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Education

1990 Ph. D
Department of Economics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Cambridge, Ma 02139, USA

1984 B. A (Honors),
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, USA

Employment

1988-Present Department of Economics, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, USA
Currently Professor of Economics

1986 - 88 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Teaching Assistant,
Macroeconomics, Professor Stanley Fischer, Later, First Deputy
Managing Director, IMF

Research Positions

1996 Senior Research Associate, The Asia Research Center, London School of
Economics, London, UK

1992-93 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Harvard/MIT Research Training Group
in Positive Political Economy, USA

1987 Research Assistant for Professors Eckaus of MIT and Kehoe of
Cambridge on a computable general equilibrium model of oil producing
nations

1985 Research Assistant for Professor Eckaus of MIT on market structure of
syndicated banking.

Dissertation

Essays in International Trade and the Debt Crisis
Supervisor: Paul Krugman

Publications

Books

Learning and Educational Achievement in Punjab Schools (LEAPS):
Insights to Inform the Policy Debate.

Forthcoming 2009, Oxford University Press

(Joint with Jishnu Das, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, Tara Vishwanath and Tristan Zajonc.)

Research Papers

Published (Peer Reviewed)

Railways and Price Convergence in British India, (Joint with M. Kuehlwein), forthcoming Journal of Economic History

Tahir Andrabi, Jishnu Das and Asim Ijaz Khwaja, (2008), *A Dime A Day: The Possibilities and Limits of Private Schooling in Pakistan*, Comparative Education Review, Vol. 52, No. 3, August, Pages 329-356

Tahir Andrabi, Jishnu Das, Asim Ijaz Khwaja and Tristan Zajonc, (2006) "Religious School Enrollment in Pakistan: A Look at the Data" Comparative Education Review, vol. 50, no. 3, August, Pages 446-477

Reprinted in Wadad Kadi and Victor Billeh, edited, Islam and Education: Myths and Truths, University of Chicago Press, 2007

The paper's findings have been featured in full stories in the Economist, Foreign Policy, Los Angeles Times, Al-Jazeera, international wire services and all major Pakistan newspapers and media.

Winner George Bereday Award for best paper published in the Comparative Education Review, 2006

Tahir Andrabi, Maitreesh Ghatak and Asim Ijaz Khwaja, (2006), "Subcontractors for tractors: Theory and evidence on flexible specialization, supplier selection, and contracting." Journal of Development Economics, Volume 79, Issue 2, April, Pages 273-302 (Lead Article)

Seigniorage, Taxation and Weak Government, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, February 1997, vol. 29(1), pages 106-26

Bank Regulation and Debt Overhang (with A. Ripa di Meana), Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, 26 (1994) Pages: 460-78

Research Working Papers

Learning Persistence and Heterogeneity in Education Production Functions, August 2009. (Joint with A. Khwaja, J. Das and T. Zajonc)

Report Cards: The Impact of Providing Test-score information on Educational Markets, October 2008, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das),

What Did You do All day? Mothers and Child Education, October 2008, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das)

Students Today, Teachers Tomorrow? The Rise of Affordable Private Schools, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das), Revised September 2007.

Policy Reports

The LEAPS Report, Learning and Educational Achievement in Punjab Schools: Insights to Inform the Policy Debate. (Joint with Jishnu Das, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, Tara Vishwanath and Tristan Zajonc.) April 2008

Learning and Achievement in Pakistani Education, Education Sector Feasibility Report, World Bank, 2003, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das)

Private Schooling in Pakistan: Educating the Urban Elite or Catering to the Rural Poor?, World Bank Working Paper 2002, (Background paper for WB-Pakistan, Pakistan Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper)

Female education in Rural Pakistan: A supply-side failure, LSE, STICERD, Development Economics Research Programme Research Report, 1996

Book Chapters

Madrasa Metrics: The Statistics and Rhetoric of Religious Enrollment in Pakistan. (with A.Khwaja, Harvard, J.Das, DECRG World Bank and T. Zajonc, Harvard). Forthcoming in Beyond Crisis: A Critical Second Look at Pakistan, Routledge.

“Pakistan” in David Arase, ed. *Japanese ODA in the New Millennium: Continuities and Change* (Routledge, 2005)

Newspaper/Magazine Articles

The Madrasa Myth, *Foreign Policy*, June 2009, Web exclusive
(Joint with Jishnu Das, C. Christine Fair, and Asim Ijaz Khwaja)
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=4958

Unsung Villains, *The News*, Islamabad, April 15, 2000

Creative Destruction, *Pakistan Calling*, Lahore, April 2000

Taxing Times, *Pakistan Calling*, Lahore, February 2000

Grants Received

- 2007-2009 Principal Investigator, National Academy of Sciences/Higher Education Commission, Pakistan \$323,700 Grant on Education and Learning after the Pakistan Earthquake: Can the Children Recover?
- Principal Investigator, The World Bank, \$190,000 grant, Evaluation of the Status of Recovery From the Pakistan 2005 Earthquake.
- 2003-2007 Principal Investigator, \$600,000 Grant from the World Bank: School Choice in Rural Punjab.
- 2004 Pomona College, Mellon Career Enhancement Grant—Developing Expertise in Item Response Theory, Test Analysis
- 2004 Scripps College President’s Grant on Gender Studies—Sex Ratio in Rural Pakistan
- 2003 Mellon Foundation Post-baccalaureate Grant with Tristan Zajonc ’03
- 2002 Freeman Foundation Travel Fellowship: Civic Values and Ideology in Education in Pakistan
- Freeman Foundation grant on course revision
- 1997-2000 US \$ 800,000 Grant by Safi Qureshey Foundation to develop research and action program on education in Pakistan
- Summer 1996 London School of Economics research grant for research on *Barriers to Compulsory Education in Pakistan*
- Summer 1995 Qureshey Foundation, summer travel grant for research on *Rural primary female education in Pakistan*

- Summer 1995 Asia Foundation grant for research on the *Consequences of imperfect contract enforcement on industrial organization in Pakistan*
- Summer 1994 Hewlett Foundation Travel Grant for studying *Federalism in Developing Countries*
- Summer 1992 John and Nora Haynes Foundation Grant
Declining Middle Class and the Public Sector Crisis in California
- Summer 1991 Hewlett Foundation Grant for Course Revision, Economic Development, Hewlett Foundation Grant for Course Revision , International Economics (Joint with Steve Marks)

Academic Presentations and Discussions

- April 2009 Development Seminar, Economics Department, USC
Paper Presentation, *What Did You All Day? Mothers and Child Education*
- February 2009 Development Seminar, Economics Department, UC Irvine
Paper Presentation, *What Did You All Day? Mothers and Child Education*
- January 2009 Seminar presentation, The Woodrow Wilson Center of International Scholars, Washington DC, *Some Insights from the LEAPS Project.*
- October 2008 Development Seminar, Economics Department, UC Berkeley
Paper Presentation, *What Did You All Day? Mothers and Child Education*
- August 2008 Pakistan Earthquake 2005,: Can the Children Recover,
presentation, Joint National Academy of Sciences/Higher Education Commission, Pakistan Conference, Islamabad, Pakistan
- March 2008 Comparative International and Educational Society, Annual Meetings, New York, NY, Paper Presentation, *The LEAPS Report*, session, Frontiers of Economic and Education.
- February 2008 Pacific Coast Development Economics Association, PACDEV, Annual meetings, UC San Diego, Paper Presentation, *What Did You All Day? Mothers and Child Education*
- October 2007 Mapping the Recovery From the Pakistan Earthquake 2005, GIS Day presentation, Honnold Library, Claremont, CA

- November 2007 North Eastern University development Economics Consortium, NEUDC Annual Meetings, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Paper Presentation, *Do Value Added Estimates Add Value: Accounting for Learning Dynamics*
- March 2007 Comparative International and Educational Society, Annual Meetings, Baltimore, MD, Paper Presentation, *Dime a Day: Rise of Private Schooling in Pakistan*
- March 2007 Seminar Presentation, United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, Lecture, *Recent Trends in Pakistan Education*.
- March 2007 Pacific Coast Development Economics Association, PACDEV, Annual meetings, UC Davis, Paper Presentation, *Railways and Market Integration in British India*,
- July 2006 Paper Presentation, “A Dime A Day: The Rise of Affordable Private Schools in Pakistan” Special Seminar, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- April 2006 Leader Working Group, Policy Tools, and Invited Presentation, “Coordinating the Coordinators: Information Management in a Natural Disaster”, Harvard School of Public Health Global Conference, Preventing Disasters and Minimizing Their Consequences, at the National Academy of Arts & Sciences Norton’s Woods Conference Center, Cambridge, Mass.
- March 2006 Paper Presentation, “Students Today, Teachers Tomorrow? The Rise of Affordable Private Schools in Pakistan”, Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Annual Conference, Santa Clara University,
- March 2006 Paper Presentation, “Religious School Enrollment in Pakistan: A Look at the Data,” The Comparative and International Education Society, 50th Anniversary Celebration Conference, Rethinking the Comparative, Honolulu, Hawaii,
- September 2005 Faculty Lecture Series, Pomona College, Research Lecture, Leap of Faith: School Choice in Rural Punjab
- September 2005 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Brown University, Paper Presentation, *Railways and Market Integration in British India*.
- July 2005 Paper Presentation, Religious Schooling in Pakistan, A Look at the Data, Western Economic Association, Annual Meetings, San Francisco

- April 2005 Paper Presentation, Religious Schooling in Pakistan: A Look at the Data. SAIS-Johns Hopkins Conference—Education in Pakistan, Washington DC.
- March 2005 Paper Presentation, Religious Schooling in Pakistan, A Look at the Data. World Bank Video Conference with Policy Seminar in Islamabad
- April 2004 Lowe Institute Seminar Series, Claremont McKenna College, Paper Presentation, Subcontractors for Tractors: Theory and Evidence on Flexible Specialization, Supplier Selection and Contracting.
- December 2002 Reorganizing Pakistan Public Data, Paper Presentation, Econometric Society, South and Southeast Asia Regional Conference, Lahore, Pakistan
- December 2002 Subcontractors for Tractors: Evidence on Relation-specific Investments, paper presentation, Econometric Society, South and Southeast Asia Regional Conference, Lahore, Pakistan
- April 2002 Education sector Reform in Pakistan; A Panel Discussion, The Boston Group, Boston, MA
- November 2001 Subcontractors for Tractors: Evidence on Relation-specific Investments, Development Economics Seminar presentation, University of Southern California
- October 2001 Subcontractors for Tractors: Evidence on Relation-specific Investments, Development Economics Conference presentation, Northeastern University Development Economics Conference, Boston University
- July 2001 Research Agenda for Industrial Organization Research in Pakistan, Pakistan Applied Research Conference, Lahore University of Management sciences, Lahore Pakistan
- December 2000 Primary Educational Reform: A Policy Dialogue, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad
- June 2000 Effect of Television Programming on Childhood Learning: An ALIF Project Report, Seminar, Social and Policy Development Center, Karachi
- April 2000 Education in Pakistan: What Way Ahead? ALIF National Conference on Education, Islamabad

- March 2000 Revival of the Pakistani University, Panel Presentation, Distance Learning Conference, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi Pakistan
- February 2000 Civil Responses To State Failure In Education: A Theoretical Perspective, Seminar Presentation, SDPI, Islamabad
- November 1999 Market Imperfections in the Venture Capital Industry, Panel Presentation, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi
- February 1999 Industrial Subcontracting in Pakistan, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore
- January 1999 Education Reform in Pakistan, Islamabad, January, 1999, Conference hosted by Oxford University Press
- November 1998 Determinants of Primary School Female Enrolment in Rural Pakistan: Supply vs. Demand, Seminar Presentation, SDPI, Islamabad
- November 1998 The Nuclear Question in South Asia--Conference organized by The Asia Society and UCLA, Presented a paper and debated KS Subramaniam of India
- November 1998 Industrial Subcontracting in the Tractor Industry in Pakistan, Harvard University, Department of Economics.
- July 1998 Media and Education In Pakistan, Invited speaker at the Asia Society Annual Conference on Media in Asia, Los Angeles, California
- August 1997 Pakistan at 50, Conference by American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Wake Forest University, North Carolina
- September 1996 Paper Presentation, *Economic Development in Pakistan: A Survey*, American Institute of Pakistan Studies Annual Conference, Washington DC
- June 1996 Paper presentation, *Economy: A Case Study of Sialkot, Pakistan*, LUMS-McGill Conference, Lahore, Pakistan
- March 1995 Discussant, Public Choice Meetings, Long Beach, CA, Session-Economics of Sociology—The case of a developing country
- November 1994 Paper presentation, *Seigniorage, Taxation and Weak Government*, Claremont Graduate School
- October 1994 *Pluralism in Pakistani Politics: To be or not to be*

- Middle Eastern Studies Association, Annual Meetings, Phoenix, AZ
- January 1994 *Seigniorage, Taxation and Weak Government*, American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Session-Political Economy of Fiscal Policy
- July 1993 Paper Presentation, *Federal Structure and Budget Deficits* Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan
- April 1993 Paper Presentation, International Monetary Fund, Research Department Seminar, *Seigniorage and Taxation*
- March 1993 Paper Presentation, Harvard/MIT Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy, *Seigniorage, Taxation and Weak Government*
- October 1992 Panelist, Symposium on Culture and Economic Development Harvard/MIT Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy
- September 1991 Paper Presentation, USC Development Economics Workshop, *Overcoming Coordination Failures During Economic Reform*
- June 1991 Western Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Seattle, Discussant, Session, "Trade Policy in Developing Countries"
- April 1991 Paper Presentation, Claremont Political Economy Luncheon Series, *The Impact of Migration and Remittances in Pakistan*
- April 1991 Joint USC-Claremont Conference on Economic Policy, Claremont, Panelist on Symposium, "Economic Policy in India"
- March 1991 Joint USC-Claremont Conference on Conflict and Cooperation, Claremont, Commentator paper "Negotiation Analysis" by Jim Sebenius, Harvard University,
- December 1990 American Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Washington, D. C., Discussant, Session, "Macroeconomic Interactions"
- January 1990 Pakistan Society of Development Economists, Annual International Meeting, Islamabad, Discussant, Session, "Rural Credit"
- February 1989 Paper Presentation, Claremont Graduate School, Economics Workshop, *Bank Regulation and Debt Overhang*

November 1988 Lecture, Society of International Development, USC School of Public Administration, *The Creditor Side of the Debt Crisis*

Policy and Non-Profit Work

October 2005 Co-Founder, RISEPAK, www.risepak.com, information coordination website and tool used for coordination of relief effort in the South Asia earthquake at the village level.

Winner Global Stockholm Challenge Award for the best Public Sector IT intervention

Was used by Government of Pakistan Federal Relief Commissioner's office and the World Bank to coordinate earthquake relief effort.

Consultant, The World Bank, Earthquake Damage Assessment Mission

2002-Present

Consultant, The World Bank

- Education Sector Feasibility Project
- Public Private Educational Partnership Project
- Learning and Educational Achievement in Punjab Schools

2002-Present

Institutional Trustee, American Institute of Pakistan Studies

1999-2000

On sabbatical, Founding Director, Islamabad, ALIF, Active Learning Initiatives Facility, a non-profit organization dedicated to education of children through creative uses of the media. Responsible for creating *Sesame Street* in Urdu

1999-2000

On sabbatical, Invited Member, Economic Advisory Board, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan—Special Subcommittee—Tax Reform

1999-2000

On sabbatical, Member, Overseas Pakistanis Task Force, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan

1996-1997

Member, Planning Committee, American Institute of Pakistan Studies

1993-1995

Visiting Consultant, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) TOKTEN program

Refereeing and Reviewing

Economic Development and Cultural Change
Journal of Development Economics

Journal of Money, Credit and Banking,
Canadian Journal of Economics
Economic Inquiry
Comparative Education Review
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization

Honors and Awards

- 2007 Winner George Bereday Award for best paper published in the Comparative Education Review, 2006
- 2006 The disaster relief portal RISEPAK (www.risepak.com) (I was one of the founders) won the 5000 Euro Stockholm Global Challenge Award as the best Information Technology project in aid of public administration. This award is considered the Nobel Prize of IT public service awards.
- 1984 - 86 Department of Economics, MIT, Graduate Fellowship
- 1984 Lippincot Graduate Fellowship, Swarthmore College
- 1981- 84 Vivien B. Allen Scholarship, Swarthmore College

Pomona College Faculty Committees

- 2007-08 Financial Aid Review Task Force
- 2006-07 President's Advisory Committee on Diversity
Coordinator, International Relations Program
- 2005-06 President's Advisory Committee on Diversity
Member, Task Force on International Dimension
- 2004-05 Affirmative Action Committee
- 2003-04 Oldenborg Task Force
Academic Procedures Committee
- 2002-03 Study Abroad
- 2001-02 AARC
- 1997-98-99 Executive Committee
- 1996-97 Curriculum Committee