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Research Interests

Primary: Corporate Finance, Climate Finance, Sustainable Finance, Green Innovation, Mergers and Acquisitions

Secondary: Institutional Ownership, Empirical Asset Pricing, Financial Markets, Applied Econometrics

Teaching Interests

Corporate Finance; Financial Markets and Institutions; Investments and Portfolio Management; Derivatives and Risk Management; Money and Capital Markets; Applied Data Analysis; Fundamentals unit in Business, Finance & Economics.

Education

Deakin University <i>Ph.D.candidate in Finance (Corporate Finance)</i>	<i>2023–Present</i> <i>Melbourne, VIC, Australia</i>
Xiamen University <i>Master of Economics in Finance (MAF)</i>	<i>2017–2019</i> <i>Xiamen, China</i>
Aligarh Muslim University <i>M.A. in Economics</i>	<i>2014–2016</i> <i>Aligarh, India</i>
Aligarh Muslim University <i>B.A. (Honours) in Economics</i>	<i>2011–2014</i> <i>Aligarh, India</i>

Employment History

Deakin University <i>Graduate Researcher, Teaching Fellow / Casual Academic</i>	<i>2023–Present</i> <i>Melbourne, VIC, Australia</i>
RMIT University <i>Casual Academic / Research Fellow</i>	<i>2025–Present</i> <i>Melbourne, VIC, Australia</i>
Deakin College <i>Academic Teacher, Diploma of Commerce</i>	<i>2024–Present</i> <i>Burwood / Waterfront, Australia</i>
Xiamen University <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	<i>2019–2020</i> <i>Xiamen, China</i>
OW DataLeads <i>Research and Data Training Associate</i>	<i>2022–2023</i> <i>India</i>

Teaching Experience

Graduate Researcher, Teaching Fellow / Casual Academic, Deakin University (2023–Present) *Melbourne, Australia*

Undergraduate MAF308 – Financial Derivatives and Risk Management (Marking Tutor); MAF302 – Corporate Finance (Marking Tutor); MAF202 – Money and Capital Markets (Marking Tutor); MAF307 – Equities and Investment Analysis (Marking Tutor), MIS770 – Foundation Skills in Data Analysis

Casual Academic / Research Fellow, RMIT University (2025–Present) *Melbourne, Australia*

Undergraduate BAFI1042 – Equity Investment and Portfolio Management; BAFI1005 – Financial Markets and Institutions (Marking Tutor); BAFI3276 – Applied Finance: A Case Study Approach (Marking Tutor)

Postgraduate BAFI3257 – Corporate Financial Management

Academic Teacher, Diploma of Commerce, Deakin College (2024–Present) *Burwood / Waterfront, Australia*

Diploma / Undergraduate Pathway MAE120 – Money, Growth and the Economy; MAE101 – Economic Principles; MAF101 – Fundamentals of Finance; MAA104 – Financial Literacy

Teaching Assistant, Xiamen University (2019–2020)

Xiamen, China

Postgraduate Literature Review and Thesis Writing

Research

Job Market Paper

Deb, S. S., Podolski, E. J., **Raza, S.**, & Shi, W. (2025). *Climate Change Exposure and Acquisitions of Green Assets: Evidence from the Market for Corporate Control*. [SSRN Link](#).

Working Papers

Deb, S. S., Podolski, E. J., **Raza, S.**, & Shi, W. *Socially Responsible Institutional Ownership and the Direction of Green Innovation*.

Deb, S. S., Podolski, E. J., **Raza, S.**, & Shi, W. *Corporate Lobbying and Investment Efficiency*.

Research in Progress

Farooq, K., & **Raza, S.** *Corporate Political Risk and Corporate Innovation: Evidence from Co-patenting*.

Publications

Munir, S., **Raza, S.**, & Haq, K. A. (2023). Critical value functions for likelihood-ratio tests under normality. *Chilean Journal of Statistics*, 14(1).

Raza, S., & Munir, S. (2023). The impact of U.S. quantitative easing (QE) announcements on Indian government bond yields. *Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting*, 23(19), 179–206.

Research Activities

Deakin Brown Bag Seminar (2025). Presented paper: *Climate Risk and Strategic M&A*.

I.S.E.O. Summer School, Iseo, Italy (2025). Participated in the Ph.D. Summer School and presented a research poster. Keynote guest: Robert C. Merton, Professor of Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management.

FMA Asia-Pacific Conference, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan (15–17 December 2025). Presented paper: *Climate Risk and Strategic M&A* (Main Session).

Discussant, FMA Asia-Pacific Conference, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan (15–17 December 2025). Session: Corporate ESG. Paper discussed: *Why do productive firms pollute less?*

4th Ph.D. Summer Institute in International Trade & Industrial Organisation, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia (March 2026). Presented paper: *Climate Risk and Strategic M&A*.

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Australian Journal of Management* (2025).

Professional Experience

Research and Data Training Associate (10/2022–01/2023), OW DataLeads, India. Contributed to the Kruxd global database on health and finance and delivered data training sessions as part of the Google News Initiative.

Academic Research Writer (06/2021–04/2022), Paperpedia Pvt. Ltd., India. Conducted applied data analysis in STATA, R, and Excel for projects in economics, finance, and statistics.

Awards and Scholarships

DUPR Scholarship, Deakin Business School, Deakin University (2023)

Excellent Student Award (2nd Prize), Xiamen University (2019)

Chinese Government Scholarship (2017, 2019)

Paper Presentation Award, ICSSR, Aligarh Muslim University (2015)

Skills

Data Analysis and Research: R (Advanced), STATA (Advanced), VS Code (Working knowledge), Excel (Advanced)

Documentation and Presentation: LaTeX, RMarkdown, Flourish, Tableau, Microsoft Office

Teaching and Assessment: Course tutoring, marking, student support, presentation assessment, academic writing guidance

Internships

06/2015–07/2015: Market Research Intern, Indepay Networks, India. Conducted primary and secondary research on money transfer methods in South Delhi; performed statistical analysis of transaction volumes using Excel and STATA.

08/2015–08/2015: Graduate Research Assistant, Centre for Public Policy and Research, India. Contributed to a project on India's cold storage sector; collected warehouse data and performed regression analysis in Excel and STATA.

12/2018–02/2019: Finance and Research Intern, Silulin (Xiamen) Export & Import Co. Ltd., China. Assisted with financial processes, business research, and preparation of financial sheets in Excel.

Certifications

Global Infodemic Management Course, GSK (2023)

IELTS Academic, Overall Band 7 (2022)

Data Management and Analysis with Stata (2021)

Statistics for Data Analysis using R (2021)

Personal Information

Father's Name: Late S. M. A. Rizvi

Mother's Name: Sabiha Rizvi

Marital Status: Unmarried

Interests: Reading and Traveling

Nationality & Passport No.: Indian (AS233622)

Driving License: Australian and Indian

Working with Children Check: 2784234A-01, valid until 31-05-2028

References

Available upon request.