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### Education

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- **Fordham University** Ph.D. Candidate, Economics *expected 2020*  
Dissertation Committee: Subha Mani (Chair), Sophie Mitra, and Andrew Simons
- **Fordham University** M.A., Economics 2015
- **Lahore School of Economics** M.Sc., Economics 2014
- **Lahore School of Economics** B.Sc., Economics & Finance 2012

### Research

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#### Specialization and Interests

- **Specialization:** Development Economics; Applied Microeconomics; Applied Econometrics; Labor Economics; Behavioral Economics
- **Research Interests:** Inequality; Intergenerational Mobility; Education; Gender; Personality Traits

#### Works in Progress

- Instrumental Variable Approach to Intergenerational Mobility: Evidence from Indonesia (*JMP*)
- Multi-generational Mobility in Education
- Labor Market Returns of Big Five Personality Traits (*with Subha Mani & Helene Purcell*)

#### Publications

- The Textiles and Garments Sector: Moving Up the Value Chain (with Naved Hamid & Ijaz Nabi) (2014) (*The Lahore Journal of Economics.*)

#### Research Experience

- **Graduate Research Assistant, Fordham University** Aug 2014- May 2016
  - Graduate Student Representative for the Economics Department
  - Worked with the then Chair of Economics Department, Dr. Daryl McLeod, on a project studying competitiveness and real exchange rate undervaluation in the CFA Franc Zone
- **Research Assistant, Lahore School of Economics** Oct 2013- June 2014
  - Performed industry analysis of the textile and garments industry of Pakistan using the trend and volume of exports from 2000-2013
  - Specifically identified reforms in import policy and government's incentive structure which could boost textile exports
  - Lastly, we highlighted structural changes required for textile and garment exports to move up the value chain

## Teaching Experience

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- **Principles of Microeconomics, Fordham University** August 2018- May 2019  
Primary Instructor, ECON 1200 - 2 sections
- **Principles of Macroeconomics, Fordham University** Aug 2016- May 2018  
Primary Instructor, ECON 1100 - 6 sections

## Conference & Seminar Presentations

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- Fordham University Applied Micro Workshop New York, NY April 2019
- Eastern Economic Association New York, NY March 2019
- Southern Economic Association Washington, DC November 2018
- New York State Economics Association Rochester, NY October 2018
- Fordham University Economics Department Seminar New York, NY September 2018

## Workshops

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- Applied Econometrics Workshop New York, NY September 2018
- Inequality by Numbers Workshop New York, NY June 2017

## Awards & Honors

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- Alumni Dissertation Fellowship, Fordham University 2019-2020
- Teaching Fellowship, Fordham University 2016- 2019
- Summer Research Fellowship, Fordham University 2018
- Omicron Delta Epsilon, Fordham University 2017
- Phi Beta Kappa, Fordham University 2016
- Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Fordham University 2014- 2016
- Merit Scholarship (100 percent), Lahore School of Economics 2012- 2014
- Merit Scholarship (75 percent), Lahore School of Economics 2008- 2012

## Skills and Languages

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### Programming

- STATA
- Python (*beginner*)
- SQL (*beginner*)
- R
- MATLAB
- EViews
- SPSS

### Languages:

- English (*proficient*)
- Urdu (*native*)

## References

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