024-26). Funded by the PEDL major grant **(£110,000, as a PI)**.
- Community Driven Development in Rural Pakistan: Impact evaluation of the SUCCESS program (2017-23). Funded by the EU **(€454,000 as a Co-PI)**.
- Innovation and Firm Growth in the Pakistani Textile Sector: Do Young and Innovative Firms Grow Faster? (2018-19). Funded by the GCRF **(£45,401 as a Co-PI)**.
- Spatial proximity, knowledge networks and firm performance: The case of Sialkot surgical instrument cluster in Pakistan (2018-19). Funded by the Research and Development Fund **(\$7,000, as a Co-PI)**.
- Measuring Innovation in the Textiles Sector of Pakistan (2014-15). Funded by the International Growth Center **(£20,000, as a PI)**.
- Analyzing the extent and nature of bureaucratic corruption in Pakistan (2018-19). Funded by the Research and Development Fund **(\$5,000, as a Co-PI)**.
- Allocation de Recherche, French Doctoral Scholarship (2007-2010). Ministry of Research, Government of France.
- Overseas Scholarship (2006). Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

Ongoing research

Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs)

- Managers' and Households' Attitude Toward Women Working in Factories: Role Model Firms and Information Interventions in Pakistan (with Anri Sakakibara and Abu Siddique). In the field.
- Assessing the Mental Health Impacts of Structural Shift from Homes to Factories in Pakistan (with Anri Sakakibara, Abu Siddique, Michael Vlassopoulos, and Nusaiba Zakaria). In the field.
- Structural Transformation, Women's Employment, and Child Development (with Anri Sakakibara & Abu Siddique). In the field
- Structural Transformation and Marriage Market (with Abhishek Chakravarty, Anri Sakakibara & Abu Siddique). In the field

Empirical Research

- Family control, management quality, and firm productivity in Pakistan (with Azam Chaudhry). Data analysis completed
- Analyzing the extent and nature of bureaucratic corruption in Pakistan (with Shaheen Naseer). Data analysis completed.

Policy briefs

- Naveed, A., & Wadho, W. (2018). Geography of poverty and industrial clusters in Pakistan: Some policy implications. Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund
- Wadho, W (2017). Innovation in the Textiles sector of Pakistan. International Growth Center

Other Academic Activities

Reviewer

Journal of Economic Growth, Research Policy, Economic Inquiry, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Population Economics, Economics & Politics, Economics of Innovation and New Technology, European Journal of Law and Economics, Economia Politica, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, Pakistan Development Review, Lahore Journal of Economics.

Supervision

M.Phil in Economics: Farah Imami (2024); Hira Kaleem (2024); Minal Shauket (2023); Muhammad Naveed (2017), Sadia Toor (2016), Yumna Hasan (2015), Sadia Hussain (2015), Sara Khan (2015), Natasha Moeen (2014), Anum Ellahi (2014), Umair Ayaz (2013)

PhD in Economics: Mariyam Haroon (Member, 2021), Zunia Tirmzi (Member, 2022), Rabia Ikram (Member, 2022).

Communication in conferences and seminars

2025: AEDC 225, Beijing China; Friedrich-Alexander University, Germany (Invited)

2024: Pathways to Development, CERP; 18th International Conference on Management of the Pakistan Economy, Lahore School of Economics.

2022: University of Queensland, Australia.

2021: Innovation Contest, GIZ (invited); Sukkur IBA University (invited).

2019: University of Oxford (invited); 20th Annual Public Economic Theory Conference organized by Association for Public Economic Theory, Strasbourg; Development in Punjab: Setting New Priorities in Agriculture and Industries, organized the International Growth Center (IGC), Lahore; 2nd International Conference on Applied Development Economics, Lahore School of Economics.

2018: 14th International Conference on Management of the Pakistan Economy, Lahore School of Economics; Stimulating Firm Productivity for Growth, State Bank of Pakistan, organized by the International Growth Center (IGC).

- 2017: Summer School on Development (attended), Paris School of Economics, Paris France.
- 2016: Creating Capabilities for Growth, organized by the International Growth Center (IGC), Islamabad; 16th Conference of International Joseph A. Schumpeter Society, Montreal Canada; Measuring Innovation (invited) at Ministry of Science and Technology, Islamabad; 12th International Conference on Management of Pakistan Economy, Lahore School of Economics.
- 2015: International Curriculum Forum. Organized by International Economic Association, Lahore; 16th Annual Public Economic Theory Conference organized by Association for Public Economic Theory, Luxembourg; 24th Meeting of the Economics of Education Association, Madrid Spain.
- 2013: Lahore Economic Development Research Seminar (LEDERS), Lahore (invited).
- 2011: Policy Seminar, Sustainable Development Policy Institute Islamabad (invited); Szabist University Islamabad (invited).
- 2010: Warsaw International Economic Meeting (WIEM), Warsaw; ADAM eco-gestion Meeting. Workshop in economics and management, Aix en Provence; 8th Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet, Marseille France.
- 2009: European Doctoral Group in Economics Jamboree, Aix en Provence France.