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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics • Economic Growth and Public Policy • Poverty, Inequality and Social Exclusion • Fiscal Federalism • Social Vulnerability and Social Protection • Regional Development • Political Economy of Conflict

EDUCATION

PhD (Applied Economics)

National College of Business Administration & Economics (NCBA&E), Lahore

Research Collaboration: **University of Kentucky, USA**

2013

MPhil (Applied Economics)

NCBA&E Lahore

2010

MA Economics

University of Peshawar

2001

B.Ed.

Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Peshawar

2003

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Peshawar

Associate Professor (Tenured)

Department of Economics

Jan 2015 – Present

Responsibilities

- Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses
 - Supervising MPhil and PhD theses
 - Research leadership and policy engagement
 - Coordinator, Development Insights Lab (DIL)
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Islamia College Peshawar

Assistant Professor

Aug 2013 – Jan 2015

Responsibilities

- Teaching Economics
 - Research and supervision
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VISITING FACULTY POSITIONS

Area Study Center, University of Peshawar

Courses taught:

- Issues of (Under) Development in Central Asia
- Market Economy: Capitalistic Trends in Central Asia

Institute of Social Policy and Research, Peshawar

Course taught:

- Econometrics

Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar

Course taught:

- Managerial Economics

NCBA&E Lahore

Course taught:

- Economics of Development
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CONSULTANCY & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

GIZ – UoP Urban Immovable Property Tax Reform Project

Program Operations Specialist

Development Action Cell, University of Peshawar

2022 – Present

- Coordinating development of UIPT reform proposal
 - Liaising with provincial government departments
 - Supporting fiscal reform policy development
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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Revenue Authority Tax Survey

Consultant / Survey Expert

Planning & Development Department KP

2017

Responsibilities

- Survey design and implementation
 - Data analysis
 - Preparation of analytical report
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USAID Third Party Evaluation Project

Lead Enumerator (Consultant)

Institute of Management Sciences Peshawar
2009

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

Development Insights Lab (DIL)

Senior Research Fellow & Coordinator

Leads research and policy engagement on development challenges in Pakistan, particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Policy Articles

- *The Vicious Cycle of Oil Price Hike, Budget Deficit, Current Account Deficit, and Poverty in Pakistan* (2023)
- *Pakistan mein tail ki musalsal barhti hui qeematon ki wajah kya hai?* (2023)
- *Aala Taleem: Aik Kaleedi Sarmaya Kari* (2023)
- *Pakistani Maeeshat aur Afghan Muhajireen: Bojh ya Asasa?* (2023)
- *KP mein guzishta hukoomaton ki karkardagi ki kahani: Adaad-o-Shumar ki zubani* (2024)

Policy Reports

- Localising Social Vulnerability Indicators in Pakistan
- Provincial Development Performance Analysis of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Policy Dialogues

- Seminar on NFC Award and KP's Fiscal Challenges
 - Seminar on NFC Share and Fiscal Federalism
 - Seminar on Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities
 - Policy dialogue with parliamentary leadership at Governor House Peshawar
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BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Jan, S. A.

A Dynamic Analysis of Regional Imbalances in Pakistan: Testing the Convergence Hypothesis. Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany.

Jan, S. A.

Jirga: Everyday peace building in rural mountain communities of Pakistan. In **A. Kingsolver & S. Balasundaram (Eds.)**, *Global Mountain Regions: A Dialogue toward the Future*. Indiana University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2025

Afridi, J. R., Jan, S. A., & Asif, M. F. (2025). Assessing inequality of opportunity in access to maternal healthcare services in Pakistan: A quantitative attempt. *BMC Health Services Research*, 25, 1167. **(SSCI/Scopus)**

Ghani, I., & Jan, S. A. (2025). The role of social capital: Resilience and recovery of informal businesses after the pandemic. *Quality & Quantity*. **(SSCI/Scopus)**

Afridi, J. R., & Jan, S. A. (2025). Assessment of inequality of opportunity in access to maternal healthcare services in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. *Bulletin of Business and Economics*, 13(2), 870–876.

2023

Pervaiz, Z., Akram, S., Jan, S. A., & Chaudhary, A. R. (2023). Is gender equality conducive to economic growth of developing countries? *Cogent Social Sciences*, 9(2), 2243713. **(Scopus)**

Irfan, M., & Jan, S. A. (2023). Identification of active and passive regimes of fiscal and monetary policies in Pakistan. *Sarhad Journal of Management Sciences*, 9(1).

2021

Jan, S. A., et al. (2021). Social exclusion in Pakistan: An ethnographic and regional perspective. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*. **(SSCI/Scopus)**

Jan, S. A., et al. (2021). Inter-generational economic mobility: The case of north-western Pakistan. *Humanities and Social Sciences Reviews*, 9(3).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2021). Do circumstances matter for earnings? Evidence from a household survey in Punjab. *Journal of Contemporary Issues in Business and Government*, 27(1).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2021). Cross-district analysis of income inequality and education inequality in Punjab. *International Journal of Management*.

2020

Jan, S. A., et al. (2020). Educational costs of less violent and non-violent Pakistan–India conflict in Pakistan. *FWU Journal of Social Sciences*, 14(1).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2020). Prevalence and correlates of child labor in Mohmand Tribal District, KP. *Elementary Education Online*, 19(4).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2020). Impact of food for education program on child labor incidence in KP. *Elementary Education Online*, 19(3).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2020). Socioeconomic incentives in the supply of crimes: Cross-district analysis of KP. *Elementary Education Online*, 19(3).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2020). Prevalence and correlates of poverty in Pakistan. *Pakistan Journal of Humanities & Social Sciences Research*, 3(1).

Earlier Publications

Jan, S. A., et al. (2017). Temporal and spatial variations in human development across districts of Punjab. *FWU Journal of Social Sciences*, 11(2).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2013). Health costs of low intensity violent and non-violent conflicts in Pakistan. *Pakistan Journal of Commerce and Social Sciences*, 7(3).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2012). Human capital inequality and income inequality: Testing for causality. *Quality & Quantity*, 48(1). (SSCI/Scopus)

Jan, S. A., et al. (2011). Testing the conditional convergence hypothesis for Pakistan. *Pakistan Journal of Commerce and Social Sciences*, 5(1).

Jan, S. A., et al. (2011). Testing the unconditional convergence hypothesis for Pakistan. *World Applied Sciences Journal*, 13(2).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PhD Research Fellowship

University of Kentucky, USA

International Research Support Initiative Program (IRSIP), HEC

Worked under supervision of **Prof. Clayton L. Thyne**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Islamic Countries Society for Statistical Sciences (ISOSS)

SCHOLARSHIPS & DISTINCTIONS

- HEC Indigenous PhD Scholarship
 - HEC International Research Support Initiative Program (IRSIP)
 - Research fellowship at University of Kentucky, USA
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COMPUTER SKILLS

EViews • R • SPSS • Microsoft Office

LANGUAGES

English • Urdu • Pashto (Fluent)