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### Personal Information

Citizenship	New Zealand
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### Education and Training

#### *Education*

5/1994	<p>Doctor of Philosophy in Economics            Major in Economics and Minor in Statistics            North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA  <b>PhD Dissertation:</b> Foreign Exchange Markets: An            Alternative Test Based on Sample Generalized            Variance. North Carolina State University, 1994.            PhD Committee: Alastair Hall, David Dickey,            Douglas Fisher and Tom Grennes.</p>
1989	<p>North Carolina State University, Leadership            Development Series. Series of courses in            leadership</p>
5/1988	<p>Masters of Art in Economics            Concordia University, Montreal, Canada</p>
9/1986	<p>Honours in Economics (qualifying programme)            Concordia University, Montreal, Canada</p>

#### *Training*

2005	<p>Laurel Write for Results Training Course -            Wellington</p>
1997	<p>Covey Leadership Centre, The Seven Habits of            Highly Effective People – Training Course -            Wellington</p>
1991	<p>Internship at the IMF, Washington D.C.</p>
1993	<p>Internship at the World Bank, Washington D.C.</p>

## Work Experience

- 1990-1994 Lecturer, Department of Economics, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA. Average teaching evaluation is 4.2 on the scale of 5.
- Spring 1992 Lecturer, IBM, Research Triangle Park and NCSU, Raleigh, NC, U.S.A.
- 1994-1995 Senior Research Economist, Economics Department- Research Group, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 1995-2002 Economic Adviser, Economics Department - Policy Group - Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2002-2005 Senior Economist, Labour Market Policy Group, Strategy, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2005-2008 Principle Economist, Department of Labour –Labour Market Dynamics– Research, Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2007 to-date Adviser / Professor Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait.

## Fellowships

- 2002 Research Fellow HKIMR – Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Economics, Hong Kong Monetary Authority.
- 2003 Reserach Fellow IGIER – Bocconi University – Milan.

## Refereed Publications

**Papers listed here can be downloaded from**

<http://ideas.repec.org/e/pr22.html>

(1) W A Razzak, Political and Economic Institutions and the Arab Spring, in The Arab Spring': Its Origin, Implications and Outlook, (ed.,) Brian Lynch, New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, Victoria University of Wellington, Chapter 4, 31-46, 2011.

(2) W A Razzak, "An Empirical Glimpse on MSEs in MENA Countries" *Journal of Economics and Econometric*, the Economics and Econometrics Research Institute, EERI, Vol. 53 (1), 2010, 59-89.

(3) W A Razzak and J. Timmins, "Education and Labour Productivity in New Zealand," *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol.17 Issue, February 2010, 169-173.

(4) W A Razzak, "Self Selection Versus Learning By Exporting: Four Arab Countries," *Journal of Applied Business and Economics*, Issue 9(3), July 2009, 97-130.

(5) W A Razzak, "On the Dynamic of Search, Matching, and Productivity in New Zealand and Australia," *The International Journal of Applied Economics* (Journal of the Institute for International Studies) 6 (1), March 2009, 90-118.

(6) W A Razzak and J Timmins, "Macroeconomic Perspective on skill shortages and skill premium in New Zealand," *Australian Economic Papers*, Vol. 47, issue 1, 2008, 74-91.

(7) W A Razzak, "A Perspective on Unit Root and Cointegration in Applied Macroeconomics," *The International Journal of Applied Econometrics and Quantitative Studies*, Issue 1, 77-102, 2007.

(8) W A Razzak, "Explaining the gaps in labour productivity in some developed countries," *Applied Econometrics and International Development* (the Journal of the Euro-American Association of Economic Development), Vol. 7-2, 193-229, 2007.

(9) W A Razzak (with Robin Johnson and Steve Stillman), "Has New Zealand Benefited from Its Investments in Research and Development?" *Applied Economics*, Volume 39, Issue 19, November 2007, 2425-2440.

(10) W A Razzak, "Is the Taylor Rule Really Different from the McCallum Rule?" *Contemporary Economic Policy*, Volume 21, Number 4, October 2003, 445.

(11) W A Razzak, "The Forward Rate Unbiasedness Hypothesis Revisited," *International Journal of Finance and Economics* 7 (2002), 293

(12) W A Razzak, "Business Cycles Asymmetries: International Evidence. *Review of Economic Dynamics* 4 (2001), 230-243.

(13) David Mayes and W A Razzak, "Transparency and Accountability: Empirical Models and Policy Making in the Reserve Bank of New Zealand," in *Empirical Models and policy-Making Interaction and Institutions*, (Frank A. G. Butter and Mary S. Morgan, (eds.) Routledge, London, New York 2000, Chapter 7, 93-110.

(14) David Mayes and W A Razzak, "Transparency and Accountability: Empirical Models and Policy Making in the Reserve Bank of New Zealand," *Economic Modelling* 15 (1998), 377-394.

(15) W A Razzak, "The Hodrick-Prescott Technique: A Smoother Versus a Filter: An Application to New Zealand GDP," *Economics Letters* 56 (1997), 163-168.

(16) W A Razzak, "Are Nominal Devaluations Effective in Inducing Permanent Real Devaluations: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa." *Applied Economics Letters* 2 (1995), 437-439.

(17) W A Razzak, "Target Zone Exchange Rate," *Economics Letters* 35 (1991), 63-70.

### **IMF and World Bank Papers**

(1) Francisco N de Simone and W A Razzak, "Nominal Exchange Rate and Nominal Interest Rate Differentials." Working Paper W99/1, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1999). *International Monetary Fund Working Paper*, WP/99/141, 1999.

(2) Mustapha Rouis, W A Razzak, and C. Mollinedo, "The Supply Side Response to Exchange Rate Reform In Sub-Saharan Africa," *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* 1311, The World Bank (1994).

### **Hong Kong Institute For Monetary Research Papers**

(1) Wage-Price Dynamics, The Labor Market and Deflation in Hong Kong. Working Paper 242003, HKIMR, (2003).

### **Recent Working Papers and Ongoing Research**

(1) W A Razzak, "In The Middle of The Heat: The GCC Countries between Rising Oil Price and the Sliding Greenback," , API Working Paper, 2007.

(2) W A Razzak and R Nasser, "A Non Parametric Approach To Evaluating Inflation Targeting Regimes," **Economic and Econometric Research Institute, EERI, 2008\_18.**

(3) W A Razzak, "On the GCC Currency Union," **Economic and Econometric Research Institute Research Paper, 2009\_29.**

(4) W A Razzak and B. Laabas, "Taxes, Natural Resource Endowment, and the Supply of Labor: New Evidence" API Working Paper, 2010.

(5) W A Razzak (with B. Laabas), "A Contribution Towards New Zealand Tax Reform," **Economic and Econometric Research Institute Research Paper, (October 2010\_35).**

(6) W A Razzak, "Predicting Instability," **MPRA Paper, University Library of Munich, Germany, 2010.**

(7) W A Razzak (with B. Laabas), "Economic Growth and the Quality of Human Capital: International Evidence? **MPRA Paper, University Library of Munich, Germany, 2011.**

(8) W A Razzak (with Mostafa Bentour), On The Rate of Returns on Inward FDI, **ongoing 2011.**

(9) W A Razzak (with B Laabas), "Welfare Cost of Exchange Rate Regimes, **ongoing, 2011.**

(10) W A Razzak (with B Laabas), "Ideas in Finance and Endogenous growth," **ongoing, 2011.**

(11) W A Razzak (with B Laabas), "The Distribution of Boys and Girls Cognitive Skills," **ongoing 2011.**

## **Other Papers**

(1) W A Razzak, "Iraq: Private Ownership of Oil and the Quest for Democracy," (2006).

(2) W A Razzak, Institutions and the Arab Spring, forthcoming in the New Zealand Institute for Foreign Affairs, Wellington, NZ, 2011. **Forthcoming, Chapter 4, in The New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, The Arab Spring, 2003.**

## **Working & Discussion Papers at the RBNZ**

(1) W A Razzak, "UIP: The Puzzle of the US Dollar," 2002.

(2) W A Razzak, "Monetary Policy and Forecasting of Inflation with and without the Output Gap." Discussion Paper 2002/03, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (2002).

(3) W A Razzak, "The New Keynesian Model: A Note on Specification and Estimation." Working Paper 2001/1, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (2001).

(4) W A Razzak, "Money in the Era of Inflation Targeting." Working Paper 2000/2, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (2000).

(5) W A Razzak, "UIP: An Efficient and Unbiased Estimator."

Working Paper 2000/3, Reserve Bank of New Zealand.

(6) W A Razzak, "The forward rate unbiasedness hypothesis in inflation-targeting regimes." Discussion Paper G99/3, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1999).

(7) W A Razzak, "Business Cycle Asymmetries and the Nominal Exchange Rate." Discussion Paper G98/4, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1998).

(8) W A Razzak and Thomas Grennes, "The Long-Run Nominal Exchange Rate: Specification and Estimation Issues." Discussion Paper G98/5, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1998).

(9) Razzak, W and R. Dennis, "The output gap using the Hodrick-Prescott filter with a non-constant smoothing parameter : an application to New Zeal, Reserve Bank of New Zealand G95/8.

### **Internal RBNZ Research (not for distribution)**

(1) W A Razzak, "An Objective Measure of the Inter-Quarter Variability of the MCI." Research Memo M98/6, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1998).

(2) W A Razzak, "A Note on the Inflation – Output Variability Trade – off in Inflation-Targeting Regimes." Research Note N98/2, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1998).

(3) W A Razzak, "A Note on Calibration." Research Memo 98, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1998).

(4) W A Razzak, "Testing the Rationality of the National Bank of New Zealand's Survey Data." Discussion Paper G97/5, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1997).

(5) W A Razzak, "The Inflation-Output Trade – Off: Is the Phillips-Curve Symmetric?" Discussion Paper G95/7, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1995).

(6) W A Razzak, "Are Prices Countercyclical? Evidence from New Zealand." N95/6-10, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1995).

(7) W A Razzak, "Plant and Machinery Investment." Research Memo G/18, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1995).

(8) W A Razzak, "Shocks to the New Zealand's economy and the Cyclical Behaviour of the Price Level," Discussion Paper G94/8, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1994).

(9) W A Razzak, "Is Inflation non-Stationary or a 'Long-Memory'." Research Note N94.111, Reserve Bank of New Zealand (1994).

## **Invited Lectures in Monetary Economics**

(1) Monetary Economics: Invited Lecture at the Middle-Eastern Technical University Fourth International conference, Ankara, Turkey, September 13-16, 2000.

(2) A Note on Monetary Policy: Invited Lecture to graduate & undergraduate students at Antwerp University, Antwerp – Faculty of Applied Economics, Belgium, October 12, 1998.

(3) A Note on Monetary Policy: Invited Lecture to undergraduate and honour students at Victoria University of Wellington, September 29, 1998.

## **Refereeing**

The Economic Journal

Journal of Economic Surveys

Applied Economics

Applied Economic Letters

Studies in Economics & Finance

New Zealand Economic Papers

Journal of International Trade and Economic Development

Review of Economic Dynamics

Manchester Economic Papers

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control

Journal of Applied Economics and Policy

Journal of Macroeconomics

## **Fields of Interest**

International Macro-econometrics.

## **Biography**

Marquis Who's Who in the World 14th Edition 1997

## **Leadership**

(1) V President, New Zealand Association of Economists 2001-2003

(2) President, New Zealand Association of Economists 2003-2004.