

Curriculum Vitae

Prof. Dr. Kashif Hasan Khan

Professor of Economics and Finance

Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Head, Department of Economics

Paragon International University,

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Research Identity

Founder of Corridor Economics — a theoretical framework explaining the economic, geopolitical, and institutional dynamics of international economic corridors.

Media and Policy Engagement

Columnist/Op-ed contributor for The Diplomat, South China Morning Post (SCMP), Modern Diplomacy, Sputnik, Valdai Discussion Club.

Editorial Engagement:

Editorial Board Member — Asian Journal of Economic Modelling (Scopus Q3)

Associate Editor — Crossroads of Social Inquiry, Abu Dhabi University

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Career Highlights:

Educational Qualification	
Academic	PhD In Economics <i>Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India (2009-2013)</i>
Certification	Certificate Course on Applied Data Science, Indian Institute of Technology, Palakkad (2022-2023)
Research Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corridor Economics (Founder)• Economic Corridors and Connectivity• Geo-economics and Strategic Trade Routes• International Trade and Political Economy• De-dollarization and BRICS Financial Architecture• Global Governance and Financial Settlement Systems
Teaching Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied Statistics• Geo-economics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Markets and Institutions • Research Methodologies in Social Sciences • Political Economy
Total Teaching Experience	2014 to till date (12 Years approximately)
Scopus indexed Publications	23 (Scopus Citation: 100+, Scopus H-Index: 7)
Google Scholar Profile	Citations: 400+; H-Index: 11; i10-Index: 13+
Total Publications	6 Books; 40 research articles in refereed journals; 8 Book Chapters
Funded Projects	3 (supported by DAAD, Paragon International University, and Ala-Too International University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan).
Editorial Responsibilities	Editorial Board Member — Asian Journal of Economic Modelling (Scopus Q3) Associate Editor — Crossroads of Social Inquiry, Abu Dhabi University
Session Chair/Keynote Address	10+
Conference Paper Presentation	25+
Major Trainings Attended	10+
Awards received	5+ (Including best researcher Award in 2024 in ala-Too International university and 2025 in Paragon International university)
Major Events Organized	10+

Short Biography

Prof. Dr. Kashif Hasan Khan is a geo-economist specializing in economic corridors, international trade, and global financial architecture. He is the founder of the concept of Corridor Economics, a framework that examines how connectivity infrastructure reshapes global trade patterns, geopolitical dynamics, and regional economic integration. His research also contributes to theoretical developments in international trade, including the Asymmetric Distance and Business Cycles (ADBC) framework, which reinterprets the role of distance in gravity-based trade models by incorporating asymmetric distance shocks within a New Keynesian DSGE framework.

His scholarly work has been published in leading international journals, including the *Journal of Economic Integration*, *Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, *Maritime Economics & Logistics*, *Research in Globalization*, *Complexity*, *India Quarterly*, etc. He has also edited several academic books on economic corridors and global connectivity with internationally recognized publishers such as Springer, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, etc. In addition to academic research, he actively contributes policy commentary on global economic and geopolitical developments to prominent international platforms including the *South China Morning Post*, *The Diplomat*, *Modern Diplomacy*, *Sputnik News*, and the *Valdai Discussion Club*.

Beyond academic writing, he is also the author of the novel *The Accidental Preacher*, published by Garuda Prakashan (India), which explores the social and ideological challenges faced by young Muslims navigating questions of identity, education, and political tensions in contemporary societies.

Awards & Recognitions

Awards & Fellowships

- **Research and Excellence Award 2024-2025**, Paragon International University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia <https://www.paragoniu.edu.kh/paragon-international-university-honors-top-researchers-with-discovery-excellence-award-2025/>
- **First Prize**, Scientific Ranking 2023–24, Ala-Too International University, Kyrgyzstan. https://kaktus.media/doc/513303_my_a_otprazdnoval_vsemirnyy_den_nayki_itogi_i_nagrada.html
- **Second Prize**, Scientific Ranking 2022–23, Ala-Too International University, Kyrgyzstan.
- **Great Contribution Certificate**, Ala-Too International University (2022).
- **Erasmus+ Teaching Fellowships:**
 - MATE Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Hungary (2021– 22).
 - University of Zamosch, Poland (2015–16).
- **Senior Research Fellowship**, Maulana Azad National Fellowship, University Grant Commission, India (2012–2013).
- **Junior Research Fellowship**, Maulana Azad National Fellowship, India (2010–2012).
- **European Research Network Travel Grant**, International Summer School on Social Economy, Italy (2012).
- **Visiting Research Student Grant**, Indo-Turkish Business Association, Istanbul, Turkey (2011).
- **Field Research Grant**, Institute of Objective Studies (IOS), New Delhi, India (2011, Bahrain & Qatar).

Administrative Experience at Higher Education Institute (HEIs) Level

Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Paragon International University (2025–)

- Provide strategic leadership for graduate education and research development across the School of Graduate Studies.
- Spearheaded strategic initiatives that resulted in a 100% increase in internationally indexed research publications.
- Mentor faculty members and graduate students in research design, academic publishing, and competitive grant writing.
- Organize research workshops, seminars, and capacity-building programs to strengthen the university’s research culture and productivity.
- Maintain centralized documentation and reporting systems for research publications, project records, and ethical approvals.
- Ensure compliance with institutional, national, and international research ethics and academic integrity standards.
- Promote a culture of research excellence and innovation through recognition programs and incentives for high-impact publications.
- Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and faculty participation in international conferences, research networks, and scholarly forums.

Head, Department of Economics (2025–)
Paragon International University

- Provide academic and administrative leadership for the Department of Economics, overseeing curriculum delivery, faculty coordination, and program development.
- Lead the development and implementation of program-level goals aligned with institutional priorities and accreditation standards.
- Monitor academic quality, teaching effectiveness, and student learning outcomes across departmental programs.
- Oversee the effective use of learning resources, teaching infrastructure, and academic support systems to ensure program quality.
- Prepare and submit annual program review and assessment reports, including performance metrics, improvement strategies, and stakeholder feedback.
- Support faculty development, mentoring, and workload planning to enhance teaching quality and academic engagement.
- Collaborate with Quality Assurance and Curriculum Development units to continuously improve academic programs and course design.
- Promote student engagement, academic advising, and support initiatives aimed at improving student retention and satisfaction.
- Represent the department in college-level committees and strategic academic planning processes.

Director, Silk Road Research Center (2019–2024)
Ala-Too International University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- Prepared research grant proposals, academic reports, and edited conference publications and academic volumes.
- Founded the International Conference on Corridor Affairs (ICCA) series and organized five international conferences on geo-economics, connectivity, and regional integration.
- Collaborated with academic leadership and marketing teams to support program promotion and student (Interns) recruitment initiatives.
- Oversaw preparation of documentation for program approval and internal quality assurance processes.
- Conducted industry consultation and competitor benchmarking to align program outcomes with professional and market expectations.

Teaching & Research Experience

Dates	Position	Institution	Location	Key Responsibilities / Contributions
August 2025 – Present	Dean, Graduate School and Head, Department of Economics	Paragon International University	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Academic leadership, graduate program administration, departmental management
June 2018 – July 2025	Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Finance	Ala-Too International University	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	Teaching, research supervision, academic publishing

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June 2019 – April 2024	Director, Silk Road Research Center	Ala-Too International University	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	Founded ICCA conference series; organized five international conferences; coordinated academic events; prepared grant proposals and reports; edited books and journal publications
October 2022 – present	Associate Professor (Remote)	International Black Sea University	Tbilisi, Georgia	Graduate teaching, research supervision
August 2021 – October 2021	Guest Professor	OSCE Academy in Bishkek	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	Delivered Statistics courses for MA in Economic Governance
November 2016 – March 2018	International Business Consultant	Vendeka Information Technologies	Philippines & United Kingdom	International business consulting, strategy and market analysis
June 2014 – July 2016	Assistant Professor	Mevlana University	Konya, Turkey	Teaching, research, academic service
May 2014 – August 2014	Researcher	National Commission for Minorities, Government of India	New Delhi, India	Policy research and report preparation
May 2013 – March 2014	Junior Economist	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	New Delhi, India	Economic research, project support, policy analysis

Academic Publications

- Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., & Nazari, R. (2026). *The Stability–Asymmetry Paradox in International Trade: A Fuzzy Logic Categorization of Partnerships*. Complexity (Wiley) **(Scopus Q1)**
- Barzani, M. V., Khan, K. H., Bastanifar, I., & Mohammadi, Z. (2026). Macroeconomic Implications of International Regional Settlement Corridors: Toward a New Financial Regional Integration in Eurasia. *Journal of Economic Integration* **(Scopus Q2)**
- Baig, S., Shidhani, R. A., & Khan, K. H. (2026). *The Impact of Geoeconomic and Political Factors in the Middle East on the Development Prospects of IMEC*. *Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies*. **(Scopus Q2)**
- Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., Azmi, S. N., & Opera, E. (2025). Applying dynamic TOPSIS: A multi-criteria decision-making approach to economic corridors under uncertainty—the case of IMEEC. *Cogent Economics & Finance*, 13(1), 2558028. **(Scopus Q2)**
- Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., & Nazari, R. (2025). Currency without credibility: Why BRICS de-dollarization falls short? *China Accounting and Finance Review*, 1–20. **(Scopus Q1)**
- Kiran, M., Rabbani, M. R., Khan, K. H., Atif, M., Talha, M., & Chughtai, S. (2025). Sustainability reporting as a shield: Exploring ESG disclosures, governance, and stock crash risks in Islamic and conventional banks. *Sustainable Futures*, 10, 101469. **(Scopus Q1)**
- Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., & Alkan, A. (2025). Bridging the governance gap: The impact of economic corridors like INSTC on trade and institutional disparities. In *Strategic Navigation*

through Economic Corridors: Intersecting Geoeconomics and Geopolitics. Palgrave Macmillan.

- Marx, A., & Khan, K. H. (2025). Transnational economic corridors: A new form of global governance? In *Strategic Navigation through Economic Corridors: Intersecting Geoeconomics and Geopolitics*. Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Khan, K. H., Bastanifar, I., & Mohammadi, Z. (2025). Sanctioned and speculated: The currency crisis dilemma in BRICS nations. *Global Change, Peace & Security*, 36(3), 243–265. **(Scopus Q2)**
- Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., & Koch, H. (2025). Understanding BRICSIZATION through an economic geopolitical model. *Journal of Open Innovation: Technology, Market, and Complexity*, 11(1), 100440. **(Scopus Q1)**
- Khan, K. H., Bastanifar, I., Omid, A., & Khan, Z. (2025). Integrating gravity models and network analysis in logistical strategic planning: A case of the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). *Maritime Economics & Logistics*, 27(1), 147–182. **(Scopus Q1)**
- Khan, K. H., & Bastanifar, I. (2025). Economic opportunities of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) for Kyrgyz Republic's economy: A macroeconomic growth approach. *Ordnungspolitische Diskurse*.
- Bastanifar, I., & Khan, K. H. (2025). A dynamic fuzzy climate hazard timing model for regulating green finance. In *Inclusive Finance in the Digital Era: Bridging Climate Goals and Financial Systems*.
- Khan, K. H., Bastanifar, I., & Alkan, A. (2025). The intersection of globalization and renewable energy: India's path to sustainable development by 2030. *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*, 11, 101378. **(Scopus Q1)**
- Azmi, S. N., Khan, K. H., & Koch, H. (2024). Assessing the effect of INSTC on India's trade with Eurasia: An application of gravity model. *Cogent Economics & Finance*, 12(1). **(Scopus Q1)**
- Bastanifar, I., Omid, A., & Khan, K. H. (2024). A recursive networking economic analysis of international economic corridors: IMEC and INSTC. *Cogent Economics & Finance*, 12(1). **(Scopus Q1)**
- Haralambides, H., Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., & Shahryari, Z. (2024). Asymmetric distance and business cycles (ADBC): A new understanding of distance in international trade models. *Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, 30. **(Scopus Q1)**
- Azmi, S. N., Khan, K. H. (2024). Will INSTC help realise India's trade potential? In *India's Economic Corridor Initiatives*.
- Khan, K. H., Koch, H. (2024). INSTC and Chabahar Port: An Introduction. In *India's Economic Corridor Initiatives*. Routledge.
- Khan, K. H. (2024). India's economic corridor initiatives: INSTC and Chabahar Port. Routledge.
- Khan, K. H., Omid, A., & Alkan, A. (2024). A Comparative Analysis of the Gas Pipeline Geopolitics of China and India in the Central Asia Republics. *India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs*, 80(3), 400-420. **(Scopus Q3)**
- Khan, K. H. (2024). A discourse on economic corridors: INSTC and Chabahar Port. *Saudi Journal of Economics and Finance*.
- Khan, K. H. (2024). China-India rivalry and the economic corridors. *Saudi Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*.
- Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., Shah, H., & Koch, H. (2024). India's trade corridors: A shopping time model analysis for IMEC and INSTC. *Asian Economic and Financial Review*. **(Scopus Q1)**
- Bastanifar, I., Khan, K. H., & Alkan, A. (2024). The role of Chinese trade in the economic stability of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. *Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations*. **(Scopus Q3)**

- Azmi, S. N., Khan, K. H., & Ekstrom, M. (2024). INSTC and Chabahar port: Systematic literature review and bibliometric analysis. *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region*. (Scopus Q2)
- Khan, Z., Khan, K. H., & Koch, H. (2023). Aggregating an economic model and GIS to explore trade potentials of India-Caspian countries and a way forward for INSTC. *Research in Globalization*, 7, 100154. (Scopus Q1)
- Khan, K. H. (2023). China–India rivalry and the economic corridors. *Saudi Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 8(9), 252–258.
- Khan, K. H., & Omid, A. (2023). China–India counterbalancing measures through international corridors and ports: The focus on Chabahar and Gwadar ports. *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, 9(2), 144–163. (Scopus Q3)
- Khan, K. H., & Mihr, A. (2023). Introduction: Background to the book. In *Europe–Central Asia Relations: New Connectivity Frameworks* (pp. 1–10). Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Dhiman, B., Kantaria, D., Khan, K., & Sankaran, H. K. (2023). Artificial intelligence-based learning toys: Exploring the role of tangram as a tool to develop spatial learning among children. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Research into Design* (pp. 1023–1031).
- Wajid, A., Khan, K. H., & Handa, H. (2022). Research anthology on measuring and achieving sustainable development goals.
- Khan, K. H., & Koch, H. (2021). *Emerging Central Asia: Managing Great Power Relations*. Blue Dome Press, Clifton, NJ.
- Khan, K. H., & Halil, K. (2021). Managing great power relations: An introduction. In *Emerging Central Asia: Managing Great Power Relations* (pp. 21–31). Blue Dome Press.
- Kuszewska, A., & Khan, K. H. (2020). The significance of India's connectivity strategy in Central Asia: An introduction.
- Khan, K. H., & Mihr, A. (2020). *Europe-Central Asia Relations: New Connectivity Frameworks*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Wajid, A., Khan, K. H., & Handa, H. (2020). Innovations through mergers and acquisitions in the pharmaceutical sector.
- Khan, K. H. (2020). Central Asia and India emerging extended neighbourhood. New Century Publications.
- Khan, K. H. (2018). Interest-free finance and financial inclusiveness of minority communities in India. *Alatoo Academic Studies*.
- Khan, K. H. (2012). Discourses on Islamic banking and finance: A review. *International Journal of Business and Management Tomorrow*.

Policy Articles / Op-Eds / Think-Tank Contributions

- “How the India–EU Trade Agreement Undermines US Economic Coercion.” *South China Morning Post (SCMP)*. 2026. <https://www.scmp.com/opinion/asia-opinion/article/3341765/how-india-eu-trade-agreement-undermines-us-economic-coercion>
- “BRICS Is Slowly but Surely Chipping Away at US Dollar Dominance.” *South China Morning Post (SCMP)*. 2026. <https://www.scmp.com/opinion/world-opinion/article/3328191/brics-slowly-surely-chipping-away-us-dollar-dominance>
- “From Partner to Pawn: Europe’s New Geoeconomic Reality.” *Valdai Discussion Club*. 2026. <https://valdaiclub.com/a/highlights/from-partner-to-pawn-europe-s-new-geoeconomic-real/>
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- “Beyond Bretton Woods: How Economic Corridors Are Reshaping Globalization.”
Force India. 2025.
<https://forceindia.net/blog/beyond-bretton-woods>
- “How Authoritarian Oppression Breeds Religious Extremism in Central Asia.”
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Modern Diplomacy. 7 May 2024.
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