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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, George Washington University, Washington DC, DC	2016
M.A., Economics, George Washington University, Washington DC, DC	2011
B.A. (Hons), Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore	2008

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Economics Department, LUMS	2015-Present
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PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

1. “SDGs in Pakistan”. 2019. In edited volume “SDGs in South Asia” being Published by Routledge(London).
2. “Closing the Feedback Loop: Can Technology Amplify Citizen Voices?” with Bjorn Soren Gigler, Samantha Custer, Savita Bailur, Elizabeth Dodds and Elena Gagieva-Petrova, 2014. In Bjorn Soren Gigler and Savita Bailur. Eds., Closing the Feedback Loop: Can Technology Bridge the Accountability Gap?, The World Bank, Chapter 8, pp. 211-273.
3. “Infrastructural Constraints on Agricultural Productivity,” 2011. In Meeta Kumar and Mihir Pandey. Eds., Economic Challenges to Make South Asia Free from Poverty and Deprivation, Academic Foundation, Chapter 11.

RESEARCH PAPERS AND PROJECTS

1. Asad, S. “The Crop Connection: Impact of Cell Phone Access on Crop Choice in Rural Pakistan” – 2nd Revise and Re-submitted
2. Asad, S. “How Important is Coordination for Market Access? Evidence from Micro-Transactions in Agricultural Markets in Pakistan” – 2nd Revise and Re-submitted
3. “Mystery of the Cursed Digits: Impact of Reliable Communication Network on Women’s Economic Participation in Pakistan” – submitted
4. “Impact of Improving Communication Networks on Women’s Entrepreneurship and Empowerment: Evidence from Randomized Experiment in Pakistan”

5. “Mechanisms for Increasing the Accountability of Teachers and Schools in Rural KP to Improve Learning Outcomes” with **Naureen Karachiwalla (IFPRI), Katrina Kosec (IFPRI), Masooma Habib (CDPR), Clare Leaver (Oxford) and Attique ur Rehman (CDPR)**
6. “Punishment Strategies and Output Quality in Agricultural Markets of Pakistan: Evidence from high frequency market data”
7. “Keeping it Fresh: Impact of Temperature and Humidity Regulating Storage Technology on Tomato Street Vendors in Pakistan” with **Agha Ali Akram (LUMS)**
8. "Impact of Conflict on Agricultural Prices in Pakistan" with **Adeel Tariq (LUMS)**
9. Impact of Religiousness on Premium Paid in Livestock Markets: Evidence from Eid-ul-Adha Markets in Pakistan
10. "Newsworthy or trustworthy? The Impacts of increased competition on the Pakistan news media industry" with **Freeha Fatima (World Bank) and Ayesha Ali (LUMS)**
11. "Government Advertisements and Media Self-censorship: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design in Pakistan" with **Sultan Mehmood (University of Paris Dauphine)**
12. "Energy Rationing, Water Scarcity, and Impacts on Labor Force Composition: Evidence from Gujarat’s `Dark Zones" with **Ram Fishman (TAU)**
13. "Ground Water Management and Optimal Consumption Under Changing Drilling Cost Regime: Evidence from Pakistan’s Indus Basin" with **Sanval Nasim (LUMS)**
14. "Impact of Ground Water Level on Development Outcomes: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan" with **Sanval Nasim (LUMS)**

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Asad, S. (Co-PI). “Keeping it Fresh: Impact of Temperature and Humidity Regulating Storage Technology on Tomato Street Vendors in Pakistan”. LUMS Faculty Initiative Fund. 2019-2020. Total Funding Awarded: \$6,300
- Asad, S. (PI). “Newsworthy or trustworthy? The Impacts of increasing competition in the Pakistan news media industry”. LUMS Faculty Initiative Fund. 2018-2019. Total Funding Awarded: \$8,000
- Asad, S. (PI). “Improving Accountability in Khyber Pakhtunkawa Schools”. LUMS Faculty Initiative Fund. 2017-2018. Total Funding Awarded: \$8,767
- Asad, S. (Co-PI). “Mechanisms for Increasing the Accountability of Teachers and Schools in Rural Khyber Pakhtunkawa to Improve Learning Outcomes”. International Growth Center. 2016-18. Total Funding Awarded: \$266,593

Asad, S. (PI). LUMS Water Informatics Technology Grant. 2016-2017. Total Funding Awarded: \$2,800

Asad, S. (PI). LUMS Faculty Startup Grant. 2015-2018. Total Funding Awarded: \$ 10,860

Asad, S. (Co-PI). International Growth Center. "Impact of Dark Zone Policy in Indian Gujarat". 2015-2017. Total Funding Awarded: \$ 8,273

Asad, S. (PI). Sigur Center for Asian Studies, GWU. "Impact of Cell Phone Access on Crop Choice in Rural Pakistan." Total Funding Awarded: \$5,000

Asad, S. (PI). Institute of International Economic Policy. "Impact of Cell Phone Access on Crop Choice in Rural Pakistan." 2012. Total Funding Awarded: \$5,000

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

William J. Fulbright PhD Fellowship 2009-2015

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, GWU 2010-2011

PRESENTATIONS

2020

LUMS SOE-WB Research Panel on Classroom Observations, Water, Energy, and the Environment (SAIS)

2019

PACDEV Conference 2019 (University of Southern California), Second International Conference on Applied Development Economics (The Lahore School of Economics)

2017 & 2018

GWU Development Seminar 2018 (GWU), SEA conference 2018 (Washington DC), 41st Annual NBER Summer School 2018 (Boston), Nordic Conference of Development Economics 2018 (Helsinki), IGC Conference 2017(Peshawar)

2015 & 2016

The Northeast Universities Development Consortium 2016 (MIT), Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics 2016 (Washington DC), The Northeast Universities Development Consortium 2015 (Brown University), LUMS Seminar Series, PODER Summer School on "Recent Advances in Impact Evaluation for Development" (Paris School of Economics), AEL 2015 Kiel (Germany), Fulbright Workshop on Social Entrepreneurship (Washington DC), International Food Policy Research Institute Seminar Series, SESRIC Seminar Series, GWU Trade and Development Workshop

2014

Washington Area Development Economics Symposium (Maryland University), Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop in Sustainable Development (Columbia University), Sigur Center for Asian

Studies Roundtable (GWU), GWU Economics Graduate Student Association, GWU
Development Lunch

CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

Consultant – Punjab Education Sector Project
DFID

January – March 2019

Consultant - Agriculture DRM Planning for Punjab and Sindh
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

September-November 2018

Short Term Consultant on Punjab Urban Water Survey
Water and Sanitation Sector, World Bank

March – June 2017

Consultant – FATA Agriculture Sector Specialist
UNDP

January-April 2017

Short Term Consultant
Innovation Practice Unit, World Bank

Summer 2012, Summer 2014

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association

Consortium for Development Policy Research, Fellow