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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley - Haas School of Business

Ph.D in Business and Public Policy

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

Committee

Professor Noam Yuchtman +44-020-7955-1262 n.yuchtman@lse.ac.uk London School of Economics

Columbia University – National University of Singapore

Dual Degree MPA – MPP

2009

LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES (LUMS)

B.Sc. (honors) in Economics

2007

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

"Using Preference Estimates to Customize Incentives: An Application to Polio Vaccination Drives in Pakistan", with James Andreoni, Michael Callen, Karrar Hussain and Charles Sprenger (Revise & Resubmit at the Journal of European Economic Association)

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

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

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

		"Personalities and Public Sector Performance: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan, with Arman Rezaee, Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, and Saad Gulzar, NBER Working Paper 21180			
		"No bulls: Experimental evidence on the impact of veterinarian ratings in Pakistan, with Arman Rezaee and Ali Hasanain, Working Paper			
	WORK IN PROGRES	VORK IN PROGRESS "Social Spillovers and the Gender Gap in Political Participation in Pakistan", with Saad 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	Graduate Student Instructor, Economics for Business Decisions (Microeconomics), MB.	A Core 2019		
	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		
		Instructor, Advance Evaluation Methodologies, CERP-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			
Work Experience International Growth Centre (IGC)					
	WORK DAI ERIENCE	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			
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Analytical Softwares: Stata, R