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Research Interests

- Design of public policies, governance and distributional questions
- Political economy of intergovernmental fiscal relations
- Applied fiscal issues in China, South Asia and a number of countries in the Middle East
- Public Economics
- Federalism

Selected Publications

- Ahmad, E., and Brosio, G. (eds.) (2015). [*Handbook of Multilevel Finance*](#). Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, UK.
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- Ahmad, E. (2013). [*Governance and Institutions: The role of multi-level fiscal institutions in generating sustainable and inclusive growth*](#). ARC Working Paper.
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- Agustina, C.D., Ahmad, E., Nugroho, D., and Siagian, H. (2012). [*Political economy of natural resource revenue sharing in Indonesia*](#). ARC Working Paper.
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- Ahmad, E., Drèze, J., Hills, J., and Sen, A. (1991). *Social Security in Developing Countries*. Clarendon Press, Oxford.
- Ahmad, E., and Stern, N. (1984). [*The theory of reform and Indian indirect taxes*](#). *Journal of Public Economics*, 25(1984): 259-298.