

## ECONOMICS RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

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### Rethinking Mobility (Urban Transport Policy) in Pakistan

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**Abstract:** The discussion holistically examines the current state of urban transport in Pakistan, while simultaneously highlighting its inherent flaws, and offering innovative, cost-effective, viable solutions based on a critical appraisal of urban transport systems that are successfully developed and operating in developed cities of the world. In doing so, this document brings forth an in-depth yet brief overview of the following: • Framework and components of an urban transportation system. • Barriers to public mobility and urban growth in local environments. • Mitigation of the aforementioned mobility barriers. The conclusions, policy recommendations, and designations of responsibility to deliver individual system components offered in this document envision the urban transport system of Pakistan as follows: • Urban transport system that provides equal mobility opportunity for all segments of society. • Access to opportunities, jobs, and amenities needed for cities to serve as engines of growth. • A Connected city with multiple mobility options; strictly discourage reliance on a single mode of transportation. • Integrated transport with urban planning to increase system efficiency and optimize expenditures. • Smart (technology-based) initiatives to lead decision-making of transport development processes. • Explore potential revenue sources for city authorities to lessen their dependence on state/central government in building and operating efficient transportation systems. • Improve environmental parameters significantly by regulating transport-related causes of climate change and global warming.

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**Time:** 11:00 A.M.

**Venue:** Video Conference Room, City Campus, IBA

**Zoom Details**

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