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KEY MACRO AND SECTORAL DRIVERS

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**Fourteenth International Conference on
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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***
Regaining Macroeconomic Balance: Breaking out of Pakistan's Impossible Trinity
Rashid Amjad, Lahore School of Economics
Reviving Pakistan's Exports and the Role of the Exchange Rate
Sakib Sherani, Former Economic Adviser, Government of Pakistan
Capital Account Liberalisation and Development in Pakistan
Almazia Shahzad, State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi
- 12:00 – 12:15** **Tea Break**
- 12:15 – 13:30** ***Session 2 – Poverty and Economic Growth in Pakistan***
The Macro Determinants of Poverty in Pakistan
Moazam Mahmood & 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 UNCTAD, 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
Hasnain Javed, Ministry of Industries and Production, Pakistan
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***
CPEC and 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
Amar Shuja & Tariq Raza, 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 Fintech 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***
Market and Pricing Reforms for a more Diverse and Dynamic Agriculture
Naved Hamid & Mahniya Zafar, 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, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore
- 17:15 – 17:45** ***Conference Wrap-up***

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