

**Eighth Annual Conference on Management of Pakistan Economy  
Towards Accelerated Economic Growth in Pakistan: It's Need and Feasibility  
16-17 May, 2012 at the Burki Campus, Lahore School of Economics**

**Day 1: Wednesday, 16 May 2012 – Accelerating Economic Growth: Challenges and Constraints**

- 09:00 to 9:30      Opening Remarks and Introduction
- 9:30 to 11:00      **Session 1- Towards a Heterodox Strategy for Stabilisation and Economic Growth for Pakistan**
- *Towards a Heterodox Approach: Reconciling Stabilisation and Economic Growth in Pakistan*  
**Dr. Irfan Ul Haque**, Special Advisor, Financing for Development, South Centre, Geneva
  - *The Captivating Vision of the New Growth Strategy and Pakistan's Absent Elites: A Political Economy Perspective*  
**Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi**, Visiting Professor, School of International Public Affairs, Columbia University
- 11:00 to 11:15      Tea Break
- 11:15 to 13:00      **Session 2 - Economic Growth-Employment-Poverty Nexus**
- *The "New" Notion of Inclusive Growth: Some Agnostic Reflections*  
**Dr. Ashwani Saith**, Professor, Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam
  - *Pakistan: Stagflation, Labour Market Impact and the Poverty Puzzle*  
**Dr. Rashid Amjad**, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
  - *Global Growth and Employment: Macro Policy Options for 2012*  
**Dr. Moazam Mahmood**, Director, Economic and Labour Market Analysis Department, International Labour Office
- 13:00 to 14:00      Lunch
- 14:00 to 16:00      **Session 3- International Competitiveness, for Sustainable Economic Growth**
- *Industrialisation by Fitting in: Acquiring Technology through Collaboration and Subcontracting*  
**Mr. Sikander Rahim**, Former Principal Economist, World Bank
  - *What Hinders Export Competitiveness: A Survey of Exporters Perception*  
**Dr. Musleh-Ud-Din**, Chief of Research, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
  - *The Birth and Death of Firms: Entry and Survival of Firms in Punjab's Export Sectors*  
**Dr. Azam Chaudhry**, Dean, Faculty of Economics, Lahore School of Economics
  - *Competitiveness and Pakistan: A Dangerous, Distorting and Dead End Obsession*  
**Dr. Matthew McCartney**, Lecturer, Wolfson College, University of Oxford
- 16:00 to 16:15      Tea Break
- 16:15 to 17:30      **Session 4 - International Perspectives**
- *Sri Lanka's Bilateral Trade under FTAs with India and Pakistan*  
**Dr. Sirmal Abeyratne**, Professor Economics, University of Colombo
  - *Trade, Public Finance, and Economic Development in Turk-Persia c. 1919-1973*  
**Timothy Nunan**, DPhil Candidate, University of Oxford
  - *Does Devolution Make any Difference to Human Development? Case Study: India*  
**Indrajit Roy**, DPhil Candidate, University of Oxford
  - *Teacher-Student Case and Gender Match and its Effect on Education in Pakistan*  
**Naureen Karachiwalla**, DPhil Candidate, University of Oxford

## **Day 2: Thursday, 17 May 2012 – Accelerating Economic Growth: Means and Channels**

- 09:00 to 10:45    **Session 1- Pakistan’s Strategic Importance and its Trade Relations**
- *Back to the Future: Regional Trade as a Vent for Economic Growth*  
**Dr. Ijaz Nabi**, Country Director, International Growth Centre, Pakistan
  - *The Prospects for Indo-Pak Trade*  
**Dr. Hafeez Pasha**, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, BNU
  - *Trading with Neighbours – Opportunities and Pitfalls*  
**Dr. Naved Hamid**, Director, Centre for Research in Economics and Business, Lahore School of Economics
- 10:45 to 11:00    Tea Break
- 11:00 to 13:00    **Session 2- Immediate Constraints and Longer-Term Triggers for Economic Growth**
- *Power Politics: An Assessment of Energy Sector Privatization in Pakistan*  
**Dr. Kamal Munir**, University Senior Lecturer in Strategy, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge
  - *Immediate Constraints and Long Term Triggers for Pakistan*  
**Mr. Asad Umar**, Former CEO Engro Corp.
  - *Beware the Growth Ayatollahs: Why Pakistan needs to give Reforms an Honest Chance*  
**Mr. Sakib Sherani**, Former Principal Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan
  - *Identification and Analysis of the Major Constraints Facing Industry in the Punjab*  
**Dr. Syed M. Turab Hussain**, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, LUMS
- 13:00 to 14:00    Lunch
- 14:00 to 16:00    **Session 3- Making Provincial Devolution Work**
- *Adapting Public Sector Services to Local Delivery*  
**Dr. Ishrat Hussain**, Dean and Director, Institute of Business Administration.
  - *18th Constitutional Amendment: A Glue or a Solvent for Nation Building and Citizenship in Pakistan?*  
**Dr. Anwar Shah**, Director, Center for Public Economics, Chengdu, China and the Distinguished Professor of Economics, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics
  - *Fiscal Implications of Devolution in Pakistan: The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment*  
**Dr. Aisha Pasha**, Director, Institute of Public Policy, BNU
  - *Civil Service Management in Devolved Government: Reconciling the Opposites of Local Accountability and Civil Service Career Incentives in Pakistan,*  
**Dr. Musharaff Rasool Cyan**, Research Associate, International Center for Public Policy, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University
- 16:00 to 16:15    Tea Break
- 16:15 to 17:15    **Key Conclusions from the Conference**  
**Discussants:**
- Dr. Irfan Ul Haque
  - Dr. Ashwani Saith
  - Dr. Matthew McCartney