35th Annual General Meeting and Conference 2021



Programme

OPPORTUNITIES TO **EXCEL**—

NOW & THE FUTURE





November 22, 2021 Day 1

03:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.

INAUGURAL SESSION

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

02:00 p.m. Registration

03:00 p.m. Arrival of Chief Guest

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

Welcome Remarks:

Muhammad Mohsin Khan

Director, IMSciences.

Welcome Remarks and Secretary's Report:

Idrees Khawaja Secretary, PSDE.

President's Address: Nadeem Ul Haque President, PSDE Vice-Chancellor, PIDE.

Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest.

4:00 p.m. TEA

5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. **Discussion with participating students**

Convenor: Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque.

6.00 p.m. – 6.45 p.m. **Cultural Performance**

Students of IMSciences.

7.00 p.m. *Invited Lecture (Virtual)*

Saiyed Atiq Raza

Executive Chairman, Virsec Systems, California.

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 986 3023 1695 Passcode: 381153

8:00 p.m. DINNER.

November 23rd, 2021 Day 2

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Quaid-i-Azam Lecture**

Chairperson: Muhammad Mohsin Khan

Director, IMSciences.

Speaker: Arshad Ahmed

Vice-Chancellor, LUMS

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan Lecture

Chairperson: Nadeem Ul Haque

Vice-Chancellor, PIDE.

Speaker: Mahboob Mehmood

CEO, Knowledge Platform

11:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. TEA.

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Opportunities to Excel

Panellists:

Yahya Akhunzada

Secretary Education, Government of Khyber Paktunkhwa.

Jehan Ara

Katalyst Lab, Former President PASHA Software House.

Shimail Daud

Former President, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce, Owner Maryam

Memorial Hospital.

Jawwad Farid

Risk Management Consultant.

Adnan Jalil

Former President, Small Chamber of Commerce, Peshawar.

Moderator: Idrees Khawaja

Senior Research Economist, PIDE.

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH.

SPECIAL INVITED LECTURE

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Chairperson: Arshad Ahmed

Vice-Chancellor, LUMS.

Speaker: Hans Timmer

Regional Chief Economist, World Bank.

Topic: Is Pakistan Ready for the New Normal?

Technical Sessions

FIRST PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

FES Report Launch Charter of the Economy

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 986 3023 1695 Passcode: 381153

Chairperson: Jochen Hippler,

Country Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

Speaker: Hafiz A. Pasha

Professor Emeritus, BNU and former Federal Minister of Commerce,

Planning and Finance.

SECOND PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 204, Second Floor, IMSciences

Productivity, Entrepreneurship, and Sludge

Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99155033443?pwd=Y3E1TjBQMXBXQkFnNXdnSUR5eXF4UT09

Meeting ID: 991 5503 3443 Passcode: 340084

Chairperson: Alamgir Chaudhry

CEO, National Productivity Organization.

Presentations:

1. Internationally Linked Firms and Productivity in Pakistan: A Look at the Top End of the Distribution

Stefania Lovo, Department of Economics, University of Reading, UK

Gonzalo Varela, World Bank, Pakistan.

Discussant: Naseem Faraz, Senior Research Economist, PIDE.

2. Is Labour Pooling Foundation for Agglomeration? The Nexus between Agglomeration and Workers' Skills

Farah Atiq, Ambreen Fatima, and Faisal Sultan Qadri Applied Economics Research Centre, University of Karachi, Pakistan.

Discussant: Bashir Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Islamia College, Peshawar.

3. Economic Cost of Sludge: Building Evidence from Pakistan

Naseem Faraz and Ahmad Waqar Qasim

PIDE, Islamabad.

Discussant: Shahid Mahmood, Research Fellow, PIDE.

THIRD PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 211, Second Floor, IMSciences

Political Economy

Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/96889903699?pwd=VkdLMDd4UkFqMW1EbmFLckhqVVJvdz09

Meeting ID: 968 8990 3699 Passcode: 296917

Chairperson: Zahoor ul Haq

Vice-Chancellor, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan.

Presentations:

1. Political Dynasties and Service Delivery: Evidence from Rural Health Clinics in Pakistan.

Faiz Ur Rehman, Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi Noman Ahmad, Department of Economics, Terry College of Business,

University of Georgia, Athens.

Discussant: Ikram Ullah

Assistant Professor, University of Malakand.

2. Political Economy of Elite Capture and Clientelism in Public Resource Distribution: Theory and Evidence from Balochistan Pakistan.

Manzoor Ahmed, Dean, Lasbela University, Balochistan.

Discussant: Kashif Saeed

Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar.

3. Mechanized Content Quality Audit of Information Industry in Capitalist Economies.

Aimen Tayyab, CHIP Training and Consulting (Pvt) Limited

& Sumra Abbas, PIDE, Islamabad.

Discussant: Fida Muhammad Khan

Lecturer, PIDE.

FOURTH PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 111, First Floor, IMSciences

Aspirations, Opportunities and Labour Market

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 984 6117 5941 Passcode: 926032

Chairperson: Prof. Muhammad Idrees

Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar.

Presentations:

 Measuring the Career Aspirations and Its Leading Determinants among Youth in Muzaffarabad, Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

Syeda Summera and Bushra Yasmin Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi.

Discussant: Amir Nadeem

Associate Professor, City University of Science and Information Technology, Peshawar.

2. Impact of Parental Occupation on Career Aspirations.

Fatimah Shah and Zunia Saif Tirmazee

Lahore School of Economics (LSE).

Discussant: Amjad Amin

Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar.

3. Time Allocation Pattern for Different Activities by Using Economic Value of Time: A Gender based Analysis in Pakistan.

Hamna Nasir, Ambreen Fatima and Shaista Alam.

Discussant: Jangrez Khan

University of Peshawar.

4:20p.m. - 4:40p.m. TEA.

PIDE RESEARCH SHOWCASE

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Presentations:

1. Future of Work
Mehboob Mehmood

3. RASTA & Citipedia Fahim Jehangir Khan

5. Growth Strategy Omer Siddique

7. Education
Saddam Hussein

9. Foreign Exchange Hafsa Hina

11. Railways
Saba Anwar

13. Land Shahid Mehmood

2. Inflation
Abdul Jalil

4. Sludge Ahmed Waqar Qasim

6. Civil Services Reforms
Durr-e-Nayab

8. Taxation
Naseem Fraz

10. Internet for All Fiza Khalid Butt

12. Foreign Aid Raja Rafi Ullah

14. Car Mobility
Muhammad Shaaf Najeeb

Mahbub ul Haq Lecture (Virtual)

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/98630231695?pwd=NSthYkxUUUdKUW5qOWF3TnFnVmtlUT09 Meeting ID: 986 3023 1695 Passcode: 381153

Prof. Dani Rodrik

John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque

Vice-Chancellor, PIDE.

7:00 p.m. DINNER.

November 24, 2021 Day 3

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

FIRST PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 204 Second Floor, IMSciences

Climate Change

Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99155033443?pwd=Y3E1TjBQMXBXQkFnNXdnSUR5eXF4UT09

Meeting ID: 991 5503 3443 Passcode: 340084

Chairperson: Abedalrazq Khalil

Program Leader for Sustainable Development, World Bank.

Presentations:

1. Food Price Puzzle and Climate Shocks Heightened Pakistan: An Application of Machine Learning.

Abdul Subhan, Nabila Khurshid, Zarwa Shah and Usman

Shakoor

COMSATS University Islamabad.

Discussant: Adeel Shafqat

Country Director, Precision Agriculture for Development.

2. Information and Communication Technology and CO²
Emissions Nexus for Asian Economies: Evidence from
Heterogeneous Income Groups.

Muhammad Tariq Majeed, Amna Ahsen, Maria Mazhar Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

Discussant: Naila Nazir

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Peshawar.

3. Impact of Climate Change on Livelihood of Wheat Farmers in District Chakwal.

Syed Asif Ali Naqvi, Muhammad Laeeq, Muhammad Usman,

and Bilal Hussain

Government College University Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Discussant: Muhammad Rafiq

Assistant Professor, IMSciences, Peshawar.

SECOND PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 211, Second Floor, IMSciences

Themes in Development

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 968 8990 3699 Passcode: 296917

Chairperson: Muhammad Ali Asghar

Chief Economist, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Co-Chair: Usman Ghani

Joint Director, IMSciences, Peshawar.

Presentations:

1. School Grants and Education Outcomes: The Impact of a Non Salary Budget Reform in Punjab, Pakistan.

Kafeel Sarwar & Min Xie, Heidelberg University, Germany.

Discussant: Muhammad Jehangir Khan

Assistant Professor, PIDE.

2. Uncovering the Impact of Improved Access to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation on Gendered Subjective Well-being on Punjab, Pakistan.

Ammar Anwar and Shahzad Kouser

COMSATS University, Islamabad.

Discussant: Suleiman Amin

Lecturer, University of Peshawar

3. Sustaining Poverty Graduation Levels and Livelihoods of the Poorest Households during a Global Pandemic.

Shaheera Jalil Albasit

Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund.

Ayesha Nazuk

National University of Science and Technology.

Neelgoon Safdar, Johdah Bokhari, and Zahid Hussain

Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund.

Discussant: Sajjad Ahmed Jan

Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar.

THIRD PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 111, First Floor, IMSciences

Urbanization

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 984 6117 5941 Passcode: 926032

Chairperson: Bakhtiar Khan

Director General, Planning & Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Presentations:

1. Assessing the Quality of Urbanization across Size Classes of Urban Area in India.

Annesha Mukherjee

Centre for Development Studies, Prasanth Nagar.

Discussant: Atta ur Rehman

Professor, IMSciences.

2. An Analysis of Urban Sprawl in Pakistan: Causes,

Consequences and Policies Analyses.

Nooreen Mujahid, University of Karachi. Azeema Begum, Saviours, Karachi.

Discussant: Unbreen Qayyum

Research Economist, PIDE.

3. Are Residential Properties of Reputed Housing Societies Overpriced in Pakistan?

Abdul Wahid, Muhammad Zubair Mumtaz and Oskar

Kowalewski NUML, Islamabad.

Discussant: Ahmed Waqar Qasim

Senior Research Economist, PIDE.

FOURTH PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 104, 2nd Floor, IMSciences

Case Studies

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 878 9140 0839 Passcode: 812867

Chairperson: Karim Ullah

Coordinator CEIF and Assistant Professor, IMSciences

Presentations:

1. Microfinance in Pakistan—Tale of NRSP Microfinance

(Islamic).

Irum Saba, Associate Professor, IBA, Karachi.

Discussant: Zahooor Khan

Assistant Professor, IMSciences.

2. Can Financial Market Discipline be Achieved? An

Exploratory Study in Pakistan.

Pir Qasim Shah, PhD Scholar, IMSciences.

Discussant: Zohra Jabeen

Assistant Professor, IMSciences.

3. Istisna Financing for Small Medium Eterprise (SME)

Abidullah Khan, Assistant Professor-Islamic Finance, Sukkur IBA

University.

Discussant: Muhammad Nouman

Assistant Professor, IBMS, Agriculture University, Peshawar.

4. Conversion Process of a Conventional Bank into Islamic: A

Case of Faysal Bank Limited.

Yasir Muhib, PhD Scholar Islamic Business and Finance, IMSciences.

Discussant: Qazi Abdul Samad

RSBM, The Bank of Khyber.

5. The Post Pandemic Islamic Finance.

Naimat Ullah Khan, PhD Scholar Islamic Business and Finance,

IMSciences.

Discussant: Shafiullah Jan

Assistant Professor, IMSciences.

Allama Iqbal Lecture

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Nadeem Ul Haque Vice-Chancellor, PIDE. Chairperson:

Speaker:Taimur Saleem Khan Jhagra

Finance Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. TEA.

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Opportunities: The Role of State

Chairperson: Ishrat Hussain

Former Adviser to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity.

Former Governor, State Bank of Pakistan.

Panellists:

1. Khalid Mahmood

Deputy Commissioner, Peshawar.

2. Muhammad Mohsin Khan, Director

IMSciences Peshawar.

3. Gonzalo Verala

Senior Economist, World Bank.

4. Omer Gillani

Partner at The Law and Policy Chambers/ Advocate, High Court.

5. Ahmad Waqar Qasim

Senior Research Economist, PIDE.

01:00 a.m. – 01:50 p.m. LUNCH.

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Opportunities for Firms to Grow

Panellists:

- 1. Muhammad Ahmad Zubair
 Chief Economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan.
- 2. Turab Hussain
 Associate Professor, LUMS.
- 3. Zehra Aslam Economist, World Bank, Pakistan.
- 4. Omer Siddique Senior Research Economist, PIDE, Islamabad.

Moderator: Najy Benhassine

Country Director for Pakistan, South Asia Region.

3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. TEA.

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Shaping Success in the Creative Arts & Media

Panellists:

- 1. Hijab Fatimah Designer, Artist & Director.
- 2. Haya Fatima Film maker.
- 3. Sarmad Khoosat Actor & Director.
- 4. Wajahat Malik
 Documentary Filmmaker.
- 5. Naseem Zehra National Security Specialist / Journalist.

Moderator: Fasi Zaka

Columnist and Anchor.

M. L. Qureshi Lecture (Virtual)

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/98630231695?pwd=NSthYkxUUUdKUW5qOWF3TnFnVmtlUT09

Meeting ID: 986 3023 1695 Passcode: 381153

Speaker: Prof. Cass Sunstein

Robert Walmsley University Professor at Harvard University.

Moderator: Nadeem Ul Haque

Vice-Chancellor, PIDE.

November 25, 2021 Day 4

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

FIRST PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Inclusive Development

Chairperson: Prof. Jehan Bakht

Vice-Chancellor, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar.

Presentations:

1. Revitalizing Street Economy: Opportunities for the Urban Poor

Nasir Iqbal, PIDE, Islamabad.

Saima Nawaz, COMSATS University, Islamabad.

Arshad Khan and Muhammad Aqeel Anwar, PIDE, Islamabad.

Discussant: Zia Banday

Senior Research Fellow, PIDE.

2. Regional Diversity of Sustainable Economic Development in Province Punjab of Pakistan.

Hafsah Batool, and Muhammad Afzal Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.

Discussant: Zilakat Malik

Professor, University of Peshawar.

3. Developing a Policy Solution to Address Child Labour: The Case of Afghan Refugee.

M. Ajmal Khan and Nasir Iqbal

PIDE, Islamabad.

Discussant: Sher Ali

Assistant Professor, Islamia College, Peshawar.

SECOND PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

(204 Room, Second Floor, IMScience)

Place and People

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 991 5503 3443 Passcode: 340084

Prof. Shabir Ahmed Khan Chairperson:

Director, Area Study Centre, University of Peshawar.

Presentations:

1. A Multiscale Analysis of Housing Demand for Tenants Seen Through Theories of Locational Choice in Rawalpindi and Islamabad, Pakistan.

Abid Rehman and Faisal Jamil

National University of Sciences and Technology.

Discussant: Fareeha Armughan

Research Fellow, SDPI.

2. Regional Sustainability and the Concept of Sustainable Migration.

Munazah Nazeer

Applied Economic Research Centre, Karachi.

Discussant: Nasir Iqbal

Associate Professor, PIDE.

3. Dynamic Consequences of 2009 NFC Award: Social Sector **Public Delivery.**

Afzal Mahmood and Kanwal Zahra University of Central Punjab, Lahore.

Discussant: Mehmood Khalid

Senior Research Economist, PIDE.

THIRD PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 211, Second Floor, IMSciences

Inclusive Growth and Development

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 968 8990 3699 Passcode: 296917

Chairperson: Waseem Shahid Malik

SBP Chair, University of Peshawar.

Presentations:

1. Is Economic Growth Inclusive in Punjab, Pakistan? A District Level Assessment Using the Composite Index.

Ghulam Mohey-ud-Din and Khadija Ikram The Urban Sector Planning and Management Services Unit.

Discussant: Muhammad Azam Khan

Professor, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan.

2. Growth without Inclusion: Evidence from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.

Muhammad Nasir, Tahira Tauheed, and Adnan Haider

Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi.

Discussant: Ahmad Farhan Saeed

Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar.

3. Pakistan Absorptive Capacities and Economic Growth in Low and Middle Income Countries

Muhammad Salar Khan

School of Policy and Government, George Mason University.

Discussant: Nadeem Iqbal

Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar.

FOURTH PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 111, First Floor, IMSciences

Finance Inclusion

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 984 6117 5941 Passcode: 926032

Chairperson: State of Financial Inclusion and Importance (Virtual)

Zafar Masud

President and CEO, Bank of Punjab.

Co-Chairperson: Iftikhar ul Amin

Deputy Director, IMSciences, Peshawar.

Presentations:

1. Estimation of Financial Inclusion Index for Developing Countries.

Rabia Hasan and Mehak Ejaz SZABIST University Karachi.

Discussant: Hafsa Hina

Assistant Professor, PIDE.

2. Role of Financial Literacy and Financial Self Efficacy on Financial Inclusion in Pakistan.

Nimra Noor, and Irem Batool COMSATS, Sahiwal Campus.

Discussant: Abdul Jalil

SBP Chair, Professor at PIDE.

3. The Role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) on Agricultural Production: Evidence from South Punjab, Pakistan.

Mohsin Raza and Bilal Mehmood

School of Business, Beijing Normal University, China.

Discussant: Himayat Ullah

Professor, Agriculture University, Peshawar.

FIFTH PARALLEL TECHNICAL SESSION

LT 203, 2nd Floor, IMSciences

Enablers and Constraints for Start-up Ecosystems

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 878 9140 0839 Passcode: 812867

Moderator: Qazi Waheed Uz Zaman

Assistant Professor Strategy, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, and Head, Business

Incubation Center (IMSciences).

Presenters:

1. Obaid (CEO & Founder Dar- E- Wro).

2. Mian Rashid Inam Khattak (CEO & Founder BERA).

3. Hira Irshad (CEO & Founder APPRUS Technology).

4. Awais Manan (CEO & Founder HEALLAX).

5. Mohyuddin Khan (CEO & Founder TELEPORT).

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Opportunities Now

Panellists:

1. Arfa Sayeda Zehra

Professor, FCCU University.

2. Pervez Hoodbhoy

Nuclear Physicist/ Activist.

3. Neda Mulji

Senior Manager, Professional Development, at Oxford University Press.

4. Zia Banday

Senior Research Fellow, PIDE.

5. Uzma Qureshi

Vice-Chancellor, Women's University, Multan.

Moderator: Durr e Nayab

Director Research, PIDE.

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Disruptions: The Future of Work

Moderator: Taimur Malik

Director, Public Services at SAP.

Panellists:

1. Farrah Arif

CEO & Founder EdTech Worx

2. Yasir Ashfaq

CEO, Pakistan Microfinance Investment Company.

3. Adeel Shafqat

Director for Precision Development (PxD)

4. Faisal Khan

Principal Investigator, NCBC, Precision Medicine Lab.

6. Hassan Daud Butt

CEO, KP Board of Investment and Trade.

12.15 p.m. LUNCH.

November 25, 2021 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

02:30 p.m.	Guests to be seated.

03:00 p.m. Arrival of Chief Guest and National Anthem.

03:02 p.m. Recitation from the Holy Quran.

03:05 p.m. Welcome Remarks by:

Muhammad Mohsin Khan

Director, IMSciences.

03:10 p.m. Welcome Remarks and key findings of the conference:

Nadeem Ul Haque Vice-Chancellor, PIDE.

03:25 p.m. Keynote Address:

03:35 p.m. Address by the Chief Guest.

CONCLUDING SESSION

Main Auditorium, IMSciences

Discussion on Conference takeaways by Vice-Chancellor, PIDE.

05:00 p.m. TEA.

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