



FORMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Course Name: Issues in Pakistan's Economy		
Course Code: ECON-400	Course Type (Elective)	Course Credits: 3
Class Timing: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30pm – 4:45pm	Section: B Classroom: E-202	Visiting Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon (Wednesday & Friday) Appointment through email will be appreciated.
Instructor Name: Dr. Muhammad Naveed Tahir Designation: Assistant Professor		
A Note from the Instructor: Dear Students! This course is extremely challenging and exceedingly important for you. It is challenging because it involves a wide range of issues with opposing perspectives on the same issues; and it is important because you may expect a better reception in your social interactions by demonstrating a better understanding about the key issues of Pakistan's economy. You are asked to read this document Pakistan's growth story by Shahid Yousaf before you come to your first class. It can be retrieved from the following link. https://devpakblog.com/2022/01/31/pakistans-crises-ongoing-and-brewing-part-1/ Good luck.		
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<u>Course Introduction</u> The course is designed with an objective to introduce the students to the historical as well as contemporary issues of Pakistan's economy in a political economy perspective. The contents include issues related to agriculture, industry and services sectors, on one hand, and health, education and gender issues, on the other. Moreover, the course includes the exposure about the twin deficit situation of Pakistan's economy, developing over the years, with some analysis of consequences of the dual deficit (budget deficit and balance of payments deficit). The chronic issues of poverty and inequality in Pakistan's economy would be discussed in the context of socio-political and economic institutions in the country. A selection of political economy issues of interest to the students would also be taken up in the course.		
<u>Course Description</u> Leading issues in the Pakistan economy, political economy, growth, income distribution and poverty, state of inflation and unemployment, growth and development issues of major sectors, fiscal and monetary policy, balance of payments and budget deficit, foreign trade and aid, internal and external debt, money and capital markets, and human resource development.		

Main Mode of Instruction: *Class based lectures, Debates & discussions, Zoom meetings (Only if there is a need)*
Technology Requirements Have internet access, be familiar with Moodle, Zoom conferencing and recording

Learning Objectives

The course is designed with a view to arouse interest of the students to know and discuss the critical issues of Pakistan's economy, in such a way that they gradually gather confidence to

- indulge in public debate on issues of interest and understanding
- regret participating in a debate over an issue, they are not sufficiently informed or aware
- attempt seeking solutions of the problems, they understand

Learning outcomes

By the end of this course, students shall be able to

- seek credible sources of information, needed to analyze the issues discussed in the course, independently
- Identify critical phases in the history of Pakistan's economy
- explain the reasons of some contemporary developments in the context of the earlier developments
- Contextualize the issues of Pakistan's economy in the context of social, political and economic factors (broader framework of analysis)

ASSESSMENT BREAKUP

Discussion & Debates	25 %
Assignments	20 %
Term Paper	25 %
Examinations	30 %

Basic Text

Zaidi, S. Akbar (2015) Issues in Pakistan's Economy (3rd Edition), Oxford University Press

Supplementary Readings

Hussain, Ishrat (1999) Pakistan – The Economy of an Elitist State, Oxford University Press

Khan. Shah Rukh Rafi, (1999), 50 Years of Pakistan's Economy, Oxford University Press

Amjad, Rashid & Burki, Shahid Javed ed. (2013) "Pakistan Moving the Economy Forward", LSE

Ahmed, Viqar & Amjad, Rashid (1995) The Management of Pakistan's Economy: 1947-82, Oxford University Press

Lodhi, Maleeha ed. (2011) 'Pakistan Beyond the Crises State', Oxford University Press

Finance Division, GoP (2014) 'Federal Footprint: State Owned Enterprises – Performance Review' prepared by Implementation & Economic Reform Unit, Government of Pakistan

Web Resources

<http://mecometer.com/country/pakistan/> (Very useful data source that can plot data by default)

http://www.finance.gov.pk/survey_1415.html

(Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan, Economic Survey of Pakistan)

<http://www.sbp.org.pk/publications/index2.asp> (State Bank of Pakistan, Publications)

<http://www.pbs.gov.pk/> (Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)

<http://www.amis.pk/Reports/YearMonthWiseDrillDown.aspx> (Agriculture Marketing Information Service)

<http://www.pide.org.pk/> (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics)

<http://www.sdpi.org/> (Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad)

<http://www.spdc.org.pk/> (Social Policy Development Center)

<http://www.tradingeconomics.com/pakistan> (A data source giving latest data along with charts)

<http://www.commerce.gov.pk/> (Official website of Ministry of Commerce, GoP)

<http://www.ead.gov.pk/> (Official website of Ministry of Finance, revenue and Economic Affairs, GoP)

Course Requirements & Important things to know:

- Each month there will be one **debate or discussion** on a topic of interest about Pakistan's Economy. Sources of information will be shared with the students then they would be expected share their perspective based on their 'informed understanding'.
- There will be **Two assignments** (10+10%) based on data analysis on different aspects of Pakistan's economy that will be assigned to each student
- There will be a term paper written by each student (minimum 3000 words) on a topic of interest about Pakistan's Economy. This will be 25% of total assessment in the course.
- **Academic Honesty:**
 - All work that you submit in this course must be your own.
 - Unauthorized group efforts are considered academic dishonesty.
 - You may discuss Assignments in a general way with others, but don't reproduce written work of someone else.
 - You are guilty of academic dishonesty if you examine another's solution, allow (actively or passively) another student to examine your solution, or you copy from the Internet without complete understanding of what you have done. University policy of plagiarism will be applicable in the case.

All cases no matter how trivial they are will be reported to Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) of FCCU. Cheating or violation of academic integrity in any exam will cause F grade.

Grade	Point Value	Numerical Value	Meaning
A	4.00	93-100	Superior
A-	3.70	90-92	
B+	3.30	87-89	Good
B	3.00	83-86	
B-	2.70	80-82	
C+	2.30	77-79	Satisfactory
C	2.00	73-76	
C-	1.70	70-72	
D+	1.30	67-69	Passing
D	1.00	60-66	
F	0.00	59 or below	Failing

Tentative List of Topics to be Covered in this Course

Title	Issue
Getting Familiar	Introducing basic facts of Pakistan's economy, classification of critical issues and nature of political economy.
Structural Transformation	Structural transformation of Pakistan (1947-2020)
Critical issues in Agriculture	An overview of major Trends Agricultural Pricing Policies in Pakistan
	The nature of agricultural pricing in Pakistan (<i>Arthi and Beopari</i>) The economics of wheat support pricing in Pakistan Agricultural income tax
Key Issues of Industry in Pakistan	A. Trends of Major industrial indicators B. Small scale manufacturing (Appendix 8.1 & 8.2) 1. Characteristics, emergence and growth 2. Issues affecting the growth
	C. Textile industry and its efficiency D. Public sector enterprises 1. Performance and challenges 2. Privatization (Capacity and controversy) (Appendix 8.3)
	E. The energy Issue 1. Power generation and its growth 2. The Politics of energy crises (Appendix 8.3) 3. The vicious circle of debt
Pakistan's Foreign Trade and its chronic deficit	Basic Facts on Pakistan's foreign trade (Exports, Imports, Trade Balance, Remittances) Classification of Exports and Imports East Pakistan's share in Pakistan's trade
Resource Mobilization and the Structure of Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of Taxation in Pakistan • Waivers and Exemptions, and the Culture of SROs (Box 10.6)
The fiscal deficit in Pakistan	The Fiscal Responsibility legislation Critical concerns regarding Pakistan's fiscal deficit (Appendix 11.1) The size of defense budget
Fiscal Federalism in Pakistan: Emerging Dynamics, issues and prospects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Finance Commission: An introduction • The New Fiscal Federalism (Box13.1) by Dr. Ishrat Hussain • A New Fiscal Order (Box 13.2) by Mr. Sakib Sherani
The IMF and Structural Adjustment Programs in Pakistan	Questioning the Need for the IMF Program (Box17.2) How Important is the IMF Assistance to Pakistan (Box17.6) IMF credit, Macroeconomic stability and growth sustainability (Box17.10)
Discussion over a Topic of Contemporary Importance	Central Bank Independence Fiscal Policy Choices during the Corona Pandemic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJ0zIS8Izq0>

Pakistan's core economic challenges by Atif Mian in the show the Pakistan Experience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwbuxXqL8Ms>

From Ayub to Imran through Zia and the Bhuttos - Writer and Intellectual - Tariq Ali - TPE [#039](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbH4m6tfUKk>

Political history of Pakistan - Asim Sajjad Akhtar - TPE [#035](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ti0giJ-XtjI>

KLF-2013: Pakistan's New Political Economy (16.2.2013)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HH65AJH7fhE>

Atif Mian, Asim Khawaja, et al | On "Evidence-based Economic Policy" in Pakistan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbi6A6tBFwk>

Atif Mian | What to do about Pakistan's Economy?

Oct 31, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRgcL4TqDFg>

Panel Discussion on Revival of Pakistan's Economy-18 June 2022

4,582 views

Jun 20, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvnxS0e3tds>

Pakistan at 70: Can Pakistan Become an Asian Tiger?

24,988 views

Sep 26, 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiOKzanlM5w>

The Costs of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

33,362 views

Sep 6, 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2izwmuQlJQ>

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the Future of the Belt and Road Initiative

4,147 views

Sep 25, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PXi9I33xzI>

The China Pakistan Economic Corridor: Progress, Opportunities and Perils

7,075 views

Feb 6, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1ahrMhq9LQ>

China's Road Through Pakistan

65,778 views

Nov 19, 2015