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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley - Haas School of Business

Ph.D in Business and Public Policy

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2009

2007

Primary Fields: Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Personnel Economics Secondary Fields: Behavioral Economics, Political Economy, Health Economics

Committee

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Columbia University – National University of Singapore Dual Degree MPA – MPP

LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES (LUMS)

B.Sc. (honors) in Economics

Job Market Paper "Mission Motivation and Public Sector Performance: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan" [Updated Version Here]

This paper studies how an organization's mission affects the performance of workers. I implement a field experiment in partnership with the Department of Health in Pakistan, where I randomly emphasize the public health mission to community health workers, provide performance-linked financial incentives, or do both. The mission treatment improves worker performance across incentivized (home visits) and non-incentivized tasks, while financial incentives improve performance only on incentivized task. Financial incentives also become less effective at increasing home visits when combined with the mission treatment. Finally, the mission treatment improves downstream child health outcomes—there is lower prevalence of diarrhea and higher vaccination rates. These results highlight that promoting an organization's mission can be a powerful motivator for public workers, especially in weakly institutionalized environments.

PUBLICATIONS

"Data and Policy Decisions: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan", with Michael Callen, Saad Gulzar, Ali Hasanain and Arman Rezaee, Journal of Development Economics (2020)

Working Papers

"Social Motivations, Political Candidacy, and Performance: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan", with Saad Gulzar, *Under review*

"Norms, Beliefs, and Networks: Descriptive Findings on Women's Political Participation in Pakistan", with Saad Gulzar and Luke Sonnet, *Under review*

"Using Preference Parameter Estimates to Optimize Public Sector Wage Contracts: A field study in Pakistan", with James Andreoni, Michael Callen, Karrar Hussain and Charles Sprenger, NBER Working Paper No. 22019

"The Political Economy of Public Employee Absence: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan, with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain and Saad Gulzar, NBER Working Paper No. 22340

| | with Arman Rezaee, Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, and Saad Gulzar, NBER Working Paper No 21180 | |
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| | "No bulls: Experimental evidence on the impact of veterinarian ratings in with Arman Rezaee and Ali Hasanain, Working Paper | Pakistan, |
| WORK IN PROGRESS "Social Spillovers and the Gender Gap in Political Participation in Pakistan", with Saac Gulzar, and Luke Sonnet (baseline completed) | | |
| | "Teamwork in Public Sector: Evidence from Police in Pakistan", with Zain Ch Karrar Hussain (fundraising stage) | audhry, and |
| TEACHING | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| EXPERIENCE | Graduate Student Instructor, Ethics and Responsible Leadership, MBA Core | 2018 |
| | Instructor, Corporate Social Responsibility, Summer Academy | 2018 |
| | Reader, Strategic Leadership (Strategy), MBA Core | 2017 |
| | ${\bf Instructor}, \ Advance \ Evaluation \ Methodologies, \ {\bf CERP\text{-}CLEAR \ WB}$ | 2014 |
| FELLOWSHIPS AND | IRLE Fellowship (\$15,000), Sasakawa Fellowship (\$50,000) & Oliver Williamson Fund (\$4,000) 2020 | |
| GRANTS | CEGA Development Economics Grant (\$15,000) & Weiss Family Fund (\$15,800) | 2019 |
| | International Growth Centre (£20,000) & Institute for Business Innovation ($$10,000$) | 2018 |
| | International Growth Centre (£15,272) & JPAL Governance Initiative ($$94,796$) | 2018 |
| | International Growth Centre Grant (£66,000) & JPAL Governance Initiative (\$ $50,000$ |) 2015 |
| Work Experience International Growth Centre (IGC) | | |
| | Country Economist | 2011 - 2015 |
| | Aga Khan Foundation | |
| | Research Officer | 2010 - 2011 |
| | Crown Agents | |
| | Consultant | 2010 |
| OTHER | Languages: English (fluent), Pashto (native), Urdu (fluent) Nationality: Pakistani | |

Analytical Softwares: Stata, R, Python (beginner)

"Personalities and Public Sector Performance: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan,