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## Education

National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) Islamabad, Pakistan, **Ph.D.** (Economics) 2019 till date.  
Title: “Essays on Food Insecurity: Segmented Labor Market, Disability Inclusion and Well-being Index”.

Government College University, Lahore, Pakistan, **M.Phil.** (Economics) 2003-2007.  
Title: “Monetary Transmission Mechanism: An Evidence on Narrow Credit Channel in Pakistan (1992-2006)”.

## Experience (Academic):

**Research Scholar:** August 2024, to December 2024. Department of Agriculture Economics and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University, Texas, United States of America.

**Lecturer (Regular):** 12/2012 till date. Department of Economics, University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal Pakistan.

**Lecturer (Contract):** 12/2008 to 12/2012 Department of Economics, Ghazi University (former BZU Sub-Campus), Dera Ghazi Khan Pakistan.

During this period, I taught Micro-Economics (Theory and Analysis), macroeconomics (Theory and Analysis), Topics in Pakistan’s Economy, Human Resource Development, Economic Environment of Business, Research Methodology, advanced statistics, Econometrics, Managerial Economics, and Business Economics.

## Administrative Experience:

**Examination In-charge:** 01/2017 to 08/2019, Department of Economics, University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal.

**Teacher In-charge:** 01/2017 to 08/2019, Department of Economics, University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal.

**Teacher In-charge:** 09/2009 to 12/ 2012, Department of Economics, Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan Pakistan.

**Superintendent Girls’ Hostel:** 09/ 2009 to 12/ 2011 Girls’ Hostel Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan Pakistan.

**Canteen In-charge:** 10/2018 to 08/2019 University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal.

**Purchase Officer:** 12/2018 to 04/2019 University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal.

**Director Sports:** 10/2018 to 04/2019 University of Sahiwal, Sahiwal.

**Skills:** STATA, SPSS, E. Views, NVIVO, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, MATLAB,

**Interests:** Reading academic and non-academic books, writing articles in different journals, and keeping a close eye on Pakistan’s Economy.

## Conference/ Seminar Attended

- 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on “*The Philosophy and Techniques for Quantitative Research*” 29 November-01 December 2021 arranged by Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) in collaboration with Applied Economics Research Center (AERC), University of Karachi.
- Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar (OARES) “*The Economics of Eliminating Food Insecurity in the United States*” by Craig Gundersen, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 arranged by the University of Baylor.
- Webinar “*Promoting Research Excellence in Academics Across Pakistan*” 1-2 February 2022 arranged by Elsevier and HEC.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Population Research Conference “*Population Challenges in Changing World*” 7-9 December 2021 at National University Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad.
- Online course in *Development Economics* by IZA/FCDO from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Webinar “*Maps in Stata 101*” by Dr. Asjad Naqvi, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 arranged by STATA.
- Food Insecurity Experiential Scale (FIES) Training, 12-15 December 2022 by Dr. Carlo Cafiero (Head of SDG 1&2 FAO).

- Online Training Session: “*Journal Publishing: with VirtYS Group 2022/23*” 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 with Global Labor Organization (GLO) president and editor-in-chief Journal of Population Economics (JOPE) Professor Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann.

### Membership in Economic Association/Seminars

I am a member of the Agriculture and Applied Economic Association (AAEA) for 2023, 2024, and 2025.

I was a member of the Food Health and Applied Group in Fall 2024 at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, United States of America.

### Scholarship:

- GLO-affiliate, GLO-young scholar virtual scholarship is awarded for the year 2022-23. (**Advisor:** Dr. Suresh Babu, head of the capacity, International Food Policy Research Institute-IFPRI). <http://glabor.org/user/robina/>.
- UMA-LELE mentee, Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust awarded Lele Mentor Fellowship (2023). (**Advisor:** Dr. Yu (Yvette) Zhang, Associate Professor Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, United States of America). <https://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/uma-lele-mentor-fellowship-fund>.
- The Higher Education Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan awarded the IRSIP scholarship for a foreign visit. I worked as a research scholar at Texas A&M University, College Station, from August 2024 to December 2024.

### Conference Paper:

- “A New Insight into The Measurement of Household Well-Being for Vulnerable Economies: Evidence Using Pakistan’s Labor and Diet Data” by **Robina Kouser**, Faisal Abbas, Suresh Chandra Babu, and Mousumi Bhattacharjee at the SITES-GLO Conference 2024 (Paper accepted but could not attend the conference. It was held in Naples from 11-13 September 2024).
- Paper presented “Labor Market Factors and Household Food Insecurity in Pakistan – A Missing Connection” by **Robina Kouser**, Faisal Abbas, and Verda Salman at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Business, Management and Social Sciences held at S3H, NUST Islamabad on 6-7 May 2025.

### Research Articles:

- Cheng, B., Zhong, Z., Alharthi, M., Abbas, Q., and **Kouser R.**, 2022. The Fiscal Imbalance and Climate Change Obligations: What Is Feasible for Developing Economies? The Singapore Economic Review. <https://doi.org/10.1142/S0217590822500102>. **Impact factor 1.315.**
- Chunyu, L., Ali, S. A., Tan, C., Yin, W., **Kouser, R.**, and Gulzar, F., 2022. The Fiscal Hedging and Green Financing: Sustainability Challenges for Developing World. Front. Environ. Sci. 9:807220. <http://doi.10.3389/fenvs.2021.807220>. **Impact factor 4.24.**
- Lyu, Y., Ali, S. A., Yin, W., and **Kouser, R.**, 2022. Energy Transition, Sustainable Development Opportunities, and Carbon Emissions Mitigation: Is the Developed World Converging Toward SDGs-2030? Front. Environ. Sci. 10:912479. <http://doi:10.3389/fenvs.2022.912479>. **Impact factor 4.24.**
- Ma, C., Awan, R. U., Ren, D., Alharthi, M., Haider, J., and **Kouser, R.**, 2022. The IFRS Adoption, Accounting Quality, and Banking Performance: An Evaluation of Susceptibilities and Financial Stability in Developing Economies. PLoS ONE. 17(7): e0265688. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0265688>. **Impact factor 3.752.**
- Meo, M. S., Durani, F., **Kouser, R.**, Haris, M., Iram, T., 2020. Modern derivatives in Islamic perspectives in Pakistan: Shari'ah issues on current Islamic derivative practices. J. Public Affairs. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pa.2454>. **Impact factor 1.08.**
- Nosheen, F., Ahmad, U. S., Anjum, S., and **Kouser, R.**, 2021. Impact of Tourism Receipt, FDI and Energy Usage on Economic Growth in South Asia. Journal of Accounting and Finance in Emerging Economies 7(2). ISSN: 2519-0318&ISSN (E):2518-8488.
- Nosheen, F., Ahmad, U. S., Anjum, S., and **Kouser, R.**, 2021. The Covid-19 outbreak, a Failure of Social Protection System: A Policy Perspective of Energy and Economic Recovery. Review of Economics and Development Studies 7(2). ISSN: 2519-9692 & ISSN (E):2519-9706.

- Nosheen, F., Imran, M., Anjum, S., and **Kouser, R.**, 2021. Economic Growth, Environmental Efficiency, and Industrial Transfer Demonstration Zones of China: A Way Forward for CPEC. *Review of Applied Management and Social Sciences* 4(2). ISSN: 2708-2024 & ISSN (E):2708-3640.
- Nosheen, F., **Kouser, R.**, Anjum, S., and Akhter, M. J., 2021. Control of Carbon Emissions by Promoting Economic Growth and Renewable Energy in Newly Emerging Economic Block. *Review of Education, Administration, and Law* 4(2). ISSN: 2708-1788 & ISSN (E):2708-3667.
- Omar, A.B., Ali, A., Mouneer, S., **Kouser, R.**, Al-Faryan M. A. S., 2022. Is stock market development sensitive to macroeconomic indicators? Fresh evidence using ARDL bounds testing approach. *PLoS ONE*. 17(10): e0275708. <http://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0275708>. **Impact factor 3.752**.

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