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Education:

Ph.D. Economics, 2008, - School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Okayama University, Japan

Dissertation: Afghan Economy and Foreign Aid: A Study of Development Macroeconomics & Foreign Aid in Afghanistan

M.Sc. Economics, 2000, - School of Economics, International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan

B.Sc. Economics (Honors), 1998 - School of Economics, International Islamic University Islamabad.

Fellowships:

Democracy and Development Fellow, 2007

Stanford University Summer Fellowship and Honors Programs, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Institute for International Studies, USA

UNITAR/SHU International Economics and Finance Fellow, 2006

Foreign Direct Investment for Development Financing Program, UNITAR and Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University (SHU), USA. UNITAR Institute, Hiroshima, Japan

Current Jobs

Strategic Adviser, Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA), 2020-Present

Provide strategic advice to relevant departments to ensure market transparency and prevent non-competitive behaviour

Based on decision of High Council, act as a mediator and arbitration organism and to resolve disputes arising between licensees

Prepare draft decrees and regulations

Advise ATRA Board on how to encourage competition in the field of telecom

Advise the legal department on the rules of interconnection and review contracts of interconnection

Support the relevant department with formulation of technical standards and procedures for monitoring compliance with these standards

Facilitate the use of telecom development fund by educational and health care institutions and disabled persons

Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Afghanistan University, 2010-Present

Teaching the undergraduate and postgraduate courses

Conducting research

Supervision of student thesis

Other Experiences

Chairman, Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA), 2015-2019

Executive Director, Afghanistan Information Management Services (AIMS), 2012-2015

CEO and Program Manager, Infinity Shipping and Services - Middle East and Afghanistan, Dubai, UAE, 2008-2012

Institutional Adviser, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation (MoTCA)/World Bank, Emergency Transport Rehabilitation Project (ETRP), *June 2008 – November 10, 2008*

Economic Adviser, Embassy of Afghanistan **Tokyo, Japan**, *August 2005- March 2008*

Senior Consultant for Parliament, Afghanistan Parliament, Kabul (CIPE, Centre for International Private Enterprise Contract), July-November 2007

Economic and Budget Adviser and Senior Trainer, Afghanistan Parliament, Kabul (USAID Contract), *January 9 -May 15, 2007*

Procurement Consultant/Acting Contracts Manager, World Bank/Ministry of Education, Afghanistan, *Jul 2006- Nov 2006*

Economic & Finance Consultant, World Bank/ Ministry of Communications, Afghanistan
Feb.2004- Mar 2004

Macroeconomist / Director General of Budget, Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan, *Jan. 2003-Jan. 2004*

Senior Aid Coordinator, Afghan Assistance Coordination Authority (AACA) & Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan / United Nations Development Program (UNDP), *Mar 2002- Jan 2003*

Socio-Economic Researcher, Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees (DACAAR), Pakistan, *Feb 2000- Feb 2002*

Instructor, School of Economics, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan, *1997-1998*

Program Manager, Afghan Refugees Assistance Program, Primary Education and Vocational Training - Islamabad, Pakistan, *Sep 1998- Jan 2000*

Published and/or Presented Research:

- The Digital Silk Road: An Opportunity For Afghanistan & the Region, RECCA VII Academic Forum, Ashghabat, Turkmenistan, October 13, 2017
- Implementation of Open Access Policy at High Economic Council of Afghanistan, Kabul, August and September 2017
- The Open Access Policy in Telecom Sector and the Road to Development, at High Economic Council of Afghanistan, Kabul, August 2016
- Bio-metric SIM Registration at High Economic Council of Afghanistan, Kabul April 2016
- Lecture on Open Access Policy and Digital CASA – the Regulatory Framework, Opportunities and Challenges, World Bank Office, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, February 2017
- As the Head of Delegation on behalf of Afghan Civil Society in the Afghanistan-Pakistan-China Trilateral Dialogue, Presented a number of Policy Statements during the 10 days visit to Beijing in December 2014
- Understanding Social Policy: Towards Reducing Vulnerability of Poor, SAARC Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal, November 5, 2014
- Paper Presentation on “Countering Violent Extremism” at the Afghan-Pak Summer Camp, Peshawar University - Bara Gali Campus, Pakistan Sep 2 and 4, 2014
- Paper Presentation on “Regional Energy Integration and Role of Private Sector”, International Energy Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kabul Afghanistan, December 4, 2013
- Presentation on “Youth Development Policies in South Asia: Way Forward”, SAARC Human Resources Development Center, Islamabad, Pakistan, November 28, 2013
- Paper Presentation on “ICT Policy Framework and Delivering Promise of Digital Age: A Case Study of Afghanistan” at GPATS 2013 Sao Paulo, Brazil November 12, 2013
- Paper Presentation on “Economic Development & Microfinance: A Regional Perspective,, Workshop on Microfinance for Poverty Reduction and Human Resource Development in SAARC Region Jointly organized by SAARC Human Resources Development Center and Afghanistan Civil Service Institute, Kabul-Afghanistan, November 4, 2013
- Paper Presentation on “Citizen Empowerment: Role of ICT in Fighting Corruption“ 2nd International ICT Conference and Exhibition, Kabul, Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan, September 24, 2013
- Presentation on “Significance of National Policies for Small and Medium Enterprises Development,, at SAARC Human Resources Development Center, Islamabad, August 27, 2013
- Paper Presentation “SME Development & the Foreign Aid: A Study Based on Experiences from Afghanistan,, at SAARC Human Resources Development Center, Pakistan, August 23, 2013
- Paper Presentation on “Sustainable Economic Development: A New Perspective” at Afghan Professional Council Conference, Kabul, Afghanistan, April 24, 2013

- Paper Presentation “Reconstruction in Post-Taliban Afghanistan: A Critical Evaluation of Foreign Aid in Past Seven Years”, International Knowledge Globalization Conference, by International Knowledge Globalization Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, USA April 17-19, 2009.
- Keynote Speaker “The Impact of Foreign Aid in Afghanistan 2002- 2007”, Center for Policy Priorities (CFPP) - Professionals Summit, Kabul Afghanistan, November 20-22, 2007.
- Paper Presentation on the “Evaluation of Foreign Aid: Preliminary Findings of the ODA Survey in Afghanistan” 6th Annual Conference - Peace as a Global Language Conference at Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, October 28, 2007. <http://www.pgljapan.org/>
- Contributed in development of Prioritizing Aid Effectiveness - Taking Forward the Afghanistan Compact and Paris Declaration Commitments, 18 April 2007 http://www.adf.gov.af/src/strategy_papers/4-Aid%20Effectiveness%20-%20Eng.pdf
- ‘Political Economic History of Afghanistan in the early 20th Century’, Okayama Economic Review: Vol. 38, No. 4, (March, 2007), Okayama Japan. (http://www.e.okayama-u.ac.jp/~shiryou/gakkai_shi2.htm)
- Paper Presentation on ‘What, How and Why Happened in Afghanistan?: A Study of Political Economic History of the Early 20th Century’ at the Economic & Business Historical Society Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ‘27 – 29 April 2006. http://www.ebhsoc.org/pittsburgh_conference.htm
- Paper Presentation on “Critical Review of Foreign Aid in Post-Taliban Afghanistan”, Central Eurasian Studies Society Sixth Annual Conference (2005), Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. September 29-October 2, 2005
- “Poverty Profile of Afghanistan” Background paper for the National Human Development Report, Kabul: UNDP/2005. (http://www.undp.org.af/nhdr_04/team2.htm)
- As the President of Young Economist Society of Afghanistan, severed as Commentator in the Afghanistan Seminar in Japan at Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) 10 June 2005, ‘Commentator in the Afghanistan Seminar’
<http://www.jbic.go.jp/autocontents/japanese/news/2004/000051/index.ht>
- Contributed in Securing Afghanistan’s Future Document August 2004
- Contributed in development and writing of Six National Priorities for Afghanistan June 2002
- Contributed in development of National Development Framework April 2002

Professional Interviews - National and International Media

- Aljazeera, Afghanistan Economy in present, February 7, 2015
- Voice of America, Ashna TV, Obama Trip to India, January 25, 2015
- A TV, Nepal, The Future of SAARC November 2, 2014
- Kantipur TV Nepal, Rise and Shine Program – Afghanistan and SAARC, November 6, 2014
- Aljazeera Live, Afghanistan Elections, September 2014
- Voice of America, Ashna TV, The Economic Transition of Afghanistan May 2014
- Aljazeera Live, Unemployment Issues in Afghanistan December 30, 2013,
- Voice of America, Ashna TV, Afghanistan Economy in 2013 and 2014 December 30, 2013
- Kabul News, Economic Cooperation July 2013
- Voice of America, Ashna TV, Foreign Investment Decline in Afghanistan, 23 July, 2013
- Voice of America, TV, Commenting on the status of Afghanistan as failed state, 12 July, 2012
- Kabul News Kabul, Afghanistan Investment Promotion Conference in India, June 15, 2012
- Kabul News Kabul - Afghan, US and India Partnership: Economic Implications, June 8, 2012
- Aljazeera English TV, Afghanistan Affairs Analyst, Jan., Feb. and March 2012
- Al Jazeera English TV, “Political and Economic Impacts of US Military Withdrawal” June 22, 2011
- Voice of America, Ashina Television, Kabul, Afghanistan, “Kabul Bank Crisis” March, 2011
- Al Jazeera English TV, “Land Title Issues in Afghanistan” December 30, 2010

- Voice of America, Ashina Television, Kabul, Afghanistan, “Afghanistan Investment Conference – Dubai” Nov. 30, 2010
- Voice of America, Ashina Television, Kabul, Afghanistan, “Obama’s Trip to India – Political and Economic Perspectives” November 7, 2010.
- Canada TV, Kabul, Afghanistan “The Challenges of Afghan Financial Sector” with Janib Mackey Frayer, September, 2010.
- Al Jazeera English TV, “Crisis of Kabul Bank” with Hoda Abdel Hamid, September 2010.
- CBS News, “Future Economic Stability and Financial Instability”, with Mandy Clark, Sept. 2010.
- VOA, Ashina TV Afghanistan. “Kabul Conference and the Expected Outcome” July, 2010.
- Voice of America TV, Ashina Television, Washington DC. ‘Aid Effectiveness, Economic Challenges of Afghanistan and Possible Solutions’ August 25, 2007.

Professional Membership:

- President and Co-founder of Afghanistan Experts Council
- Member, Japan Society of International Development, Japan
- Member, Economic and Business Historical Society, USA
- Board Member, Modern Organization for Education Development (MODE)
- Advisory Board Member of Inter Afghan Professional Summit – North America
- Board Member, Afghanistan Professionals Association, Afghanistan
- Principal, Afghanistan Information Services and Skills Organization

Awards:

- Appreciation Letter, Afghanistan National Parliament as a Professional Economist
- Recognition and appreciation of my services by the Members of Afghanistan Parliament as Technology Economist
- Awarded Development and Democracy Fellowship 2007 at Stanford University, USA.
- Received “Most Active Young Afghan of the Year, 2005 Award”, The Afghan Communicator (US-based Afghan Think Tank).