

THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (GIDS) FIVE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2025-30

Research Objectives

In keeping with the Lahore School's strategic perspective of strengthening research to a world class level, the main objectives of GIDS research programme is to build-on and extend its *structuralist, multidisciplinary and historical approach* to contemporary themes and issues of economic development and social change through evidence based policy oriented research widely disseminated through publications in Journals of repute and books from established and recognized publishing houses.

Major Paradigm Shifts in Development Studies

In 2024, following major shifts in research paradigm were proposed:

1. Impact of Climate Change
2. Conflict, Peace and Security
3. Natural Disasters, Pandemics, and Economic Downturns
4. Social Capital Networks and their role in equitable and sustained growth and development
5. Emerging fast growing Technologies especially IT and AI and Development

GIDS is achieving these objectives as the following list outlines Journal Publications and ongoing MPhil dissertations, which are being undertaken in alignment with these paradigm shifts.

Journal Publication

1. Hashmat, F., Bradley, T., Nawaz, A., & Ghalib, A. (2023). Displacement of Vulnerable Households under **Climate-related Shocks** in 2022: The Case of the Matiari District in Pakistan. *The International Journal of Social Quality*, 13(2), 44-65. <https://doi.org/10.3167/IJSQ.2023.130204>
2. Hashmat, F. (2025). The interplay of development-induced displacement and **power dynamics**: A case of an infrastructure development project
3. Mughis, Z. (2025). Exploring student perspectives on rethinking **digital literacies** education in the age of **generative AI**. *International Journal of Education Technology in Higher Education*.

MPhil Dissertations (Ongoing)

1. **Miss. Khalida Khalid** "*The Advent of Hybrid Warfare: An Issue of **National Security** A Cross- Country Empirical Analysis and Implications for Pakistan*"
2. **Miss. Fatima Tahir** "*Examining the Nexus of Modern Slavery, Globalization, and **Climate Change**: A Cross-Country Analysis*"
3. **Miss. Shaher Bano Sattar** "*Exploring the Nexus Between Liberal Policies and **Climate Mitigation Goals with Technology** as a Moderating Factor: A Cross-Country Empirical Evidence*"

Proposing Policy Briefs in GIDS Five Year Research Programme (2025-2030)

Major Research Themes (2025-2030)

1. **Economic Development and the Management of Pakistan Economy (1947 to date) in collaboration with Faculty of Economics and CREB).** *Dr. Rashid Amjad (Lead), Dr. Ejaz Ghani, Ms. Samar Quddus, Dr. Ahmad Nawaz.*

Research conducted by the Institute under this theme will cover the following sub-themes:

- Fiscal, monetary and exchange rate policies – the research will focus on the key issue of macroeconomic stabilization and reigniting medium to long term growth.
 - Trade policy
 - Energy Pricing
 - Employment and Labor Market functioning
 - Poverty and Malnutrition
2. **Overseas Migration, Remittances, Diaspora and Development.** *Dr. Nasra Shah (Lead), Dr. Rashid Amjad, Dr. Fareeha Zafar, Ms. Samar Quddus, and Memoona Qazi.*
 3. **Gender Inequality and Development in Pakistan (in collaboration with Faculty of Economics and CREB).** *Dr. Fareeha Zafar (Lead), Memoona Qazi.*
 4. **Education and Development.** *Dr. Fareeha Zafar (Lead), Zahra Mughis.*
 5. **Economic History of Pakistan since the Mughals (1520-2020) (in collaboration with Faculty of Economics and CREB).** *Dr. Rashid Amjad (Lead), Dr. Fareeha Zafar, Mr. Javed S. Malik, and Fariya Hashmat*
 6. **Climate Change and its Impact on Livelihoods (poverty, food security and displacement).** *Dr. Ahmad Nawaz (Lead), Dr. Ejaz Ghani, Fariya Hashmat, Samar Quddus.*
 7. **Governance and Development Management.** *Mr. Javed S. Malik.*
 8. **Microfinance and Sustainability** *Dr. Ahmad Nawaz (Lead), Fariya Hashmat.*

International Linkages:

The Graduate Institute of Development Studies has research linkages with:

1. **Economic Development and Management of Pakistan Economy**
 - IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank (Country Offices and Headquarters)
 - Pakistan Planning Commission and Economic Reforms
 - Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad
2. **Migration, Remittances and Diaspora**

- **The Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute**, Florence Italy.
- **Gulf Labour Markets and Migration (GLMM)**, hosted and supported by the Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF, Geneva)
- **Center for Migration and Refugees Studies**, The American University in Cairo.

3. Economic History of Modern South Asia

- **Economic History Department**, London School of Economics.
- **Modern South Asian Studies**, University of Oxford.
- **The Center of South Asian Studies**, University of Cambridge.
- **Department of Development Studies**, SOAS, UK.

4. Microfinance and Climate Change

- **Liverpool Hope University**, UK
- **German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD)**
- **University of Agder**, Norway
- **Center for European Research in Microfinance (CERMi)**, Brussels University