

MEERA OMAR

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EDUCATION

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA

Master of Public Policy with a concentration in Public Finance | GPA: 4.12 | Expected May 2021

LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, LAHORE, PK

BSc (Honors) Economics | August 2013 – June 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA

Public Finance Fellow | August 2019 – Present

- Projected fiscal year 2021 tax expenditures for the Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget by synthesizing and analyzing complex public data on historical expenditure and fiscal indicators
- Conducted a critical analysis of the fiscal architecture of local governments in the state of Connecticut, and developed policy recommendations for the Connecticut Council of Governments to enhance financial health and sustainability
- Investigated and reported the mechanisms for fiscal equalization in the OECD countries of Switzerland and Poland as part of the development of a central directory for international practices
- Executed the financial analysis and formulated the fiscal note for a proposed bill by the Georgia legislature to exempt motor fuel tax for public, campus, and school transit systems

LEADERSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD

Young Professional Officer, Learning and Knowledge Management | June 2018 – May 2019

- Developed proposals and bids for policy research studies, and successfully secured business cases between the years 2018 and 2019
- Coordinated regular engagement and liaison with key stakeholders including public officials and agencies, bilateral and multilateral donor and international research institutions, and world experts
- Managed synthesis of policy learnings from the organization's projects and activities, authored publications, and streamlined their targeted dissemination
- Independently executed the bi-weekly international talk series 'Leading Perspectives' on global solutions to Pakistan's local water crisis
- Led a collaborative scoping study for the Government of UK's Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy on the renewable energy needs in Pakistan
- Successfully planned and implemented two national-level consultations with USAID on achieving water diplomacy with Afghanistan over the transboundary Kabul River
- Facilitated the knowledge management and targeted outreach for the World Bank's study on maximizing efficiency of water use in Pakistan
- Assessed the disaster risk management needs for Balochistan, Sindh and supported the development of their Local Adaptation Plan of Action in collaboration with OXFAM GB
- Mapped the receipt and utilization of international emergency assistance in Pakistan for the Government of Japan's Ministry of Environment through detailed surveys, interviews, and archival research, and organized a high-level international consultation in Dubai
- Orchestrated the formation and growth of the Pakistan Chapter for the global youth climate movement #Friday4Future led by activist Greta Thunberg

- Spearheaded the creative design, development and launch of InnovatePk.org, a unique e-journal exclusively focused on mapping innovation across all sectors of Pakistan
- Identified and connected with local innovative stories, creating a grapevine for emerging news and identifying potential trends in the innovation landscape on both a local and global level
- Published regular features on emerging leaders in the innovation space for the purpose of awareness and advocacy of innovation and start-up culture, and global innovation stories with the aim of analyzing their potential application in the local context

PUBLICATIONS

“Local Government Revenue Diversification – Prepared for Connecticut Conference of Municipalities” – Center for State and Local Finance, GSU – 2020

Contributor – Data Analysis, Research and Writing

“Georgia Tax Expenditure Report for FY 2021” – Fiscal Research Center, GSU – 2019

Contributor – Data Analysis

“Maximizing the Climate Security in Asia through a Coordinated Emergency Assistance Framework – Prepared for Ministry of Environment, Government of Japan” – LEAD Pakistan – 2019

Contributor – Research and Data Analysis

“Pakistan at Global Warming Of 1.5 – 2° C: Capturing Opportunities and Managing Challenges” – LEAD Pakistan – 2018

Author

“Sustainable Infrastructure Programme for South Asia: Pakistan Country Report” – LEAD Pakistan – 2018

Contributor – Research and Data Analysis

SKILLS

- Well versed in MS excel with experience in financial modelling, data cleaning and analysis, and linear optimization
- Adept at statistical packages of STATA, R Studio and SPSS
- Intermediary knowledge of GIS application in Tableau
- Refined research skills with extensive experience in qualitative and quantitative research techniques including interviews, FGDs, questionnaires, surveys, trend and comparative analysis, cross tabulations, data-maps, extrapolations, data coding/mining and visualization
- Fluent in spoken and written English and Urdu
- Excellent journalistic and report writing ability

INTERESTS

Avid reader of a wide variety of genres including fiction, philosophy, history, and politics; writing including journaling, creative and think pieces, etc.; social activism including human rights, gender equality, religious freedom, mental health, poverty and overpopulation, etc.; out-door and physical activities including recreation sports, swimming, trekking, yoga, and dance.