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Gun & Country Club, Islamabad

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DAY 1 | Thursday 14th September 2023

REGISTRATION

0900 – 0930

INAUGURAL SESSION

0930 – 1000

- **RASTA PROGRESS REPORT**
Faheem Jehangir, Project Director RASTA
- **RASTA CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**
Nadeem Ul Haque, Vice Chancellor PIDE

I. URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY

1000 – 1130

- **EMERGENCE AND GROWTH OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN DAROGHAWALA INDUSTRIAL CLUSTER LAHORE**
Muhammad Shafaat Nawaz (University of Illinois at Chicago, USA)
- **EXPLORATION AND ANALYSING THE DRIVERS OF URBAN SPRAWL IN PAKISTAN: A CASE STUDY OF LAHORE**
Mazhar Abbas (Government College University, Faisalabad)
- **BUILDING-UP POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR BUSINESS INCUBATION ECOSYSTEM IN PAKISTAN**
Abdul Wahid (NUML, Islamabad)

DISCUSSANT

- **ZAHID ASGHAR**
Professor (Economics), Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

TEA BREAK

1130 – 1200

II. LAW AND JUDICIARY

1200 – 1330

- **BOTTLENECKS OR INEFFICIENCIES: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY AND COURT PRODUCTIVITY IN THE LOWER JUDICIARY SYSTEM OF PUNJAB**
Saima Sarwar (Government College University, Lahore)
- **INVESTIGATING THE PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND CIRCUMSTANTIAL IMPEDIMENTS LEADING TO DELAY IN DISPENSATION OF JUSTICE**
Ahsan Jamal Pirzada (Jamal & Jamal Advocates & Legal Consultants, Islamabad)
- **PRISONS AS PATHWAYS TO REHABILITATION OR CRIMINALITY? A CASE-STUDY OF THE PRISON'S EFFECT ON LONG-TERM REHABILITATION OUTCOMES IN HARIPUR JAIL**
Shujahat Ali (University of Peshawar, Peshawar)

DISCUSSANT

- **KHALID CHAUHAN**
Secretary, Tourism Department, AJ&K Government

LUNCH BREAK**1330 - 1415****RASTA SHOWCASE-I: DOMESTIC COMMERCE****1415 - 1430**

- **THE STATE OF COMMERCE IN PAKISTAN**
OMER SIDDIQUE (Senior Research Economist, PIDE Islamabad)

III. HUMAN CAPITAL AND OPPORTUNITIES**1430 - 1600**

- **NATURE, CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN BALOCHISTAN: AN EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS**
Mohammad Ahsan Achakzai (BUIITEMS, Quetta)

- **SKILLED WOMEN'S SELF-EMPLOYABILITY AND TVET PROGRAMS IN BALOCHISTAN: AN EMPIRICAL STUDY**
Nagina Gul (BUIITEMS, Quetta)

- **INVESTIGATING ENGINEERING GRADUATES' EMPLOYABILITY USING ADVANCED MACHINE LEARNING**
Aqsa Shabbir (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore)

DISCUSSANT

- **NOOREEN MUJAHID**
Director, AERC, University of Karachi

DAY 2 | Friday 15th September 2023

IV. SLUDGE AND DEAD CAPITAL**1000-1130**

- **CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF LEGAL-INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE OF REVENUE COURTS IN PAKISTAN: MINIMIZING SLUDGE IN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY CASES**
Saad S. Khan (Governor's Inspection Team, Government of KP)

- **ALTERNATE USE OF PUBLIC ASSETS: A CASE STUDY OF ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**
Moazzam Ali (Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad)

- **UNLOCKING PAKISTAN RAILWAYS DEAD CAPITAL**
Azwar Muhammad Aslam (PIDE Islamabad)

DISCUSSANT

- **AHMED WAQAR QASIM**
Senior Research Economist, PIDE Islamabad

TEA BREAK

1130 – 1200

V. EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

1200 – 1330

- **FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL DROPOUT IN PAKISTAN: AN ASSESSMENT USING SURVIVAL ANALYSIS**

Alvina Sabah Idrees (Government College University, Lahore)

- **AN IGNORED SOLUTION TO K-12 EDUCATION PROBLEMS IN PAKISTAN: FRAMEWORK FOR MAINSTREAMING CAREER EDUCATION**

Ghazanfar Iqbal (University of Makran, Panjgur)

- **TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION IN ISLAMABAD POLICE**

Verda Salman (NUST, Islamabad)

DISCUSSANT

- **RAFIULLAH KAKAR**

Member (Social Sector & Devolution), Planning Commission of Pakistan

LUNCH BREAK

1330 – 1415

RASTA SHOWCASE-II: VALUE CHAIN OF EDIBLE OIL

1415 – 1430

- **INVESTIGATION OF VALUE CHAIN OF EDIBLE OIL TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE POLICY INTERVENTIONS TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

ABEDULLAH ANJUM (Chief of Research), PIDE Islamabad)

VI. PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION

1430 – 1600

- **TAMING THE LEVIATHAN TOWARDS PUBLIC SECTOR RESOURCE EFFICIENCY: FISCAL FEDERALISM OR FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION IN PAKISTAN**

Muhammad Ahmad Barula (Independent Researcher, Lahore)

- **WITHHOLDINGISATION OF TAXATION SYSTEM: BENEFICIAL OR NOT?**

Amer Shakeel (University of Management and Technology, Lahore)

- **FIRMS' FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND EXPORT PERFORMANCE: EVIDENCE FROM MANUFACTURING SECTOR FIRMS IN PAKISTAN**

Fareeha Armugan (SDPI, Islamabad)

DISCUSSANT

- **ATHAR MAQSOOD**

Professor (Economics), NUST Islamabad

CLOSING SESSION

1600

- **LESSONS, WAY FORWARD & VOTE OF THANKS**

NADEEM UL HAQUE (Vice Chancellor PIDE / Chairman RAC, RASTA)

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