

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

08th March 2019

INAUGURAL SESSION

Session Coordinator: Ms. Rabia Shakir Conference Secretary & Assistant Professor Venue: Main Auditorium, NED University of Engineering & Technology.	
08:30 am - 09:00 am	Registration
09:00 am - 09:30 am	Guests to be seated
09:30 am - 09:35 am	Recitation from the Holy Quran
09:35 am - 09:45 am	National Anthem
09:45 am - 09:50 am	Opening Remarks by Dr. Noman Ahmed Faculty of Architecture and Management Sciences NED University of Engineering and Technology
09:50 am - 10:30 am	Keynote Address by Dr. Ashfaq Hasan Khan Member Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister of Pakistan Principal / Dean National University of Sciences & Technology
10:30 am - 10:35 am	Presidential Address by Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi Vice Chancellor NED University of Engineering and Technology
10:35 am - 10:45 am	Guest of Honour Address
10:45 am - 10:55 am	Chief Guest Address
10:55 am - 11:00 am	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Raza Ali Khan Conference Convener & Chairman, Economics & Management Sciences Department NED University of Engineering and Technology
11:00 am – 11:10 am	Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	TEA BREAK
DISCUSSION FORUM	
Theme: Role of Sindh Government and Donor Agencies in Sustainable Economic Growth & Development Venue: Main Auditorium	

11:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Session Moderator: Dr. Noman Ahmed Professor and Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Management Sciences</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Economist, Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh <i>Topic: Government of Sindh’s Development Portfolio</i> 2. Secretary Planning and Development to Government of Sindh <i>Topic: Development process and Bottlenecks</i> 3. Director General Research and Training Wing, Planning and Development department, Government of Sindh <i>Topic: Bridging the Gap between Academia and Government of SindhS efforts to create synergies for Development</i> 4. UNDP Representative <i>Topic: UNDP’s Development Partnership with the Government</i> 5. European Union Representative <i>Topic: European Union’s Development Portfolio with the Government</i> 6. Chief Investment Specialist, Finance Department, Government of Sindh
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	LUNCH & NAMAZ BREAK
ACADEMIC SESSION I	
<p><i>Venue: Civil AV Hall</i> <i>Chair: Dr. Zornitsa Yordanova</i> <i>Discussant: Dr. Imtiaz Arif</i></p>	
2:30 pm – 2:40 pm	<p>Paper I: Testing Liquidity-Augmented Asset Pricing Models: Evidence from Pakistan Stock Exchange <i>Farhan Ahmed & Dr. Muhammad Kashif</i></p>
2:50 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Paper II: Investment Analysis of Alternative Currencies (To BID or to REFUSE?) <i>Mirza Faizan Ahmed, Aneeta Ochani, Urooj Fatima & Shehneel Yousuf</i></p>
3:00 pm – 3:10 pm	Paper III:

	Does Geopolitical Risk Drive Equity Returns of BRIC Economies? Evidence from Quantile on Quantile Estimations <i>Amna Sohail Rawat</i>
3:10 pm – 3:20 pm	<u>Paper IV:</u> Effect of Board Size on Company’s Financial Performance: Comparative Study of Top entities from Commercial Banking Sector and Cement Sector of Pakistan <i>Muhammad Faisal Sultan, Rais Ahmad & Khurram Zafar</i>
3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	<u>Paper V:</u> FDI & New Business Startups: Does Financial Development Matter? <i>Lubna Khan</i>
3:40 pm – 3:50 pm	<u>Paper VI:</u> Governance, Financial Development, and Investment: The Role of Globalization <i>Tusawar Iftikhar Ahmad & Muhammad Azhar Bhatti</i>
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	Q/A Session Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	TEA BREAK & NETWORKING
ACADEMIC SESSION II	
<i>Venue: Petroleum AV Hall</i> <i>Chair: Dr. Rana Ejaz Ali Khan</i> <i>Discussant: Dr. Hasanat Shah</i>	
2:30 pm – 2:40 pm	<u>Paper I:</u> People Know Their Place: Assessing Economic Status through Participatory Methods <i>Maham Fatima & Dr. Raza Ali Khan</i>
2:50 pm – 3:00 pm	<u>Paper II:</u> Role of Social Protection in Social and Economic Inclusion: The Case of Pakistan <i>Dr. Shujaat Farooq</i>
3:00 pm – 3:10 pm	<u>Paper III:</u> Role of Social Media Marketing on Business Performance: A Mixed Method Study of Restaurant Industry of Pakistan <i>Erum Zahoore Zaidi & Dr. Muhammad Zaki Rashidi</i>
3:10 pm – 3:20 pm	<u>Paper IV:</u> Nexus between Education and Social Welfare <i>Hareem Fatima, Rabia Kanwal, Muhammad Rafiuddin Khan & Salik Bin Shahab</i>

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	<u>Paper V:</u> Student Institute Attrition at Higher Education: Modeling the Quit intention of Students <i>M. Mumtaz Khan & Syed Ali Imran</i>
3:40 pm – 3:50 pm	<u>Paper VI:</u> A Ratio Analysis for Excellence - Employment Indicators of University Graduates in Pakistan <i>Tabinda Qureshi & Nawaz Ahmad</i>
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	Q/A Session Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	TEA BREAK & NETWORKING
ACADEMIC SESSION III	
<i>Venue: NIC Hall</i> <i>Chair: Dr. Farroq Arby</i> <i>Discussant: Dr. Ashraf Wasti</i>	
2:30 pm – 2:40 pm	<u>Paper I:</u> The Impact Of Macroeconomic Variables On The Pakistan Stock Exchange <i>Amna Preet Pirzada & Tahira Yawer Ali</i>
2:50 pm – 3:00 pm	<u>Paper II:</u> The contribution of Indirect Taxes on Goods to Economic Growth of Pakistan (1972-2018) <i>Wajahat Rehman & Dr. Raza Ali Khan</i>
3:00 pm – 3:10 pm	<u>Paper III:</u> Panel Data Analysis on Impact of Income Inequality on Economic Growth <i>Iffat Zehra</i>
3:10 pm – 3:20 pm	<u>Paper IV:</u> Impact of Remittances on Human Resource Development in Developing Countries: A Panel Data Analysis <i>Dr. Rana Ejaz Ali Khan & Muhammad Nouman Shafiq</i>
3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	<u>Paper V:</u> The relationship of stunted growth with income inequality and education: Evidence from Pakistan <i>Dr. Musarrat Adnan</i>
3:40 pm – 3:50 pm	<u>Paper VI:</u> Forecasting GDP of Pakistan using Box Jenkins' ARIMA Method

	<i>Somel Malik</i>
3:50 pm – 4:00 pm	Q/A Session Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	TEA BREAK & NETWORKING

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09th March 2019

PANEL DISCUSSION	
9:30AM – 11:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme: Opportunities in Asian Region for Sustainable Economic Development</p> <p>Venue: Main Auditorium Session Moderator: Dr. Raza Ali Khan Chairman, Economics & Management Sciences Department</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Waqar Masood <i>Ex-Secretary Finance, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan</i> 2. Dr. Sarath Delpachitra <i>Professor in Finance, University of Technology Sydney</i> 3. Dr. Hasanat Shah <i>Associate Professor, School of Economics, Jilin University, China</i> 4. Ms. Ayesha Nayyar <i>Deputy Director, Special Economic Zone, Prime Minister Office</i> 5. Prof. Dr. Muhammd Ahmed Qadri <i>Vice-Chancellor, Nazir Hussain University, Karachi, Pakistan</i> <p>Q/A Session Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo</p>
	TEA BREAK & NETWORKING
ACADEMIC SESSION IV	
<p><i>Venue: Mechanical AV Hall</i> <i>Chair: Dr. Samina Khalil</i> <i>Discussant: Dr. Shujaat Farooq</i></p>	
12:00PM – 12:10 PM	<p>Paper I: CPEC & Emerging Role of Pakistan in International Political Economy <i>Rabia Shakir & Paras Khurram</i></p>

12:10PM – 12:20PM	<u>Paper II:</u> CPEC & Emerging Role of Pakistan in International Political Economy <i>Rabia Shakir & Paras Khurram</i>
12:20PM – 12:30PM	<u>Paper III:</u> Evaluating the Importance of CPEC, Does It really Important for Pakistan? Evidence from Pakistan's and India's investment in support and in against of CPEC <i>Muhammad Furquan Saleem, Muhammad Faisal Sultan & Muhammad Raghif Zafar</i>
12:30PM – 12:40PM	<u>Paper IV:</u> Does Infrastructure Development Increase Exports and reduce Trade Deficit? Empirical Evidence from Selected South Asian Countries <i>Dr. Hasanat Shah</i>
12:40PM – 12:50PM	<u>Paper V:</u> Economic Growth, Foreign Direct Investment And Trade Accessibility: Empirical Evidence From Saarc Economies (1996-2017) <i>Maryam Nasir</i>
12:50PM – 01:00PM	<u>Paper VI:</u> Making CPEC Inclusive for Unskilled Workers <i>Dr. Saira Ahmed & Dr. Ahsan Mehmood</i>
01:00 pm – 01:10 pm	Q/A Session Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
01:10 pm – 02:00 pm	LUNCH & NAMAZ BREAK
ACADEMIC SESSION V	
<i>Venue: NIC Hall</i>	
<i>Chair: Dr. Muhammad Asim</i>	
<i>Discussant: Dr. Nawaz Ahmad</i>	
12:00PM – 12:10 PM	<u>Paper I:</u> Sustainability of Islamic Real Estate Investment Trusts (i-REITs) in Islamic Capital Markets <i>Marium Zehra</i>
12:10PM – 12:20PM	<u>Paper II:</u> Sustainable Economic Development and Good Governance: Pakistan's Case <i>Dr. Faheem Akhter</i>
12:20PM – 12:30PM	<u>Paper III:</u> Sustainable Innovation Development though Lean Startup, Agile and User-centricity <i>Dr. Zornitsa Yordanova</i>

12:30PM – 12:40PM	<u>Paper IV:</u> Globalization and role of Woman Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Economic Development of Pakistan <i>Dr. Rummana Zaheer & Saman Hussain</i>
12:40PM – 12:50PM	<u>Paper V:</u> Water as an Economic or Free Good: A Financial and Operational Challenges in water management within Pakistan <i>Muhammad Shahid Iqbal</i>
12:50PM – 01:00PM	<u>Paper VI:</u> Studying Market Hygiene for a Sustainable and Quality Distribution (FMCG Industry) <i>Muhammad Hamza Farooqui & Dr. Muhammad Asim</i>
01:00 pm – 01:10 pm	Q/A Session Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
01:10 pm – 02:00 pm	LUNCH & NAMAZ BREAK
ACADEMIC SESSION VI	
<i>Venue: Petroleum AV Hall</i>	
<i>Chair: Dr. Zilakat Khan Malik</i>	
<i>Discussant: Dr. Mehak Ejaz</i>	
12:00PM – 12:10 PM	<u>Paper I:</u> Does Corruption Sand or Grease the Wheels? A case of BRICS Countries <i>Dr. Imtiaz Arif & Sundus Waqar</i>
12:10PM – 12:20PM	<u>Paper II:</u> Determinants of Transparency: Investigation from Health Department, Government of Sindh <i>Nawaz Ahmad & Parvez Ahmed</i>
12:20PM – 12:30PM	<u>Paper III:</u> Demographic and Geographic Changes Occur in Karachi: Time Series Analysis <i>Rabia Kanwal, Hareem Fatima, M. Rafiuddin Khan & Salik Bin Shahab</i>
12:30PM – 12:40PM	<u>Paper IV:</u> Quantifying the Preferences of Islamic Banking in Pakistan <i>Dr. Sadaf Mustafa</i>
12:40PM – 12:50PM	<u>Paper V:</u> Through the Lenses of Ukraine’s Public Service Reforming Process or How to Match Strategy and Public Service Culture <i>Dr. Victoria Vdovychenko</i>
12:50PM – 01:00PM	<u>Paper VI:</u> Practice and Future Prospects of Direct Democracy in Switzerland

	<i>Dr. Suwaibah Qadri & Nighat Moin</i>
01:00 pm – 01:10 pm	Q/A Session Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
01:10 pm – 02:00 pm	LUNCH & NAMAZ BREAK
02:00 – 02:45 PM	Special Lecture on Economic Impact of Artificial Intelligence in 21st Century
	Venue: Main Auditorium, Session Coordinator: Mr. Mirza Faizan Assistant Professor Economics & Management Sciences Department Speaker: Dr. Hiro Takahashi (DTS, Tokyo La, Minato-ku-Tokyo, Japan) Q/A Session & Souvenir Distribution
CLOSING SESSION	
Session Coordinator: Ms. Rabia Shakir Conference Secretary & Assistant Professor Venue: Main Auditorium, NED University of Engineering & Technology.	
2:45 pm – 2:50 pm	National Bank of Pakistan Promo Presented by Ms. Sultana Naheed SEVP & Group Chief, Commercial & Retail Banking Group
2:50 pm – 3:20 pm	Keynote Address by Dr. Kiyoshi Yonemoto Associate Professor Department of Regional Policy, Takasaki City University of Economics, Japan
3:20 pm – 3:30 pm	Guest of Honour Address
3:30 pm – 3:50 pm	Chief Guest Address
3:50 pm – 3:55 pm	Closing Remarks Dr. Muhammad Tufail Pro-Vice Chancellor NED University of Engineering and Technology
3:55 pm – 4:00 pm	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Raza Ali Khan

	Conference Convener & Chairman, Department of Economics & Management Sciences NED University of Engineering and Technology
4:00 pm – 4:10 pm	Video Presentations of Conference Highlights
4:10 pm – 4:20 pm	Presentation of Mementos & Group Photo
4:20 pm – 5:00 pm	TEA BREAK & NETWORKING