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BRIEF PROFILE.

I am a researcher at LSE but also a policymaker and economic policy advisor with over thirty years of experience equally spread between positions in academia/research and public policy. I connect the worlds of practice and research in pedagogy and economic policy, focusing on how to design, negotiate and operationalise policy reforms. My current work focuses on geoeconomics, political economy, public policy and on promoting economic capabilities in governments, international institutions, and businesses and I am looking for more impactful work in these areas.

As a researcher and analyst, I have worked on economic development, political economy, state fragility and geoeconomics. As a practitioner, I have worked on economic policy impact through taking various positions in public leadership and by promoting co-creation of knowledge and institution-building. My teaching has focused on geoeconomics, public organisations, political economy, and development economics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 – present. Professor of Practice, School of Public Policy, LSE.

2025 – present. EMPA/EMPP Programme Co-Director.

Responsible for teaching, policy engagement, student interaction and research. Member of Departmental Management and Teaching Committees. Teaching courses on geoeconomics and political economy and delivery guest lectures in many courses. Responsible for setting up a geoeconomics research group and for supervising Dissertations, Policy Papers, Capstones with policy clients.

Responsible for academic design, and leading on delivery of Executive Masters in Public Administration, and Executive Masters in Public Policy for professionals in government departments, public agencies and the private sector who are seeking a formal graduate classification in public administration and policy-making (taught in intensive blocks over 22 months combining rigorous academic study with practical learning in policy analysis, economics and political science) with the EMPP training the future leaders of the UK Civil Service. Responsible for engaging with students, faculty and policy counterparts.

2021 – 2025. Chief Economist, and Director for Analysis, Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK Government.

Key responsibilities include:

- Provide economic advice to Ministers, senior officials and Heads of Mission on global economic developments, economies of interest for the domestic growth agenda, effective use of development cooperation and international finance, the economic implications of policy options across the full range of HMG interests.
- Engage with counterparts in government, international organisations, and partner governments to influence policy choices and outcomes based on data, evidence and analysis; champion the work of all analytical teams and encourage the use of innovative analytical and data techniques.
- As a key member of FCDO's senior leadership team play an active role in corporate management as a member of the Management Board and the Investment and Delivery Committee.
- Oversee the FCDO's evaluation strategy, guidance on the most cost-effective approaches to tackling key challenges ("Best Buys"), and independent review of major investment cases by providing an independent challenge function.
- Strengthen the effective use of analytical expertise in FCDO, manage a team of over 100 analysts and provide intellectual leadership to the wider analytical communities, the largest being the 300+ strong economics community.
- Ensure FCDO policies and investment decisions (~3-4b£/year) are informed by rigorous data, evidence and analysis and constitute good value for money.
- Promote the use of high-quality data, analysis and evidence-based policy making in all policies including clean and inclusive growth, conflict, fragility and security, economic statecraft, and private sector development.
- Direct and oversee technical standards for the recruitment, retention, and ongoing training of economists and other analysts.
- Engage with the academic community to bring the best evidence to FCDO's work. Provide technical oversight of FCDO's investment in research.
- Produce analytical reports on global economy, international development, economic security, climate change, conflict and fragility.
- Engage with policymakers in other countries/regions and produce analytical reports after analysis and visits including on:
 - Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Finland, France, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Laos, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Saint Lucia, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, UAE, USA, Vietnam, Yemen.

2021 – 22. Academic Director, School of Public Policy, LSE.

Responsible for design, oversight review of the academic program of the School of Public Policy.

2018-19. Visiting Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School.

Responsible for, among other things, teaching two core courses in the flagship MPA (International Development) program.

2009 -19. Research and Policy Director, International Growth Centre, LSE.

Manage the research portfolio of IGC including the commissioning of projects, through rigorous assessment on research and policy dimensions. Responsible for matching policy demands/needs with researchers, for enhancing policy impact and for helping build thought leadership in key areas, and for engaging with policy actors, researchers and analysts during regular country visits, events, and elsewhere.

2017-18. Co-Chair (with David Cameron and Donald Kaberuka), LSE-Oxford Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development.

2003-05. Instructor, National School of Public Policy.

Responsible for teaching economics and policy formulation to senior civil servants, for supervising policy papers and reports and analytical work.

2003. Program Manager, Education Sector Reform Program, Pakistan.

Responsible for design, roll-out and monitoring of USD 300m flagship program for reforming education sector.

2001-02. Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Punjab Pakistan.

Responsible for Taxation, Revenue Management, and Annual Budgets, and for dealing with intergovernmental fiscal transfers on the National and Provincial Finance Commissions.

1995-2001. Administrator, District Administration, Pakistan.

Responsible for magisterial work, revenue and civil administration; coordination of all public agencies, and oversight of major programs and execution of development schemes

1990-95. Consultant, Project Manager.

Responsible for design, social and technical appraisal, and construction of major infrastructure projects in construction, water supply and sanitation, and transportation sectors.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD Economics, Queen's University. Canada.
Master of Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School. USA.
B.Sc. Engineering, University of Engineering and Technology, Pakistan.

Civil Service China Capability Course, Great Britain China Centre. U.K.
Leadership Development Program, London School of Economics. U.K.
Special Training Program, Administrative Service Academy.
Common Training Program, Civil Services Academy, Pakistan.
International Affairs and Philosophy, Punjab University, Pakistan.

GRANTS AND HONOURS

Received two Civil Service Awards for Economics and Evaluation Directorate for quality and impact of its analysis in 2022-23.

Received over \$7 million competitive research grants from global calls for proposals.

Received LSE Excellence in Education Award 2020.

Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNET) Best Practice Award 2017 for effective interaction between research and practice.

Stood first in the country in the competitive Civil Service (CSS) exam in Pakistan 1995.

Received President's Gold Medal for Best All-Round Officer from President of Pakistan in 1997.

Languages / Global Engagements.

Fluent in English, Urdu, and Punjabi.

Intermediate in Spanish, Arabic and Sindhi. Basic Mandarin.

Varying levels of policy and professional engagements in over 50 countries around the world over the years.

AFFILIATIONS – PRESENT AND PAST.

Fellow, Royal Economic Society (RES).

Harvard CID Visiting Scholar 2026-27.

Princeton Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy and Finance (JRCPFF) Non-Resident Fellow.

Member Advisory Council, *Millennium Challenge Corporation*, USA.

Member, Advisory Council, CEPR Reducing Conflict and Improving Performance in the Economy (ReCIPE).

Member, Evidence Use in Policymaking Programme Advisory Board, FCDO Research Commissioning Centre.

Chairperson, FCDO-BII Evaluations & Learning Steering Group, *British International Investment* (BII, formerly CDC).

Member, Advisory Panel for Sahel, *World Bank*.

Member Steering Committee for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Synthesis Coalition, *United Nations*.

Board Member, *Charles Wallace Pakistan Trust* (CWPT), UK. 2020 –).

Affiliate, *Jameel Poverty Action Lab* (JPAL), MIT,

Affiliated Researcher, *Yale University Research Initiative on Innovation and Scale* (Y-RISE). (2018 –).

Member Advisory Board, *Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion* (CASE), LSE. (2020 –2024).

Founder Board Member, *Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan* (CERP), 2009-2021, 2026 -

Theme Lead, Governance and State Capacity, *LSE Shaping the Post-Covid World Initiative*. (2020-21).

Academic Lead, Maryam Forum on Global Emergencies Response, LSE (2020-21).

Associate, *Building State Capability Program*, at Center for International Development, Harvard (2019 - 2021)

Academic Co-leader, *Reducing State Fragilities Initiative* (IGC), (2019-2021).

Affiliated Researcher, *Precision for Development* (PxD). (2018 – 21).

Policy Advisor, Harvard Kennedy School *Evidence for Policy Design, Building Capacity on Use of Research Evidence* (BCURE) (2013-17).

Referee for: American Economic Journal, American Economic Review, Economica, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Pakistan Development Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies.

Co-Led LSE Public Policy Review Special Issue on COVID-19.

PEDAGOGY.

Courses Taught / Currently Teaching.

- *Geo-economics*, LSE, 2025 –
- *Public Organisations: Theory and Practice*, LSE, 2020 – present.
- *Political Economy Applications for Public Policy*, LSE, 2021 – present.
- *Development Economic*, EMPA/EMPP, LSE. 2019 –
- *Making Governments and Policies Work for Development*, LSE, 2019-2020.
- *Conducting Research with External Actors*, PhD Workshop, LSE, 2019-20.

- *Applications and Cases in International Development* (with Michael Walton), Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), 2018-19.
- *Economic Development: Using Analytical Frameworks for Smart Policy Design*, HKS, 2018-19.
- *Policy, Bureaucracy and Development: Theory and Practice of Policy Design, Implementation and Evaluation*, LSE. 2014 – 2017.
- *Policy and Bureaucracy: Opening the Black box of Governance*, HKS, 2017-18.
- *FCO South Asia Executive Education Programme*, King's College. 2017-21.
- *Political Skills for Public Policy Leadership*, SPP LSE, 2020-1.
- *Development Economics*, Queen's University, 2008.

SELECTED TEACHING ADVISORY

LSE Capstone projects (and clients):

- Innovation Policy and Regulatory Design (with Financial Conduct Authority).
- Promoting a Diverse and Inclusive Tech Economy in the UK (with Amazon UK).
- What does Online Safety look like in a Fully Encrypted World? (Ofcom UK).
- Promoting Inclusive Growth in Urban Land Development (with City of Cape Town Government).
- Strengthening Government Legitimacy through Digital Engagement (with Centre for Public Impact UK).

Harvard Kennedy School:

- Transforming Smallholder Agriculture in Ethiopia.
- Zimbabwe's Pathway towards Growth: Transforming the economic and political landscape.

RESEARCH

Published Papers

Government Analytics Using Administrative Case Data (with Michael Best, Columbia, and Alessandra Fenizia, George Washington University), *The Government Analytics Handbook: Leveraging Data to Strengthen Public Administration*. *World Bank*. 2023.

Bureaucracy and Development (with Timothy Besley, LSE, Robin Burgess, LSE, and Guo Xu, Berkeley), *Annual Review of Economics* 2022.

The Allocation of Authority in Organizations: A Field Experiment with Bureaucrats (with Oriana Bandiera, LSE, Andrea Prat, Columbia, & Michael Best, Columbia). *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 2021.

Building Trust in the State with Information: Evidence from Urban Punjab (with Andreas Stegmann, Warwick, Mahvish Shaukat, World Bank, and Sanval Nasim, LUMS). *Journal of Public Economics* 2021.

Preparing for Crises: Lessons from Covid-19 (with Jishnu Das, Georgetown, Asim Khwaja, Harvard, and Anum Malkani, CERP). *LSE Public Policy Review*. 2021.

Making Moves Matter: Experimental Evidence on Incentivizing Bureaucrats through Performance-Based Postings (with Ben Olken, MIT, and Asim Khwaja, Harvard). *American Economic Review*, 2019.

Tax Farming Redux: Experimental Evidence on Incentive Pay for Tax Collectors (with Ben Olken, MIT, and Asim Khwaja, Harvard). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2016.

Breaking the Counter-cyclical Pattern of Local Democracy (with Roger Myerson, Chicago, and Ali Cheema, LUMS), in '*Is Decentralization Good for Development? Perspectives from Academics and Policymakers*', Oxford University Press 2015.

The Impact of Social Networks on Labor Market Outcomes: New Evidence from Cape Breton (with Steven Lehrer, Queen's) *NBER Working Paper, Canadian Public Policy* 2013.

Capacity Development for Education Service Delivery: Top-Down Devolution (with David Watson) in *Public Administration and Development* 2010.

Decentralization in Pakistan: Context, Content and Causes (with Asim Khwaja, Harvard, and Ali Cheema, LUMS), for '*Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries*', MIT Press, USA 2006.

Working Papers

Impacts of Pro-Poor Transfers on Perceptions, Mindsets, Political Views and Participation of the Rich and Poor (with Nicolas Cerkez, Oxford, Imran Rasul, UCL, and Anam Shoaib, CERP). 2025.

Stewards of Agents? The Role of Motivation and Deliberation in Bureaucratic Decision-Making (with Sheheryar Banuri, UEA, Zahra Mansoor, Bristol). 2025

The Political Economy of Progressive Tax Reform: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan. (with Michael Best, Columbia, Shandana Mohmand, IDS, Ali Cheema, LUMS, Ali Abbas, IMF, and Ahsan Farooqui, IDS). 2025.

Rebuilding the Social Compact: Urban Service Delivery and Property Taxes (with Benjamin Olken, MIT, Asim Khwaja, Harvard, and Mahvish Shaukat, World Bank). 2025.

Preferences and Performance among Bureaucrats: Evidence from Pakistan's Civil Service (with Gabriel Tourek, Pittsburgh, and Zahra Mansoor, Bristol). 2023.

Policy Decisions and Evidence Use among Civil Servants: A Group Decision Experiment (with Laura Metzger, HKS, and Theodore Svoronos, HKS). CID, STICERD Working Paper. 2020.

Effect of Capacity in Delivery of Urban Services (with Gharad Bryan, LSE, Gerard Padro i Miquel, Yale, and Ali Cheema, LUMS). 2020.

Political Connections and Vote Choice (with Jacob Shapiro, Princeton, Michael Callen, LSE, Asad Liaqat, Facebook, Ali Cheema, LUMS, and Farooq Naseer, LUMS). 2018.

Ongoing Projects

The Design of Social Protection Programs for the Ultra-Poor: Asset Transfers versus Unconditional Cash Transfers (with Oriana Bandiera, LSE, Robin Burgess, LSE, Orazio Attanasio, UCL, and Imran Rasul, UCL).

Testing the Existence of Informality Traps (with Michael Best, Columbia, Anders Jensen, Harvard, and Sher Afghan Asad, LUMS).

Experiments on Increasing Revenue Collection with Computer Vision (with Ben Olken, MIT, Mahvish Shaukat, World Bank, and Sher Afghan Asad, LUMS).

Understanding and Mitigating Excessive Risk-Taking in Bureaucracies: The Role of Pro-Social Motivation (with Sheheryar Banuri, Cambridge, and Zahra Mansoor, Bristol). 2023.

Transforming the Public Sector by Improving Bureaucratic Performance: Mission Match and Slack (with Timothy Besley, LSE, and Dan Honig, UCL)

Judicial Access and Development (with Daniel Chen, Toulouse, and Sultan Mehmood, NES).

Graduating out of Poverty: Testing the impact of Cash Transfers vs. Lump-sum Grants (with Benjamin Olken, MIT, and Rema Hanna, HKS).

Institutional Reforms in Policing: Accountability, Organisational Culture and Social Norms (with Daron Acemoglu, MIT, Claudio Ferraz, UBC, and Zahra Mansoor, Bristol)

Strengthening State Capacity and Enhancing Bureaucratic Effectiveness (with Gabriel Tourek, Pittsburgh, and Zahra Mansoor, Bristol).

Precision versus Proximity: Evidence from Survey Experiments with Civil Servants (with Michael Callen, LSE, Asim Khwaja, Harvard, and Asad Liaqat, Facebook).

Evaluating the Take-up, Usage, and Impact of Mobile Money Accounts (with Greg Fischer, LSE, Joshua Blumenstock, Berkeley).

Effect of Employment on Volunteering and Health Outcomes: Evidence from a Community Employment Project in Canada (with Steven Lehrer, Queens).

POLICY WORK

Hosted in-person workshop of about 40 Chief Economists of Multilateral and Bilateral Development Agencies and Finance Institutes at FCDO, November 2024.

Co-organised in-person workshop of Chief Economists of Multilateral and Bilateral Development Agencies and Finance Institutes at OECD, Paris, November 2023.

Organised and led two 3-day conferences for 270+ economists at Lancaster House, UK in 2023 and 2024.

REPORTS:

Three smart ways to unlock progress on the big issues in development in 2025. Blog with Pilar Garrido, Indermit Gill, et al. VoxDev. 2025.

Addressing Poverty and Climate Change: Exploring Planet Compatible Growth. FCDO. 2024.

Fragility and Conflict in a Fragmented World. FCDO. 2024.

Road to the SDGs: Review of Evidence and Implications for Policy. LSE Working Paper. 2024

The Chinese Hare and the US Tortoise. FCDO. 2023.

Geoeconomics

GeoPolitical Economy Group. Huth Initiative for New Political Economy (HINPE), LSE.

Geoeconomics Research Unit, SPP, LSE.

Hosting research-policy/practitioner roundtables: International Cooperation; National Security

CEPR Research Grant (with Neave O'Clery, UCL. *Does economic entanglement reduce the risk of escalation from economic to military inter-state conflict?* Ongoing.

VoxDev Literature Review on *Geoeconomics* with Michael Callen (LSE). Ongoing.

State Fragility

Co-chaired (with ex UK Prime Minister David Cameron and ex Rwandan Finance Minister Donald Kaberuka) LSE-Oxford Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development. 2017-18.

Final Report *Escaping the Fragility Trap* (with Timothy Besley, LSE, and Paul Collier, Oxford), April 2018, LSE-Oxford Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development. (in English and French)

Co-Academic Lead (with Paul Collier and Tim Besley), on State Fragility Initiative. 2018-2021.

Blog. Solving the Puzzle of Peace. UNU-WIDER. June 2022.

State Capacity

Chapter on *State Capacity* (with Dan Honig, UCL/Georgetown, and Joana Naritomi, LSE) in *Shaping 21st Century Policy Consensus* (forthcoming).

Putting Research into Practice. Podcast for STEG CEPR (Structural Transformation and Economic Growth programme at Centre for Economic Policy Research).

Blog. *Nation-Building 101*. Project Syndicate with Andres Velasco.

Making Moves Matter: Experimental Evidence on Incentivizing Bureaucrats through Performance-Based Postings.

- VoxDev Audio
- J-PAL Evaluation Summary (in English and Spanish)

Tax Farming Redux: Experimental Evidence on Incentive Pay for Tax Collectors

- Documentary on the project (won First prize at LSE Research Festival 2014)
- JPAL Policy Briefcase: Paying for Performance
- 3ie Policy Report: Property Tax Experiment in Punjab, Pakistan
- Blog on Microeconomic Insights: Impact of incentives on tax collectors and taxpayers

Policy Advisor for Harvard Kennedy School Evidence for Policy Design (EPOD) project on *Building Capacity on Use of Research Evidence* (BCURE) from 2013-17.

Blog. *Autonomy – not rules – may be the government’s best weapon in the fight against corruption* (with Katie Parry, Oriana Bandiera, Michael Best, Andrea Prat). VOX. 13 May 2020.

Op-ed. *The Analytical Angle: What’s in the price of a pen? Millions of rupees, if you’re the government.* (with Michael Best, Columbia). DAWN October 23, 2019.

Blog on Monkey Cage at *Washington Post*. 2017. “*These 3 barriers make it hard for policymakers to use the evidence that development researchers produce*”.

Growth Brief. Rewarding bureaucrats: Can incentives Improve public sector performance? (with Oriana Bandiera and Julia Tobias), International Growth Centre. 2017.

Essay. Designing Incentive Structures in Bureaucracies: A case study for Civil Service Reform in Pakistan (with Asim Khwaja and Tiffany Simon). Princeton University Wilson Center’s Volume on “Pakistan’s Institutions: We know they matter, but how can they work better?”

Growth Brief *Taxing to develop: When ‘third-best’ policies are optimal* (with Henrik Kleven and Upaasna Kaul), International Growth Centre 2016 (FT Blog in beyondbrics).

Tax in Developing Countries: Increasing Resources for Development (with Timothy Besley, LSE) Written Evidence for the International Development Select Committee, UK Parliament 2012.

Capacity Building for Decentralized Education Service Delivery in Pakistan (with David Watson) (Discussion Paper 57G) European Centre for Development Policy Management: Maastricht 2005.

Covid-19 Policy Response

Addressing the Knowledge Gap During the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Policymaking in uncertain times. May 2020. International Growth Centre and Centre for International Development Harvard University (English, Arabic, French versions).

Smart Containment with Active Learning: A Proposal for a Data-Responsive and Graded Response to Covid-19. May 2020. Center for International Development Harvard Kennedy School.

Punjab's Smart Sampling and Testing Strategy Report. August 2020. CERP.

Smart Containment with Active Learning: Operations Plan. May 2020. Center for International Development Harvard Kennedy School.

IGC COVID-19 guidance note: Containment strategies and support for vulnerable households. International Growth Centre.

What are the smart COVID-19 containment options for developing countries? LSE Blog.

Voluntary compliance with Covid-19 control is crucial now? DAWN blog. July 2020.

Entrepreneurship and Social Protection

Targeting the Poor: Developing economies face special challenges in delivering social protection (with Rema Hanna, HKS, and Benjamin Olken, MIT), Finance and Development, December 2018, Vol. 55, No. 4, International Monetary Fund. (Spanish version)

The Effects of Pro-Poor Policies on Economic Preferences (with Imran Rasul, UCL, and Nicolas Cerkez, UCL), and Anam Shoaib, CERP). Policy Brief.

The Design of Social Protection Programs for the Poor: In-Kind Asset Transfers versus Unconditional Cash Transfers. (with Oriana Bandiera, LSE, Robin Burgess, LSE, and Imran Rasul, UCL). Policy Brief.

Asset Transfer Program: One Year Impact Report (with Imran Rasul, UCL, Schanzah Khalid, CERP, and Shujaat Ali, CERP) PPAF-CERP, 2015.

Punjab Economic Opportunities Program, Phase 1 Baseline Report. 2013.

Punjab Economic Opportunities Program, Supply Side Surveys Report. 2013.

A Study of Informal Finance Markets in Pakistan, Pakistan Microfinance Network 2005.

SELECTED KEYNOTE TALKS, PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Panel. Oxford University course 'Goeconomics Uncovered: Theory Meets Evidence'. June 2026

LSE-NYU Political Economy Conference. May 2026

UNFPA Panel Arab States Senior Leadership Meeting, June 2026

Y-RISE Conference, Kingston Jamaica. February 2026.

Keynote Talk, A New Global Order: Yet Again. 5th Annual International Conference, IBA Karachi. November 2025.

7th World Bank/ODI/IFS Public Finance Conference, London. September 2025.

Growth Summit, Center for Global Development, Washington DC. October 2024.

Misum Forum Keynote talk, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden. 2023.

Macroeconomic Policy for Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, 12th Annual JRCPPF Conference, Princeton University. February 2023.

IGC Tax for Growth Initiative. April 2023.

How to get inclusive growth started in fragile contexts? UNU-WIDER Conference June 2022.

Bureaucracy, State Capacity, and Development, Mahbub ul Haq Distinguished Lecture, LUMS. 2021

About 20 talks globally on Covid-19 policy response including the SCALE approach and policy making under uncertainty with officials in Egypt, Yemen, Sudan, African Development Bank, World Bank Central Asia, LSE, and elsewhere.

COVID-19: the economic policy response. LSE Public Event with Silvana Tenreyro, Ricardo Reis, and Andres Velasco. May 2020.

Crucial Role of State Capacity in Crisis Response. LSE Public Event with Margaret Levi, Tim Besley and Erik Berglof. June 2020.

COVID-19 in South Asia: Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. LSE Public Event with Tania Aidrus, Yamini Aiyar, Jishnu Das and Mushfiq Mobarak. LSE Public Event. June 2020.

Learning Failures and State Capability Traps. Panel with Lant Pritchett and Asim Khwaja. Harvard CID GEM 2019.

Policy skills for research. Short Course on Research Skills for Sub Saharan Africa. IZA G²LM LIC December 2020.

Keynote talk, Why do developing countries tax so little? Lessons from research and practice, 4th Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries, University of Zurich, December 2019.

Plenary address, Is the cure worse than the disease? The unintended effects of corruption control. September 2019, International Conference on Applied Development Economics, Lahore Pakistan.

Behavioural Economics Workshop, September 2019, LSE-B4U.

Financing Cities: Land and Property Taxes Workshop, September 2019, IGC-Urban Unit.

Workshop on Internal Audit, August 2019, Asian Development Bank, Manila.

Keynote talk, From Fragility to Peace and Development, July 2019, IGC-ISP Seminar, Yangon, Myanmar.

Workshop on Civil Service Reforms, August 2019, Lahore Pakistan.

State Fragility – A Global Phenomenon, October 2018, The 2018 Pearson Global Forum University of Chicago.

Tax Policy Design and Enforcement Conference, July 2018, Lusaka Zambia.

Cabinet Office Seminar, July 2018, Lusaka, Zambia.

CIFAR-IGC-BA Event, A New Approach to State Fragility, June 2018, British Academy, London.

Forum on Public Procurement, June 2018, Beirut, Lebanon.

USIP, Rockefeller Center, ODI Workshop, The Future of Fragile States, June 2018, The Bellagio Rockefeller Center, Italy.

Conference on 'Systems of Public Service Delivery in Developing Countries', May 2018, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford.

World Bank Annual Conference 2016 panel 'The Governance Gap: Why Does Half the World Distrust Government and What Can We Do About It?'

World Bank Conference on 'Innovating Bureaucracy' November 8-9, 2017, Washington DC.

World Bank Tax Conferences, May 2015 and February 2016, Washington DC.

International Economic Association World Congresses in Jordan (2014) and Mexico City (2017).

Africa Growth Forum Kampala (2013), Accra (2014), Addis Ababa (2015).

South Asia Growth Conferences in Dhaka (2012), New Delhi (2013) and Lahore (2014).

Policy engagements and events in more than 50 countries including Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Uganda, USA, Zambia, and many other countries.

Academic Seminars at LSE, Oxford, Columbia, Harvard, Stockholm, Delhi, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Dhaka, Moscow, Brunel, Sussex, CEPR Conferences, Manchester, Bogota, Santiago, Lima, Mendoza, Zurich, and other places.

VOLUNTARY WORK

Volunteered at LSE UK Homelessness Project. 2020 – 21.

Voluntary work on Orangi Pilot Project (OPP) extension in Punjab. 1992-5.