

Amal Ahmad

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Appointments

Assistant Professor, Wageningen University 2023-Present

Development Economics Group; with tenure since 2024

Research focus: development microeconomics and political economy

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Göttingen 2021-2023

Department of Economics and Centre for Modern Indian Studies

Education

PhD Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst 2015-2021

MS Development Economics, SOAS, University of London 2012-2013

BA Economics and Black Studies, Amherst College 2008-2012

Refereed research

Ahmad, Amal, Naeher, Dominik, and Vollmer, Sebastian. “The political economy of patent buyouts”. Conditionally accepted in *RAND Journal of Economics*.

Ahmad, Amal. (2023) “Land for peace? Game theory and the strategic impediments to a resolution in Israel-Palestine”, *Defence and Peace Economics*, 34(3):385-409.

Ahmad, Amal. (2022) “Imperfect information and learning: Evidence from cotton cultivation in Pakistan”, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 201:176-204.

Working papers & work in progress

Ahmad, Amal. (2024) “Transfers and the rise of Hindu nationalism in India”. NICEP Working Paper.

Ahmad, Amal and Vollmer, Sebastian (2024). “A child feeding a child: Early mother’s marriage and child growth in India”. Courant Centre Research Paper 297.

“Water user associations and collective action in developing countries” (with Leonard Krapf and Sebastian Vollmer).

“Agrarian political economy and settler colonialism in Palestine”

Teaching

Graduate political economy of development, Wageningen University	2024, 2025
Graduate political economics, Utrecht University	2025
Undergraduate microeconomics, Wageningen University	2024
Graduate quasi-experimental economics, University of Göttingen	2023
Graduate global health economics, University of Göttingen	2022, 2023
Graduate interdisciplinary studies of modern India, University of Göttingen	2022
Graduate mathematics camp, UMass Amherst	2019, 2020
Graduate econometric theory camp, UMass Amherst	2019
Undergraduate microeconomics, UMass Amherst	2020

Invited presentations and conferences

Health Economics Seminar, Erasmus University Rotterdam	2025
Growth and Development Centre, University of Groningen	2025
UNU-MERIT Seminar, Maastricht University	2024
European Economic Association Conference	2024
Interdisciplinary Centre for Economic and Political Research, University of Nottingham	2024
Dutch Development Economics Workshop, Utrecht University	2024
Eastern Economic Association Conference	2019, 2020, 2021, 2024
Development Research Seminar, Lahore School of Economics	2023
Centre for Modern Indian Studies Colloquium, University of Göttingen	2022
Oxford Development Economics Workshop, University of Oxford	2022
Applied Economics Meeting (Conference)	2022
Northeastern Universities Development Conference	2021
Applied Political Economy Workshop, UMass Amherst	2018, 2019
UMass-New School Workshop, UMass Amherst	2018
Arab Studies Institute, George Mason University	2017
History of Political Economy Summer Program, Duke University	2015

Public scholarship

- “Trump’s tariffs and the MENA economies”, 08/05/25. *Arab Center Washington DC*.
- “The political economy of Palestine”, 29/05/24. *Rethinking Economics*.
- “Israel’s no-state solution and the endurance of Palestine”, 12/03/24. *The New Arab*.
- “The PA’s revenue structure & Israel’s containment strategy”, 15/02/23. *Palestinian Policy Network*.

“Prospects for development in Palestine”, 12/9/22. *Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute*.
“Palestine post-Oslo: Moving to a just future”, 18/09/18. *Palestinian Policy Network*.
“70 years of Nabka: Where can Palestinians go from here?”, 15/05/18. *Palestinian Policy Network*.
“Beyond the binary: Two states, one state, failed state, no state” 30/05/17. *Palestinian Policy Network*.
“Palestinian democracy denied”, 07/12/16. *Palestinian Policy Network*.
“Reflections on Palestinian strategy”, 01/02/16. *Palestinian Policy Network*.
“How Israel gets to cut off Palestine’s revenues”, 03/02/15. *The Hill*.
“The customs union and Israel’s no-state solution”, 26/11/14. *Palestinian Policy Network*.

Other

Nationality: Palestinian.

Civil Status: Married.

Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), Portuguese (basic), Dutch (basic).