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Education

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| George Mason University , Fairfax, VA | <i>2020 – Present</i> |
| Ph.D. in Economics | |
| Primary Fields: Law and Economics, Economics of Religion | |
| Secondary Fields: Historical Political Economy, Health Economics | |
| Research Assistant to Prof. Noel D. Johnson | <i>2020 – 2023</i> |
| Jawaharlal Nehru University , New Delhi, India | <i>2014 – 2017</i> |
| M.Phil. in Economics | |
| South Asian University , New Delhi, India | <i>2010 – 2012</i> |
| M.A. in Development Economics | |
| Aligarh Muslim University , Aligarh, India | <i>2007 – 2010</i> |
| B.A. in Economics | |

Research Interests

Historical Political Economy, Economics of Religion, Development Economics, Health Economics, and Applied Econometrics.

Focus on religion's role in vaccine hesitancy and its economic impact, particularly on public health interventions in colonial India.

Job Market Paper

Pox, Piety, and Paradox: The Economics of Vaccination in British India
Draft available upon request

Publications

Hussain, M.A. and M. Tyagi (2024). "Political Connections and Credit Access: Evidence from Small Businesses and Microenterprises in India." *Small Business Economics*.

Hussain, M.A. and M. Tyagi (2024). "Political Connections of Firms and Access to Credit: Evidence from the Indian Corporate Sector." *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, vol. 69.

Hussain, M.A. and M. Tyagi (2020). "Role of Political Connections in Land Investment: Evidence from Rural India." *Constitutional Political Economy*.

Working Papers

Mistrust and Vaccination in Colonial India: 1870-1926 (with Noel D. Johnson)

Religion and Consumption of Drugs in Colonial India (With Noel D. Johnson and Shruti Rajagopalan)

Colonization in a Network of Allies

Railways and Health Outcomes in Colonial India

Fellowships and Awards

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| Emergent Ventures India Fellowship | 2024 – 2025 |
| Public Choice Fellowship | 2023 – 2025 |
| Bradley Fellowship | 2021 – 2024 |
| Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellowship | 2020 – 2023 |

Conferences and Presentations

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| International Conference on Indian Business and Economic History, IIM Ahmedabad | 2023 |
| ACES Political Economy Summer School, UC Berkeley | 2023 |
| PPE Summer School, Chapman University | 2023 |
| International Institute of Public Finance Congress, University of Linz | 2022 |
| ASREC Graduate Workshop on Economics of Religion, Chapman University | 2022 |

Skills and Languages

Skills: R (Intermediate), Stata (Proficient), QGIS (Geospatial Analysis); LaTeX (Document Preparation)

Languages: Kashmiri (Native), Urdu (Native), English (Fluent)

Referee

Constitutional Political Economy, International Tax and Public Finance, Review of Development Economics, Small Business Economics, European Financial Management

References

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Prof. Alex T. Tabarrok

Bartley J. Madden Chair in Economics, George Mason University
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Prof. Vincent Geloso

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