

Associate Consultants

Dr. Dawood Mamoon

Dawood Mamoon has done his PhD from Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, the Netherlands in Economics of Sustainable Development. His PhD research concentrates on 'International Trade, Poverty, Inequality and Security'. In addition to a PhD, he has earlier obtained two research degrees: A M.Phil and a M.A in Economics where his work concentrates on the relationship between financial development and real economic activity, while separately looking at Banking Sector in Pakistan and then Stock Markets. Most of his research has been published in internationally refereed journals of high repute. These are Economics Letters, Education Economics, Economics of Governance, Journal of Peace Research, Pakistan Development Review, Journal of Educational Planning and Administration, Icfai Journal of Financial Economics

Mr. Dawood Mamoon has more than 10 years of experience working with International Organizations, Research Institutions and Policy Think Tanks. He has worked in liaison with organizations like UNDP, UNESCO, ILO, Dutch ministry of International Cooperation, Netherlands Science Foundation, International Institute of Environment and Development, Institute of Social Studies, Utrecht University, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Quaid-e-Azam University to device and advocate many scientific and academic initiatives.

Dawood is now an Associate Professor at the University of Management and Technology, Lahore.

Uzair Ahson

Uzair Ahson is currently working as Assistant Professor of Economics at GC University, Lahore. He holds M.Phil in Economics and conducted research on Pak-India Intra-industry trade for his MPhil thesis. He is also enrolled in the PhD programme at GC University where his research relates to innovation practices of the SMEs in the Auto parts Sector of Lahore. He has written several newspaper articles as well as research papers related with International Trade and SMEs. He has the honour of representing Pakistan in the 1st Lindau Meeting with Nobel Prize Winners in Economics in 2005 in Germany. He was the Assistant Link Coordinator of Joint Higher Education Link Programme (2004-2007 Phase I) which initiated MSc in Entrepreneurship and SME Management at GC University, Lahore. He has participated and conducted training workshops related with Research Methods, Entrepreneurship and SME Management. He remains committed to provide academic input for the development of SMEs in Pakistan.

Irfan Shahid

Irfan Shahid is an entrepreneur involved in healthcare and IT related setups. He is CEO of a Health Care company Awami Laboratories (www.awami.com) mainly dealing with natural medicines. Irfan is serving as senior partner of a VAS application development & IT company with Telenor & Afghan Wireless, Dawood Group as their major customers.

Irfan's past associations are with Highnoon laboratories and Brain Limited (formerly known as Brain NET). At Brain Ltd he served as Head of Department for Sales & Marketing. His contribution converted Brain from a partnership company to a public limited concern increasing sales from less than 27 million to over 180 million a year.

He has designed a curriculum over e-Tailing/telemedicine and taught at renowned institutions like Government College Lahore, Lahore College for Women, National College of Arts and Allama Iqbal Medical College Lahore. He has been invited to deliver lectures over e-technologies at NUST, HP, ICMA, Intel and various other prestigious platforms.

Sidra Fatima Minhas

Sidra Fatima Minhas has completed her MA in Education, Gender and International Development from the Institute of Education, University of London. In addition to the MA she earlier obtained a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Punjab. Her research interests include gender and education with specialist country interest in Pakistan. Sidra's research has been published internationally.

In the last five years Ms. Minhas has specialized in education and gender related issues researching, writing, campaigning and training especially in the Pakistani context. She has experience of project management, providing training and policy work at governmental level. Additionally, she has worked with national and international organizations and educational institutions. She has worked in liaison with organizations like CIDA, Church World Service, SNV and ADB. She has also been visiting faculty at Government College University, Lahore where she taught a course on the History of Feminism to Postgraduate classes. Sidra works with Development Pool as an external consultant, as a co-founding member of JEHAT.