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Employment

04/22-present: Research Associate
Public Economics Unit
University of Kassel, Germany
08/22-present: Lecturer
Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany
04/23-09/23: Program Manager, Master's in Economic Behaviour & Governance,
University of Kassel, Germany
09/21-02/22: Research Assistant
German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Bonn, Germany

Education

04/22-present: Ph.D. researcher
Public Economics Unit
University of Kassel, Germany
09/24-11/24: **Visiting Ph.D. Scholar**
Harvard University, Boston, USA
04/19-12/21: M.S. in Economic Behaviour & Governance
University of Kassel, Germany
01/14-06/18: B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics
Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh

Research Interests

Public Economics, Behavioral Economics, Mental Health, Development Economics, Machine learning

Work in Progress

- "What causes some individuals in distress to escalate their behavior?" with **John Naslund** and other colleagues from **Harvard Medical School**.
- "Disentangling the Effects of Social Media on Mental Health" with colleagues from **Harvard Medical School**.
- "Cumulative effect of IMC on local policy choices - evidence from four German states" with **Ivo Bischoff** (working on data).

Papers Submitted to Journals

- "Does inter-municipal cooperation reduce the intensity of tax competition? Evidence on inter-local industrial parks in Germany" with **Ivo Bischoff, Reinhold Kosfeld** (forthcoming *European Journal of Political Economy*).
- "Institutional Change and Politically Motivated Discretionary Transfers: Evidence From India" (under review).
- "Political Budget Cycle Within Federal System: A New Theoretical Model and Empirical Evidence From India" with **Konstantinos Theocharopoulos, Patrick Hufschmidt** (under review).

Teaching Experience

■ University of Kassel

- Public Economics (lecture+tutorial), Winter 2022/23, Winter 2023/24
- Behavioural Economics meets Public Sector (with Prof. Dr. Ivo Bischoff), Winter 2023/24

■ Fulda University of Applied Sciences

- Introduction to Economics & Research (lecture+tutorial), Winter 2022/23, Summer 2023, Winter 2023/24, Summer 2024

Other Training

MAKGS-course for Ph.D. students: Spatial Econometrics, Applied econometric analysis of stated choice data, Behavioral Economics, Python Programming and Machine Learning for Economic Research, Text as Data in Economics.

Research Visits

■ 09/2022: University of Barcelona, Spain (Topic-New challenges in the delivery of local public services. Pressures from aging and climate change).

■ 02/2023: Poznan University of Economics and Business, Poland (Topic-Social media and its role in local government: A Polish-German comparison).

■ 09/2023: Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany (2nd Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business). Keynote speakers: **Susan Dynarski (Harvard) & Frank Schillbach (MIT)**

Conference Presentation

■ 03/2023: European Public Choice Society, Hannover, Germany. (Title- Does inter-municipal cooperation reduce the intensity of tax competition? Evidence on inter-local industrial parks in Germany)

■ 07/2023: Silvaplane Political Economy, Pontresina, Switzerland. (Title- Effect of institutional change on opportunistic behavior of incumbent parties: evidence from India)

■ 02/2024: RGS Doctoral Conference, Essen, Germany. (Title- Political Budget Cycles and Alignment in Federal Systems: The Case of India)

Invited Talk

■ 01/2024: University of Siegen, Siegen, Germany. (Title- Political Budget Cycles and Alignment in Federal Systems: The Case of India)

Other Activities

■ 08/2023-present: Associate, Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability, Monash University, Australia.

Languages

English (fluent), German (advanced), Bangla (Native), Hindi (Basic)

Citizenship

Bangladesh (Permanent Resident in Germany)

Soft. Skills

Stata (advance) , R (intermediate), Python (advance), Latex (advance)

Referees

Prof. Dr. Ivo Bischoff
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