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INTERESTS	Financial Economics of Climate Change, Climate & Sustainable Finance, Microfinance.		
EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D. in Finance</b> , University of Otago Supervisors: Associate Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Helen Roberts, Ph.D. Thesis: <i>Essays on Climate Finance</i> .	On-going	Jul 2022 [Expected]
	<b>M.Sc. in Finance</b> , Northern University of Malaysia Supervisor: Professor Yusnidah Ibrahim, Ph.D. Thesis: <i>Mission Drift in Microfinance Institutions of OIC Countries</i> .		2018
	<b>B.Bus. (Hons) in International Business</b> , University of Malaysia Perlis Thesis: <i>Sustainability, Outreach, and Efficiency of Microfinance Institutions</i> .		2014
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Teaching Assistance</b> , Otago Business School, University of Otago FINC304 Financial Markets and Institutions [S1-2020;2021] FINC206 Corporate Finance [S2-2020] FINC102 Business Mathematics [S2-2020]  <b>Guest Lecture</b> , Otago Business School, University of Otago Microfinance Institutions and Climate Change: Risk and Opportunities.		Feb 2020- Present  S1, 2020
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>Research Assistant &amp; Administrator</b> , CEFGGroup, University of Otago to Associate Professor Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D.   Manage CEFGGroup, organize several events, stakeholder engagement and coordination. Project: <i>Global Index of Research Centre on Sustainable Finance</i> .		May 2020- Present
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Northern University of Malaysia to Professor Mohd Sobri Minai, Ph.D.   Project: <i>Investigating the Presence of MFIs Mission Drift in ASEAN and the Mission of Malaysian MFIs</i> .		Aug 2017- Dec 2018
	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Asian Research Institute of Banking and Finance to Professor Salim Rashid, Ph.D.   Projects: <i>Financial and Banking sectors in Malaysia; Immigrant Entrepreneurship; Family-run Dual Business</i> .		Sep 2017- Dec 2018
	<b>Research Assistant [Visiting]</b> , Accounting Research Institute, UiTM to Professor Zuraidah Mohd Sanusi, Ph.D.   Project: <i>Anti-Fraud and Anti-Money Laundering Mechanisms in Financial Reporting Environment</i> .		Jan 2017- Jun 2017
BOOK CHAPTER	Diaz-Rainey, I., Tulloch, D. J., <b>Ahmed, I.</b> , McCarten, M. and Taghizadeh-Hesary, F. (2021). An Energy Policy for Association of Southeast Asian Nations? Lessons from the European Union's Experience on Energy Integration, Security and Decarbonisation. In <i>Economic Integration in Asia and Europe: Lessons and Policies</i> . Tokyo: ADBI.		

## JOURNAL PAPERS

**Ahmed, I.**, Diaz-Rainey, I., Roberts, H. and Nguyen, D. T. T. Expand or Avoid: Microfinance Credit Risk and Climate Vulnerability. **Under-review**.

Hussain, M. D., **Ahmed, I.**, Mohiuddin, M. and Hossain, M. T. Stakeholders on Board: Impact in Microfinance Sustainability and Social Outreach. **Under-review**.

Hussain, M. D. and **Ahmed, I.** Governance and Double Bottom Line Performance of Microfinance Institutions: Evidence from Bangladesh. *Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research*. (SJR: Q3). R&R (2<sup>nd</sup> revision).

**Ahmed, I.**, Ibrahim, Y. and Bhuiyan, A. B. (2021). Microfinance performance in the OIC member states—Does regulation status matter? *International Journal of Development and Conflict*, 11(1), 1-23. (ABDC: B).

Ibrahim, Y. **Ahmed, I.** and Minai, M. S. (2018). The influence of institutional characteristics on the financial performance of microfinance institutions in the OIC countries. *Economics & Sociology*, 11(2), 19-35. (SJR: Q1).

**Ahmed, I.**, Bhuiyan, A. B., Ibrahim, Y., Said, J. and Salleh, M. F. M. (2016). Social Accountability of Microfinance Institutions in South Asian Region. *International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues*, 6(3), 824-829. (SJR: Q3).

## WORKING PAPERS

Microfinance's Climate Distress Risk, with Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H.

Systemically Important Microfinance Institutions in Climate Change Scenarios, with Diaz-Rainey, I. and Roberts, H.

Capital structure and outreach nexus of microfinance institutions: New evidence from the society of Muslim economies, with Ibrahim, Y. and Minai, M. S.

Is Mission drift True for Microfinance Institutions? New Evidence from ASEAN Countries, with Ibrahim, I., Minai, M. S. and Alam, M. M.

Diaz-Rainey, I., Tulloch, D. J., **Ahmed, I.**, McCarten, M. and Taghizadeh-Hesary, F. (2021). An Energy Policy for ASEAN? Lessons from the EU's Experience on Energy Integration, Security and Decarbonisation. *ADB Working Paper 1217*. Tokyo: ADBI.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### 2020-2021

- ASFAAG – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference 2021 (online), UK.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CEFGroup Climate Finance Symposium 2021, Dunedin, NZ.
- 16th Australasian Development Economics Workshop 2021 (online), Melbourne, Australia.
- Globally Sustainable Banking & Finance Conference 2021 (online), Belfast, UK.
- IFABS—Oxford Conference 2021 (online), Oxford, UK.
- 7<sup>th</sup> International Young Finance Scholars' Conference 2021 (online), Oxford, UK.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> JRC Summer School on Sustainable Finance 2021 (online), Brussels, Belgium.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual New Zealand Finance Colloquium 2021, Tauranga, NZ.
- He Kaupapa Hononga: Otago's Climate Change Research Network Postgrad Seminar 2021, Dunedin, NZ.
- 1<sup>st</sup> CEFGroup Climate Finance Symposium 2020, Dunedin, NZ.

### 2014-2017

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sintok International Conference on Social Science and Management 2017, Langkawi Island, Malaysia.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ECoFI Symposium 2016, Sintok, Malaysia.
- Thematic Workshop on Intra Trade in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

Countries 2015, Sintok, Malaysia. • 4<sup>th</sup> International Malaysian-Ireland Join Symposium on Engineering, Science and Business 2014, Penang, Malaysia.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	<b>University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship</b> University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 81,000 plus tuition fees	2019-2022
	<b>Otago Business School Ph.D. Conference Grant</b> University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 2,500	2019-2022
	<b>Climate and Energy Finance Group (CEFGGroup) Conference Travel Award</b> University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 600	2020
	<b>He Kaupapa Hononga: Otago's Climate Change Research Network Conference Travel Award</b> University of Otago, New Zealand	NZD 400	2020
	<b>Best Academic Award for <i>Excellence in Academics</i></b> University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia	MYR 200	2013
	<b>Dean List Award</b> University of Malaysia Perlis, Malaysia		2012, 2014
AFFILIATIONS	American Finance Association		2021-Present
	Financial Management Association International		2021-Present
	Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand		2021-Present
	Group for Research on Organizations and the Natural Environment		2020-Present
	The Operational Research Society		2020-Present
	Global Network on Financial Geography		2021-Present
SKILLS	Software in Practicing	STATA, Eviews, Microfit, PLS, AMOS, and SPSS.	
	Software in Learning	R, Python, ArcGIS, LATEX.	
	Reference Management	Zotero, Mendeley, and EndNote.	
	Operating System	Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 10.	
	Application Package	Microsoft Office package, Adobe Acrobat package, etc.	
	Language	English, Bengali, Malay, Hindi, Urdu.	
AD-HOC REVIEWER	● Accounting and Finance, ● African Development Review, ● Applied Economics, ● Economic Research-Ekonomska Istraživanja, ● Journal of Financial Economic Policy, ● Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment.		
REFEREES	<b>Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Ph.D.</b> Director, Climate and Energy Finance Group (CEFGGroup) & Associate Professor of Finance Department of Accountancy and Finance Otago Business School, University of Otago PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054, New Zealand Office Tel: +64 3 479 8117 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ivan.diaz-rainey@otago.ac.nz">ivan.diaz-rainey@otago.ac.nz</a>	<b>Helen Roberts, Ph.D.</b> Deputy-Director, Climate and Energy Finance Group (CEFGGroup) & Associate Professor of Finance Department of Accountancy and Finance Otago Business School, University of Otago PO Box 56, Dunedin 9054, New Zealand Office Tel: +64 3 479 8072 E-mail: <a href="mailto:helen.roberts@otago.ac.nz">helen.roberts@otago.ac.nz</a>	