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PhD Economics Scholar Co-Authors a Paper on Economic Growth and Capital Flight

Aysha Khatoon, PhD Scholar, Department of Economics, co-authored a paper that has been published as a chapter in a book titled 'Economic Growth and Financial Development Effects of Capital Flight in Emerging Economies'. The book outlines the relationship between financial development and economic growth in the light of global financial crisis of 2008-09.

Welcoming the New Chairperson Economics, Dr. Muhammad Nasir

After the successful completion of Dr. Adnan Haider's tenure as Chairperson Economics, it is with great pleasure that we introduce to you the new Chairperson Economics, Dr. Muhammad Nasir, effective November 3rd, 2021.

Dr. Nasir obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Clark University, Worcester, MA, USA in 2016. His research interests include Development Economics, Applied Econometrics, Political Economy, and Spatial Economics. He has experience of working in PIDE, and has several publications in renowned journals.

We wish him the best of luck and look forward to new developments in the department.

Gilgit-Baltistan Visit

On 4th October, Dean SESS Dr. Asma Hyder, along with her team comprising Dr. Sahar Nadeem, Chairperson SSLA, and Sajjad Ahmad, Lecturer SSLA went to Gilgit-Baltistan to sign an MOU between IBA and the University of Baltistan.



The universities agreed to create opportunities for mutual collaboration on teaching and research. Both the institutes agreed that the priority of the partnership should be to focus on topics of mutual interest, i.e., Climate Change, Agriculture, and Tourism. Keeping in view these areas of interest, the institutes shall collaborate on:

- long/short term faculty exchange programs
- cooperative/collaborative research projects
- application for joint research funding
- joint research seminars and conferences
- support for in-field module of MS Development Studies students of IBA Karachi
- any other academic initiative or activity with the mutual consent of both the parties

The University of Baltistan further agreed to host and facilitate IBA's MS Development Studies students who want to conduct research in GB. Furthermore, IBA will host a conference on Climate Change in G-B in association with the University of Baltistan.



The Climate Conference by CBER

Pakistan is one of the world's most climate vulnerable countries ranking fifth in the list. It has experienced various disasters in recent decades, including floods, droughts and intense heat waves causing thousands of fatalities. Researchers have projected an increase in frequency and severity of these catastrophic environmental events, causing food and water scarcity, health and socio-economic issues in coming decades.

Realising the urgent call of the most complex and challenging issue faced by humanity today, the Center of Business and Economic Research (CBER) and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Pakistan at the IBA Karachi organized a two-day conference titled "Climate Change - Threats, Risks and Vulnerabilities" on 8th-9th October 2021. The aim of the conference was to create a conversation around climate change as a non-traditional security challenge as the changing climate and environmental degradation is increasingly and adversely affecting migration, deterioration of environmental conditions and resource constraints. Researchers from all parts of the world have projected an increase in frequency and severity of catastrophic environmental events, causing food and water scarcity, health, and socio-economic issues in coming decades, hence making this discourse a highly important conversation.

The program included six panel discussions and four dairas (informal circles) on topics including ecology and the state, infrastructure, speciesism in intersectionality, scorching Cities, political ecologies of Sindh's coastal areas' water, displacement, multi-species collaborative survival, entrepreneurship, fair trade, ethical practices and more. Several policy makers, academicians, development practitioners and students participated in this conference physically and virtually.

Meet the Author: Dr. Ali Raza

On 19th November, the School of Economics and Social Sciences hosted Dr. Ali Raza, Associate Professor at LUMS, to talk about his book *Revolutionary Pasts: Communist Internationalism in Colonial India*. Dr. Ali Raza is a historian who specialises in the history of modern South Asia. He received his DPhil from the University of Oxford. The session was moderated by Dr. Ahmad Azhar.

Dr. Raza made an impassioned case for revisiting the historic terrain of revolutionary movements in late colonial Punjab. He argued for the need to adopt a "global" perspective in order to make sense of the localised and concrete development of leftist movements in the fluid context of interwar Punjab. In what constitutes a refreshing departure, Dr. Raza built his larger argument around the individual life trajectories of subaltern revolutionary stalwarts. This mix of micro and macro perspectives made for an exciting talk that was very well received by the audience.

The session was attended by faculty members, students, and staff who seemed captivated by the insightful discussion. Dr. Raza engaged with the audience to make the session more interactive and fruitful.



A Tapestry of Languages and Cultures in the Indus Valley

This seminar series was organized by the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi. Dr. Abdul Haque Chang moderated these seminar sessions. This seminar series aimed to bring the diverse cultural and linguistic voices of Pakistan into perspective. What are the histories, cultural narratives, folktales, and musical and poetic traditions of these languages? What place does Sindhi, Balochi, Persian, Saraiki, Punjabi, Pashto, Dari, Burushaski, Dhatki, Kalasha-mun, Brahui, Shina, or Kashmiri occupy in the unique tapestry of languages and cultures of the Indus Valley? This seminar series invited scholars of social sciences, liberal arts, humanities, ethnomusicology, history, and languages to present engaging research through informal narrative-style presentations and discussion with participants.

The second talk in the series by Professor Sabir Badal Khan, entitled “**Immortalized by Love: Discussing the 15th-Century Love Romance of Shay Murid and Hani**” was organized on 15th October. The guest and moderator discussed the Balochi epic of Shay Murid and Hani, 15th-century romances in Balochi, and how they are depicted in modern Balochi literature.

The third talk in the series entitled “**Persian and Its Currency in South Asia**” was conducted by Dr. Kaleemullah Lashari on Saturday, 6th November. The discussion that ensued talked about how Persian has enjoyed a respectable place in South Asian culture for centuries. With regard to that, the Indo-Iranian language connection is an area where much work could be undertaken; however, in the recent past, there is definitive evidence of Persian influencing literary tradition.

The fourth session in the series entitled “**Politics of Language and Education in Sindh during the 1st half of the British period**” was organized along the hybrid model. The speaker, Dr. Haider Nizamani, came to the Main Campus, IBA to deliver his talk. Dr. Nizamani discussed how from Plassey (1757) to Miani (1843), the British had almost a century of experience under the belt when they took over Sindh. One hundred years of British rule has left indelible mark on Sindh. The issue of language and politics surrounding it was one such area. The British grappled with controversies surrounding standardizing the script of Sindhi in mid-19th century to create a class of functionaries to conduct the official business. How successfully did they meet these challenges? What were long-term impacts of the British language and education policies on polity of Sindh?

The fifth talk in the series entitled “**Some Aspects of Indus Valley Civilization: With Special Emphasis on Mohenjo-Daro,**” was conducted by Prof. Dr. Michael Jansen on Thursday, 25th November 2021. Dr. Jansen talked about how the socio-economic and behavioral study of the Mohenjo-Daro and the Indus Valley civilization can provide us new avenues to think about the region's cultures, religions, and social aspects of life. He further discussed how we adjudge the languages and cultures of Pakistan other than Urdu and English. Although Pakistan has many languages and cultures, these two are the most privileged and little attention is paid to other languages.



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Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop: Analyzing Text and Talk

In the Economics department, Dr. Khadija Bari and Dr. Lalarukh Ejaz organized a Workshop entitled “**Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop: Analyzing Text and Talk**”. The aim of the workshop is to educate faculty members about how to analyze and publish textual data. While the primary focus is on the analysis of textual data, most of the covered methods and techniques are also applicable to audio and visual data. Examples of data suitable for qualitative analysis include interview transcripts, focus group recordings, print media, archival documents, government reports, corporate annual non-financial reports, blogs, meeting notes, diaries, photo collections, and social media posts.

The workshop has started from 15th October, and sessions will be conducted every Friday. The workshop is headed by Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, Chair of Social Research and Methodology at the University of Basel, Research Councilor of the Swiss National Science Foundation, and member of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences, and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), a global initiative for the United Nations.

Seminar: How have school closures affected children around the world?

On 21st October, Dr Amir Jahan Khan organized a session entitled “How have School Closures Affected Children Around the World?”.

The guest speaker at session was Dr. Hans Henrik Sievertsen, Senior Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Bristol. He presented his latest research on the topic to a vast audience consisting of faculty and students.

The participants showed great interest in the webinar and asked questions on various aspects of school disruption over last 18 months, including the impact of technology-based teaching, quality of learning, state of student assessments, and financial stability of private schooling.

How do Pakistani Millennials Acquire Urdu?

On October 28, 2021, the Department of Social Sciences & Liberal Arts organized a panel titled ‘How do Pakistani Millennials Acquire Urdu?’ to discuss how younger generations of Pakistanis aspire to achieve mastery in Urdu in an educational environment increasingly inundated with English words and phrases. The evening-time event, organized under the open sky in the OBS Courtyard on IBA’s Main Campus, featured a free-ranging conversation between three millennial Urdu scholars/translators – a young engineering student Muhammad Ibrahim from Peshawar, a software engineer and Urdu journal/website editor Hassan Rehman from Lahore, and IBA’s faculty member Zahra Sabri from Karachi. The three scholars/translators described their experiences of growing up in diverse regions of Pakistan in a home and school environment where you pick up multiple languages (and dialects within languages) such as Urdu, English, Pashto, Punjabi, and Hindko, switching between them as required, from a relatively young age.



They analyzed the challenges and opportunities inherent in being nurtured in a profoundly bilingual, trilingual, or even quadrilingual setting of this sort, and how this impacts the way they relate to standard Urdu in the 21st century. Through the experiences of these three ‘native’ and ‘non-native’ speakers of Urdu, audience members gained a detailed insight into certain typical educational experiences of new and younger generations of educated Pakistanis situated in different parts of the country. The speakers emphasized how the state of our academic environment, with its mixed and sometimes confused language policies, meant that even as Urdu remained the most widely understood and used language in the country, the acquisition of ‘good’ Urdu depended more and more on personal effort and investment rather than the resources offered by our current educational system. The guest translators from out of town – Muhammad Ibrahim and Hassan Rehman – read out samples of their superb translation work from Urdu to

English, and were greeted with applause and appreciation from the audience, who admired, and felt inspired by, the creatively and aesthetically sophisticated quality of Urdu being written by representatives of a generation of Pakistanis who are frequently thought of as having drifted away from the language in today’s day and age. Dealing as it did with the vital topic of language and education, as well as the evolution of contemporary Urdu language and literature, the event was attended by a diverse range of individuals from among IBA’s students and faculty members, as well as by journalists and prominent educationists from schools and universities based in various parts of Karachi, including prominent veteran journalist Mrs. Zubeida Mustafa.

The conversation was moderated by Zahra Sabri, who teaches History and Urdu Literature at IBA, and the welcome note of the event was delivered by Dr Syed Jaffar Ahmed, who remarked that in an era of unprecedented in-country migration, the tendency and desirability for multilingualism had increased all over the country, and even the wider region, as proven by the fact that there are significant numbers of formal Urdu learners at universities in present-day Bangladesh.

Book Launch: Marginalization, Contestation and Change in South Asian Cities

On October 29th, Dr. Sahar Nadeem, Chairperson SSLA, hosted a session entitled “Marginalization, Contestation and Change in South Asian Cities” at the OBS Courtyard in the Main Campus. Dr. Nida Kirmani, editor of the book, moderated the session. Panelists included Asad Sayeed, Hashim Bin Rashid, Noman Ahmed, Heba Islam and Arif Hasan.

The author discussed how the book approaches the city as a site of multiple contestations and contradictions and aims to highlight struggles over space, resources, identities, and meaning taking place within South Asian cities. She talked about the ways in which the adoption of neoliberal models of development has impacted South Asian cities and their citizens, highlighting similarities and differences in urban change in both Pakistan and India.

MoU with Thar Rural Development Program (TRDP)

On November 9th, 2021, the IBA signed an MoU with the TRDP in order to combine areas of strength of the two institutes to open avenues for joint research and innovation.

As per the MoU, IBA shall encourage its faculty and students to carry out research related to Socioeconomic Community and rural development issues in Sindh, and to participate in the various development projects carried out by TRDP.

TRDP will facilitate faculty and students by arranging field visits in its areas of operation. They will also facilitate student and faculty research that matches with the thematic and physical areas of TRDP’s engagement, as well as share data and information with IBA for academic research purposes.



MoU Signing with FPCCI

On November 9th 2021, Mohammad Younus Dagha, Chairman FPCCI’s Policy Advisory Board and Dr Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director IBA Karachi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The team from IBA



further included Dean SESS Dr. Asma Hyder, and some other faculty members. The two institutes have agreed to collaborate over the following terms of reference:

1. Selection of topics for joint research/study/survey with mutual consultation
2. Co-authorship of papers as experts in the field
3. Preparation and dissemination of surveys for industry experts and academia
4. Endorsement and circulation of reports and papers on FPCCI and IBA’s social media
5. Validation and comments on Econometric Analysis and Methodology by IBA Faculty
6. Correspondence with Associations and Chambers throughout Pakistan
7. Data sharing for Research Purpose

FPCCI’s areas of interest include Macro Economic Framework (Fiscal and Monetary Policy), Trade, Energy, and Agriculture. Moreover, they want to work together to ascertain the actual determinants of economic growth, opportunities for new markets, E-commerce, the key challenges faced by SMEs, and alternative financing solutions available for firms.

October 2021 Pakistan Development Update: Reviving Exports

On Monday, 15th November 2021, Dr. Faiz Ur Rehman from the Economics department hosted a team from the World Bank comprising Gonzalo J. Varela, Senior Economist and two other economists from the World Bank to present their latest report that examines trade developments and prospects in Pakistan, and the challenges faced by the import-export sectors. The World Bank team provided the following policy recommendations that can help improve Pakistan’s export competitiveness:



- Gradually reduce effective rates of protection through a long-term tariff rationalization strategy to encourage exports
- Reallocate export financing away from working capital and into capacity expansion through the Long-Term Financing Facility,
- Consolidate market intelligence services by supporting new exporters and evaluating the impact of current interventions to increase their effectiveness,
- Design and implement a long-term strategy to upgrade productivity of firms that fosters competition, innovation and maximizes export potential.



The session was attended by faculty, staff, and students alike. At the end of the presentation, the attendees asked some hard-hitting questions that resulted in an engaging discussion on the way forward for Pakistan. At the end of the session, Dr. Asma Hyder, Dean SESS, and Dr. Muhammad Nasir, Chairperson Economics department presented souvenirs to the guest.

World Bank’s Chief Economist for South Asia, Mr. Hans Timmer visits IBA Karachi



On 18th November 2021, a World Bank delegation led by Mr. Hans Timmer, Chief Economist for South Asia at World Bank, met the Dean School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS), Dr. Asma Hyder, and faculty members of the school.



The discussion that ensued focused on the social development indicators that need to be worked on to lead to more inclusive growth in Pakistan. Dr. Timmer highlighted that the World Bank was actively working on improving gender equality in Pakistan in its attempt to promote inclusive and sustainable growth. The faculty, likewise, briefed the World Bank delegation on their key areas of research which are mainly focused at sustainable and inclusive social development.

Later, the delegation engaged with the students in an interactive session. The discussion focused on social development, trade, and other key areas that the World Bank is working on in Pakistan. The representatives from the World Bank also briefed the IBA community about their recent report that focuses on reviving exports in Pakistan to improve the trade performance.

Meeting with Team IMF



On Friday, November 19, 2021, Ms. Esther Perez Ruiz, the newly appointed Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Pakistan, and the former Resident Representative, Ms. Teresa Daban Sanchez visited the Main Campus to meet with the Executive Director IBA, Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi, Dean SESS, Dr. Asma Hyder, and the Economics faculty for a discussion on economic conditions in Pakistan.

The ED and Ms. Sanchez engaged in a vibrant debate over Pakistan’s economic performance, its adherence to the terms and conditions of the IMF loans, and the effectiveness of these loans.

The Team IMF promised to participate in any capacity it can to aid IBA in



Ms. Farah Ali reading an excerpt from her book, “People Want to Live”.



forming knowledge partnerships with international stakeholders.

People Want to Live: Fiction Writer Farah Ali’s IBA Book Launch

On Friday, 26th November 2021, the SESS hosted Ms. Farah Ali for the launch of her debut collection of short stories set in Pakistan entitled “People Want to Live”. The event welcomed faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines to hear Farah Ali discuss matters pertaining to literature, fiction writing, and publishing. Copies of the book were available for purchase, and Farah Ali signed copied for the guests after the talk.

About the book: *People Want to Live*, Farah Ali’s debut collection, features stories of togetherness and reckless faith in the face of a world that’s built to break us. Set in Pakistan, these award-winning stories follow people living on the brink of abandonment—in their personal relationships and their place in the world. A mother, coping with the sudden death of her son, uncovers long-buried secrets in his absence. An anguished girl grabs a chance for a life beyond the orphanage walls where she lives and discovers the price of freedom. A young couple tries to keep their fraught relationship intact as a heat wave engulfs their city. A son returns to visit his ageing parents while beset with memories of a troubled childhood. And two thieves find themselves in a situation more precarious by the minute, and more dangerous than their original mission. Ali’s characters battle loneliness and, in their fight, reveal surprising vulnerabilities and an astonishing measure of hope.

About the author: Farah Ali is from Karachi, Pakistan, and completed her undergraduate studies from IBA. Her work won the 2020 Pushcart Prize and received special mention in the 2018 Pushcart anthology. Her more recent stories can be found in *Shenandoah*, *The Arkansas International*, *The Southern Review*, and *Kenyon Review* online. *People Want to Live* is her debut short-story collection.

What Makes Faiz a Popular Poet? What Makes Faiz a Great Poet?

On 18th November, the School of Economics and Social Sciences were honored to host renowned Urdu critic and poet (and former Director of the Iqbal Academy Lahore) Ahmad Javaid who gave a talk on the topic “What makes Faiz a popular poet? What makes Faiz a great poet?”. The event marked the 37th death anniversary of Faiz Ahmad Faiz, and the speaker, who is avoiding travel due to the pandemic, addressed a live, in-person audience at IBA Karachi via Zoom from Lahore.

Ahmad Javaid explored reasons for Faiz’s personal popularity in the social, intellectual, and literary circles of his time (both at home and abroad), and remarked that with the exception of Pablo Neruda, no modern poet has achieved the same level of global fame as Faiz has. He highlighted how this very same fame means that Faiz’s legend has

Brown Bag Seminar Series

The CBER regularly hosts the Brown Bag seminar series to provide a platform to students, staff, and faculty members to present their on-going, or published research work.

Session 2: Impact of Development Schemes on the Lives of People of Ghanche, Gilgit-Baltistan

On 22nd October, Sajjad Ahmad, Lecturer SSLA, and Irene Fernandez, Lecturer Economics, conducted the 2nd Brown Bag seminar. The presenters opened the floor for attendees to give them suggestions on the most reliable and accurate methodology for their research.



Session 3: On Analysing Unstructured Text- Using Twitter as a Case Study

On 29th October, Dr. Sajjad Haider from the Computer Science department presented at the Brown Bag Seminar. The session introduced the audience to software tools and mathematical foundations to analyze free text available in the form of newspaper articles, tweets on Twitter, comments on Facebook and on other social media platforms. After a general discussion on handling raw text data, a case study from Twitter was presented to better understand the potential of Text Analytics.

Session 4: Country level Assessment of Food Loss and Waste in Pakistan

On 26th November, Dr. Junaid Alam Memon conducted the fourth and final brown bag seminar for the Fall 2021 semester.

His research focused on how amid looming water stress and rapid population growth, food loss and waste (FLW) are emerging concerns for Pakistan but without macrolevel understanding of the issue. Based on the review of global best practices of managing FLW to curb this hidden driver of hunger and alleviate unnecessary pressure from our food production systems, his paper recommended policies promoting circular economic model of food production and consumption.

become too great for people to typically pay enough close and critical attention to key aspects of his poetic craft. Announcing that the purpose of the talk was to try to address this gap, Ahmad Javaid eloquently and masterfully demonstrated to IBA's rapt and engaged audience how Faiz's poetry has the striking ability to appeal to readers on multiple sensory levels simultaneously. In his opinion, no other poet among Faiz's contemporaries could create a combined and harmonious aesthetic effect on the ears and on the eye of the imagination. Ahmad Javaid also discussed the deep impression of Iqbal's poetry on Faiz's craft and talked about how Faiz's poetic stature is completely independent from the political and ideological aspects of his poetry, and his ideological gaps or contradictions could not be used as a poetic criticism.

Moderated by faculty member Zahra Sabri, who teaches Indo-Islamic History and Urdu Literature at IBA, the event was followed by tea and refreshments for the audience, which comprised IBA students and faculty as well as literary enthusiasts from outside the IBA.

Shaam-e-Sukhan

On 25th November 2021, the School of Economics and Social Sciences organized a Mushaira, *Shaam-e-Sukhan*, to honor the contributions of some of the finest Urdu language poets of our times. Twelve of the leading contemporary poets, namely Afzaal Ahmed Syed, Khwaja Razi Haider, Farasat Rizvi, Fatima Hasan, Tanveer Anjum, Ahmed Navaid, Ajmal Siraj, Iftikhar Shafi, Inaam Nadeem, Kashif Hussain Ghayar, and Touqeer Taqi, recited their mesmerizing poetry in the gathering. The Mushaira was presided by the very senior and acclaimed poet, Anwar Shoor Sahab, who also recited his poetry at the end. Baqar Mehdi, Lecturer SSLA Department, hosted (*Nizamati*) the event which was attended by over 800 people, including the IBA students, faculty, and staff, along with their families, as well as faculty, students, and guests from other universities such as University of Karachi, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Habib University, DOW University, etc.



Shaam-e-Sukhan, which was the first official Mushaira organized by IBA, turned out to be a huge success as the lively audience was fully attuned to each *sheir* recited by the poets, and responded with their frantic appreciation through exclamations of *daad*. The literary aura of the evening was further compounded by the beautifully decorated venue - main lawn of the IBA - with fairy lights-wrapped trees, floating *chiraghs* in the pond, and the exquisite white *chandni and gao takya* flooring scattered with fresh rose petals. All in all, the awe-inspiring poetry and the overwhelming positive response and engagement of the audience made *Shaam-e-Sukhan* a memorable and unique event in the history of the institution.

SESS Vision & Mission Launch

On Thursday, December 16 2021, Dean SESS Dr. Asma Hyder hosted a gathering for the SESS faculty to formally launch the vision and mission statement of the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) at IBA, followed by lunch. Dr. Asma Hyder welcomed the Executive Director, Dr. Akbar Zaidi, and the great number of faculty members from Economics and SSLA departments who graced the event. She briefed everyone about the progress SESS had made over the last one year, and also about future plans and prospects.



Dr. Asma initiated the session by welcoming all the guests, and presented the agenda of the event i.e., launch of the vision and mission statements for the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS), and presentation of the objectives and goals of the newly established Population Research Centre (PRC) by Director PRC, Dr. Khadija Bari.

Ms. Nudrat Kamal, a lecturer on Comparative Literature from SSLA presented the vision and mission statements for SESS which were developed after elaborate contemplation and consultation by the following committee members:

Ms. Nudrat Kamal (Chair)
 Dr. Muhammad Nasir
 Dr. Heman Das Lohano
 Ms Aliya Naqvi
 Dr. Shahram Mokhtar
 Dr. Ahmad Azhar

The committee sought feedback from the SESS faculty, alumni, and Dean SESS Dr. Asma Hyder before finalising the statements. The vision and mission statements can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.iba.edu.pk/sess/vision-mission.php#vision>

After the presentation, Dr. Khadija Bari took the floor to apprise everyone of the progress with regard to the Population Research Center (PRC) at SESS.

Objectives of PRC:

- Bring together scholars from interdisciplinary backgrounds, to collaborate and conduct research on core population related domains such as health, gender issues, food safety and security, environment, water etc.
- Develop institutional linkages with leading population research centers in the world, specifically in South Asia region and engage in collaborative research and training.

- Evaluate the impact of existing policies and programs of the government on demographic challenges. Also give regular feedback and share recommendations with relevant bodies
- Conduct public outreach programs in the form of seminars and conferences , to raise awareness among the general public on various demographic issues.
- Conduct workshops and trainings for graduate students and faculty on demographic tools and techniques grounded in population theory and knowledge.
- Serve as a central database where IBA faculty can showcase its research output on population issues and other socioeconomic features .
- Identify research grant opportunities, facilitate funding and its various legal, administrative and financial aspects.

She further highlighted that the **major research areas** of the center were:

- 1.Public health with a special focus on maternal and child health
- 2.Demography and climate change
- 3.Gender and Ethnicity
- 4.Population and Resource Management
- 5.Gender, Poverty and Demography
- 6.Reproductive Health
- 7.Poverty, inequality and wealth

The presentation was followed by lunch for the faculty.



In its vision to promote research culture, and to create opportunities for practical experiences for its students, the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) widely promotes academic events of all nature. The Dean's office is willing and ready to facilitate all faculty members in their efforts to organise any such events.

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