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Professional Bio

Zeenat Fatima is an economist and trade policy researcher with over a decade of experience spanning academia, applied trade research, and negotiation support. She currently serves as a Consultant (Economics) at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), established by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GOI, at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), where her work focuses on policy consultancy in trade-in-goods chapter to the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GOI, in various free trade agreements. This includes the analysis of tariff schedules and market access conditions, assessment of tariff and non-tariff barriers at bilateral and regional levels, preparation of feasibility studies and analytical reports that support India's trade negotiations and strategic interests.

Her research portfolio at the Centre covers trade-in-goods data analysis regarding India-EAEU FTA, India-AITIGA and India-Maldives FTA. She was also involved in the India-ASEAN FTA review study, the India-UAE trade utilization study, India-Russia tariff and non-tariff analysis, feasibility studies of Free Trade Agreements and inputs to the collaborative study between the SCO Economic Analytical Centre and CWS.

She holds a Ph.D. from Aligarh Muslim University entitled 'A Study of trade relations among BRICS countries' and qualified the UGC National Eligibility Test. She has both teaching and research experience. Her research has appeared in Scopus indexed journals such as Foreign Trade Review, the International Journal of Trade and Global Markets, and the BRICS Journal of Economics and she also serves as Associate Editor of the Journal of Advances in Management Sciences & Information Systems.

Research Publications

Year	Title	Journal Name
2026	Impact of Modern Agricultural Practices on the Environment (with A. Khan)	IIFT International Business and Management Review Journal
2022	Revisiting the Gravity Model of Migration (with M. A. Khan & S. Fatima)	Foreign Trade Review (SAGE, Scopus)
2021	Economic Indicators and Climate Change for BRICS Economies in the Post-COVID-19 World: A Neural Network Approach (with M. N. Rahman & M. M. Manini)	Management and Economics Research Journal, 7(4): 31-45
2020	Quantitative Dynamics of Intra-BRICS Trade (with M. Rahman & N. Rahman)	BRICS Journal of Economics, 6-23 (Scopus)
2020	The Dynamic Nexus between GDP, Consumption and Exports of BRICS Countries: An ARDL Cointegration Analysis (with M. Shamim)	International Journal of Trade and Global Markets, 13(3): 267-287 (Inderscience, Scopus)
2018	Unified Corporate Governance Practice of Trade Partners with India: Towards an International Code of Best Practices (with M. Shamim & F. A. G. Al Maqtari)	Jurnal Ekonomi dan Studi Pembangunan, 10(1)

Year	Title	Journal Name
2016	The Potential of BRICS in Nation Building of India (with M. Shamim)	Journal of Intellectual Studies & Theories, 2(1): 597–609
2016	Virtual Water Trade as an Innovation for Sustainable Rural Development: Prospects and Challenges in an Indian Context (with M. Shamim)	Rural Development in Bhutan — Prospects and Challenges, 2(1): 31–34
2015	Consumer Attitude and Perception towards Green Products (with S. Yusuf)	The International Journal of Indian Psychology, 2(3): 140–146

Book Chapters

Year	Title	Volume / Publisher
2023	Government Procurement Agreement: A Trade and Development Reform (with A. Khan & S. Taqdees)	In M. Rahman & N. Rahman (Eds.), Trade Issues, Policies, and Laws (pp. 25–36). Nova Science Publishers
2021	Virtual Water Trade of BRICS Countries (with F. Ahmad)	In P. Singh & M. Yadav (Eds.), Environment and Conservation (pp. 26–30). Swaranjali Publication

Op-Eds & Media Articles

Year	Title	Outlet
2022	Barbell Strategy, Agile Response and the Bayesian Approach as Tools of Smart Governance	The Hindu BusinessLine