Hira Iqbal

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EDUCATION

- Columbia University in the City of New York   *Sep 2019 – ongoing*
MA Sociology

- Lahore University of Management Sciences   *Sep 2015 – Jun 2018*
BSc Economics with a minor in Anthropology/Sociology   (CGPA : 3.47)
Relevant Courses: Gender and Development, Anthropology of Migration, Applied Microeconomics, Poverty and Income Distribution, Qualitative Research Methods, Ethnography of Pakistan, South Asian Identities, Economics of Corruption, Computational Problem Solving, Global Cities.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research Associate   *Nov 2018 – April 2019*
Worked with a doctoral student at the University of Oregon on the collection and organization of data for a project which attempts to link honour killings and economic shocks in Pakistan.

- LUMS   *Jan 2019 – present*
Teaching Assistant
Served as teaching assistant for SS101: Islamic Studies taught by Syed Baqar Hassan.
                                         Sep 2017 – Dec 2017
Served as teaching assistant for Anth 270: Anthropology of Art taught by Lukas Albert Paul Werth.

- United We REACH   *Aug 2018 – Feb 2019*
Curriculum Developer - ELA
Worked in the Curriculum Enhancement Unit of the organization. Responsibilities include developing and improving the curriculum for public schools, as well as writing scripted lessons and textbooks for primary school students.

- IDEAS (Institute for Development and Economic Alternatives)   *Jul 2018 – Aug 2018*
Internship
Handling and cleaning MICS data in the human development cluster for a project that compared health outcomes in Punjab and Sindh.

- MARO Tandoors   *Jun 2016 – Dec 2016*
Team Member – Marketing Department
Responsible for the design and implementation of promotional campaigns at the food-industry start-up, as well as social media management and marketing, and interpreting customer feedback via Excel and informing business practices based on said feedback.

PROJECTS

- Research Assistant   *Jan 2019 – April 2019*
Part of a project on how environmentally sustainable practices affect growth of small/medium sized enterprises in Gilgit Baltistan. Involved in the variable construction and survey development part of the project.

- BTK Associates – Research and Development Consultants   *Oct 2018*
Data interpretation and report writing for a project using data gathered from 7 districts in Balochistan, with regards to access to water, hygiene, education, etc.

- **Applied Microeconomics** *Jan 2018 – May 2018*

Using CMI data from Pakistan for 2005/2006, we looked at the effect of firm agglomeration within industries on technical inefficiency using Stochastic Frontier analysis.

- **Gender and Development** *Sep 2017 – Dec 2017*

The project focused on the lived experiences of women in academia. The study looked at women in academia from two points of view: firstly, it observed how their home life may be different or may affect their work life in different ways than it did for their male counterparts. Secondly, it looked at their work lives and the kinds of environments they faced at work. Information was gathered through in-depth interviews with both male and female instructors at LUMS, across various disciplines, and then compiled and analysed.

- **Poverty and Income Distribution** *Sep 2017 – Dec 2017*

Studied the effect of infrastructural spending, specifically spending on roads, health, and education, on poverty reduction by constructing an econometric model, and employing the use of Principle Component Analysis.

- **Qualitative Research Methods** *Sep 2017 – Dec 2017*

Looked into the drug policy at LUMS and how the issue of drugs is perceived by the student body and by the administration both, through in-depth interviews with students, participants, and members of the administration, as well as a focus group session.

- **Economics of Corruption** *Jun 2017 – Aug 2017*

Looked into whether a link existed between the education level of bureaucrats and the performance of the government through an extensive literature review.

- **Computational Problem Solving** *Jan 2017 – May 2017*

Created a virtual ticketing system using C++ in CodeBlocks.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS
- Proficient in the use of STATA
- Able to code in C++
- Proficient in the use of Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and Adobe Lightroom.

INTERESTS
- Studying South Asian culture and history, graphic design, camping, trekking.