

**(Conference Program)**  
**Lahore School of Economics**  
**Fourteenth International Conference on**  
**Management of the Pakistan Economy**  
*Accelerating Economic Growth in Pakistan: Key Macro and Sectoral Drivers*  
**28 – 29 March, 2018**

**Day 1: Wednesday, 28 March 2018**

**9:30 – 10:00 Registration**

Participants to be seated by 10:00

**10:00 – 10:15 Welcome remarks by:**

**Shahid Amjad Chaudhry**, Rector, Lahore School of Economics

**10:15 – 12:00 Session 1 – Macroeconomic Stability and Sustainable Growth**

*Fiscal deficit and Macroeconomic Stability: Key lessons from IMF Programs since 1988*

**Waqar M. Khan**, Former Finance Secretary, Government of Pakistan

*Reviving Pakistan's Exports and the Role of the Exchange Rate*

**Sakib Sherani**, Former Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Islamabad

*Capital Account Liberalisation and Pakistan's Economic Development*

**Almazia Shahid**, Lahore School of Economics

*Regaining Macroeconomic Balance: Breaking out of Pakistan's Impossible Trinity*

**Rashid Amjad**, Lahore School of Economics

**12:00 – 12:15 Tea Break**

**12:15 – 13:30 Session 2 – Poverty and Economic Growth in Pakistan**

*Macro Determinants of Poverty in Pakistan*

**Moazam Mahmood** and **Aimal Tanvir**, Lahore School of Economics

*Social Safety Net Program – BISP in Pakistan: Effectiveness, Challenges and Future Agenda*

**Nasir Iqbal** Benazir Income Support Programme, Islamabad

**Saima Nawaz**, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad

*Informal Economy; Size (sectoral distribution), Trends and Implications for Growth*

**Ahmed M. Khalid**, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei

**13:30 – 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 – 15:45 Session 3 – Leveraging CPEC for Balanced Growth I**

*The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): Considering contemporary Pakistan through old-fashioned economics and historical case studies*

**Matthew McCartney**, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

*Managing Development with Chinese Investment: The Case of Sri Lanka*

**Sirimal Abeyratne**, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

*How can Pakistan Benefit from the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor?*

**Rajah Rasiah, Shujaat Mubarik and Nazia Nazeer**, University of Malaya, Malaysia

**15:45 – 16:00 Tea Break**

**16:00 – 17:15 Session 4 – Leveraging CPEC for Balanced Growth II**

*Maximizing the Impact of Chinese Investment in Pakistan*

**Khalil Hamdani**, Former Director, United Nations, Genève

*Special Economic Zones (SEZs): A Comparative Analysis for CPEC SEZs in Pakistan*

**Muhammad Muzammil Zia**, Centre of Excellence for CPEC

**Cui Yong**, Jiangsu University, China

**Beenash Afzal Malik**, Centre of Excellence for CPEC

*Agriculture Development Options under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)*

**Mahmood Ahmad**, Lahore University of Management Sciences

**Sana Khalid**, Agriculture Delivery Unit (ADU), Agriculture Department of Punjab

**Day 2: Thursday, 29 March 2018**

**10:00 – 11:45** *Session 5 – Determining an Industrial Strategy and Optimal Locations for Industrial Clusters and Special Economic Zones*

*Punjab's Industrial Strategy – Opportunities and Synergies*

**Azam Chaudhry & Theresa Chaudhry**, Lahore School of Economics

*Productivity Dispersion across districts in Punjab, Pakistan*

**Maryiam Haroon**, Lahore School of Economics

*Suitable Locations for Special Economic Zones with Special Emphasis on CPEC*

**Umair Ayaz**, Lahore School of Economics

*Relative Wage Variation and Industry Location in Punjab*

**Zunia Saif**, Lahore School of Economics

**11:45 – 12:00** **Tea Break**

**12:00 – 13:15** *Session 6 – Role of Trade Policy, Finance and Innovation in an Optimal Industrial Strategy*

*Boosting Export Opportunities for Pakistan: Leveraging Pakistan's Trade Policy with respect to China*

**Rabia Arif & Nida Jamil**, Lahore School of Economics

*Financing SME Growth in Punjab*

**Tariq Raza & Amar Shuja**, Lahore School of Economics

*Identifying and Understanding the High Growth Firms in Pakistani Textile and Apparel Sectors*

**Waqar Wadho & Azam Chaudhry**, Lahore School of Economics

**13:15 – 14:15** **Lunch**

**14:15 – 15:30** *Session 7 – Innovation and Change in the Financial Services Industry – Implications for Growth*

*Role of Financial Services in Economic Growth – Policy Implications for Pakistan*

**Jamshed Uppal**, The Catholic University of America, Washington DC

**Inayat Mangla**, Lahore School of Economics

*Is Pakistan Ready to Embrace FintTech Innovation?*

**Kumail Rizvi**, Lahore School of Economics

**Bushra Naqvi**, Lahore University of Management Sciences

**Fatima Tanveer**, Lahore School of Economics

*Cryptocurrencies, Block Chain and Regulation*

**Ayesha Afzal**, Lahore School of Economics

**15:30 – 15:45** **Tea Break**

**15:45 – 17:15** *Session 8 – Reviving Agriculture Growth in Pakistan*

*Why Agriculture Productivity, Diversification and Growth Remain Inadequate in Pakistan?*

**Sohail Malik**, Innovative Development Strategies, USA

*Market and Pricing Reforms for a more Diverse and Dynamic Agriculture*

**Naved Hamid**, Lahore School of Economics

*Restoring Agriculture Sector's Competitiveness and Dynamism in the Punjab*

**Johannes (Hans) G. P. Jansen**, The World Bank

*Promoting Growth in Livestock Sector - Issues and Policy Reforms*

**Talat Naseer Pasha**, Vice Chancellor University of Veterinary Sciences

**17:15 – 17:45** *Conference Wrap-up*