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## **Lahore School of Economics**

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requests the pleasure of your participation in

### **EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PAKISTAN ECONOMY**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

*Program Overleaf*

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**Eighteenth Annual Conference on the  
Management of the Pakistan Economy  
23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**Day 1: Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025**

**Venue: Amjad Chaudhry Library, Main Campus**

**9:15 – 9:30      Registration**

**9:30 – 10:00      *Recitation of the Holy Quran*  
**Dr. Sohail Zafar****

*Opening address:*

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

**10:00 – 13:00      *Session 1 – Macro, Growth and Stabilization***

**Chair: Dr. Ishrat Hussain**

*State of the Pakistan Economy: Modeling Growth, Trade and Macro  
Stabilization*

**Dr. Moazam Mahmood, Dr. Azam Chaudhry, Seemab Sajid and Amna  
Noor Fatima, Sara Qasim**, Lahore School of Economics

*Generating Sustainable Growth*

**Dr. Rashid Amjad**, Lahore School of Economics

*Easing Balance of Payments Constraints on Growth in Pakistan*

**Dr. Azam Chaudhry** Lahore School of Economics

*Monetary Policy under Fiscal Uncertainty, External Vulnerability and Low  
Productivity: The Case of Pakistan*

**Dr. Naved Hamid**, Lahore School of Economics

**Dr. Murtaza Syed**, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

*Sustainable Industrial Policy and Industrial Upgrading in Southeast Asia*

**Dr. Rajah Rasiah**, Universiti Malaya

*Multilateralism and Trade*

**Mustafa Sadni Jallab**, WTO, (Online)

**Session End Remarks: Dr. Ishrat Hussain**

**13:00 – 14:00      Lunch**

**14:00 – 16:00      *Session 2 – Trade and Enabling Factors***

**Chair: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Assessing the Impact of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) on  
Pakistan's Export Sectors: Implications for Textiles and Beyond*

**Dr. Azam Chaudhry**, Lahore School of Economics

**Dr. Gul Andaman**, Lahore School of Economics

*Mitigating Air Pollution in Lahore: Opportunities, Incentives and Constraints*

**Dr. Theresa Thompson Chaudhry**, Lahore School of Economics

**Natasha Moeen**, Lahore School of Economics

*Comparative Analysis of Pakistan's GVC Position and its Regional Competitors*

**Dr. Rabia Arif**, Lahore School of Economics

*Revamping Pakistan's Export Development Fund*

**Dr. Mujtaba Piracha**, Government of Pakistan

## **Discussion**

**Day 2: Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**Venue: Amjad Chaudhry Library, Main Campus**

**09:30 – 11:30    *Session 1 – Institutional Change for Growth and Stabilization***

**Chair: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Post COVID-Pandemic Inflation Persistence and Inflationary Expectations in Pakistan*

**Dr. Kaleem Hyder**, State Bank of Pakistan

**Sabina Khurram Jafri**, State Bank of Pakistan

**Omer Farooq Saqib**, State Bank of Pakistan

*Pakistan: The Missing Macroeconomics of Urbanization*

**Dr. Matthew McCartney**, The Charter Cities Institute

*Unlocking Global Markets: The Impact of International Standards Certification on Pakistani Firms' Export Performance*

**Dr. Waqar Wadho**, Lahore School of Economics

*Savings, Investments and Outflows*

**Shamyla Chaudhry**, Lahore School of Economics

**Muzzna Maqsood**, Lahore School of Economics

**Discussion**

**11:30 – 11:45    Tea Break**

**11:45 – 13:45    *Session 2 – Sectoral Strategies***

**Chair: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Determinants of Tax Revenue: Macroeconomic Drivers and Policy Implications*

**Dr. Arshad Hassan**, Lahore School of Economics

*Financing Infrastructure*

**Dr. Jamshed Uppal**, Busch School of Business, Catholic University of America

*Pricing Energy and Retiring Circular Debt*

**Dr. Rabia Ikram**, Lahore School of Economics

**Muzzna Maqsood**, Lahore School of Economics

*Informed Job Searching: How Access to Information Shapes Job Search Behavior*

**Dr. Zunia Saif**, Lahore School of Economics

**Discussion**

**13:45 – 14:45    Lunch**

**14:45 – 16:45 Round Table Conference**

**Chair:** Mr. Matthew McCartney

1. Ali Khilji - WTO Chairs Program
2. Mr. Amin Lodhi (State Bank of Pakistan)
3. Dr. Naseem Faraz & Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed (Ministry of Finance)
4. Dr. Ishrat Hussain, former Governor SBP
5. Dr. Ali Cheema, Vice Chancellor LUMS
6. Dr. Syed M Turab Hussain (Principal Aitchison College)
7. Ministry of Commerce

**Rapporteur's Report:** Dr. Matthew McCartney

**Closing Remarks:** Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhry, Rector, Lahore School of Economics