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Professional Bio

Qayoom Khachoo is an economist and policy researcher with over 12 years of experience spanning academia and trade policy advisory. He currently serves as a Consultant at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), where he provides policy consultancy on international trade in goods to the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. His work includes preparing policy briefs, feasibility studies, and analytical reports on trade in goods to support India's trade negotiations and strategic interests.

Qayoom's research specialises in the economics of innovation, R&D and patenting, intellectual property rights, firm- and industry-level empirical analysis, and trade in goods and global value chains. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore, and has held postdoctoral and faculty positions at the Delhi School of Economics, IGIDR Mumbai, IIT Ropar, the University of Kashmir, and the Asia Pacific Institute of Management.

He has published in ABDC-listed and Q1/Q2 international journals, including Journal of Economics and Business, Economic Modelling, Journal of Economic Studies, and Global Economic Review, and serves as an ad hoc reviewer for several leading academic journals such as Journal of Economic Studies; International Journal of Emerging Markets; Economics of Innovation and New Technology, and Journal of Public Affairs.

Research Publications

Year	Title	Journal / Outlet
2025	India's Patent Surge and Tech Specialization: Narrowing the Innovation Gap with Triad Economies	International Journal of Engineering and Applied Sciences, 12(2): 1–12
2018	Does proximity to the frontier facilitate FDI-spawned spillovers on innovation and productivity? (with R. Sharma & M. Dhanora)	Journal of Economics and Business, 97: 39–49 (Elsevier, Scopus)
2017	On the non-linear relationship between innovation and market power (with M. Dhanora & R. Sharma)	Economic Modelling, 70: 67–77 (Elsevier, WoS, Scopus)
2017	FDI entry and R&D behavior of incumbents: Evidence from India (with R. Sharma)	Journal of Economic Studies, 44(3): 380–399 (Emerald, Scopus)
2016	FDI-induced spillovers on innovation: An investigation into intra- and inter-industry effects (with R. Sharma)	Global Economic Review, 45(4): 311–330 (Taylor & Francis, SSCI, Scopus)
2016	Labour market regulations and informalization of migrant workers: Evidence from Indian manufacturing (with I. Sofi, K. Imran & K. Hussein)	Asian Journal of Law and Economics, 7(2): 1–27 (De Gruyter)

Year	Title	Journal / Outlet
2014	Emissions, growth, energy use and FDI nexus: Evidence from BRICSAM	International Journal of IT, Engineering and Applied Sciences Research, 3(8)
2013	Determinants of FDI inflows to developing countries: A panel data analysis (with M. Ramachandran & I. Sofi)	Journal of International Business and Economy, 14(2): 29–47

Working Papers

Year	Title
2026	A Composite Resilience Index and Policy Framework for FDI-Driven Supply Chains in Asia-Pacific
2025	Firm-Level Trade Responses to Intellectual Property Reforms: A Quasi-Natural Experiment
2023	Do Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) stimulate Non-resident Patenting in BRICS

Policy Briefs & Reports

Year	Title	Authors
2026	Soda Ash Industry in Global Value Chains: Trade Dynamics, Production Landscape, and India's Strategic Role	Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, Anushka Verma, Dr. Kashika Arora, Dr. Qayoom Khachoo
2026	Viscose Staple Fibre in Global Value Chains	Jaijit Bhattacharya, Manmeet Singh Gulati, Kashika Arora, Qayoom Khachoo
2026	Optical Fibre Cables (OFC) in Global Value Chains	Manoj Kumar Reddy, Shreedutt Patnam, Qayoom Khachoo, Kashika Arora
2026	Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Resin in Global Value Chains	Jaijit Bhattacharya, Manmeet Singh Gulati, Kashika Arora, Qayoom Khachoo
2026	Nylon Filament Yarn in Global Value Chains	Jaijit Bhattacharya, Shreedutt Patnam, Qayoom Khachoo, Kashika Arora
2025	Critical Materials for Critical Industries: India's Advanced Ceramics Opportunity	Qayoom Khachoo, Kashika Arora, Pritam Banerjee
2025	Position Sensors in Global Value Chains: Trade Dynamics, Production Landscape, and India's Emerging Role	Kashika Arora, Qayoom Khachoo, Pritam Banerjee
2024	U.S. Auto Trade Deals and Implications for India's Auto Sector	Qayoom Khachoo

Op-Eds & Media Articles

Date	Title	Outlet	Authors
14 Jun 2026	Stronger Intellectual Property Reforms Are Quietly Rewiring India's Trade Model	The Policy Edge (Opinion)	Qayoom Khachoo, Ridwan Ah Sheikh, Pritam Banerjee