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"Mission Motivation and Public Sector Performance: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan", conditional accept at the American Economic Review (2025)

""Good Politicians": Experimental Evidence on Motivations for Political Candidacy and Government Performance", with Saad Gulzar, The Review of Economic Studies (2025)

"Personalities and Public Sector Performance: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan", with Arman Rezaee, Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, and Saad Gulzar, Economic Development and Cultural Change (2025)

"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, Journal of European Economic Association (2023)

"No bulls: Experimental Evidence on the Impact of Veterinarian Ratings in Pakistan", with Arman Rezaee and Ali Hasanain, Journal of Development Economics (2023)

"The Political Economy of Public Employee Absence: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan", with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, Saad Gulzar and Arman Rezaee, Journal of Public Economics (2023)

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

"Improving public health delivery in Punjab, Pakistan: issues and opportunities", with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, Saad Gulzar, Abdur Rehman Khan and Zia Mehmood The Lahore Journal of Economics (2013)

## Working Papers

"Economic and Political Consequences of Credit Policy for Minorities: Evidence from India", with S.K. Ritadhi

WORK IN PROGRESS "Time Preferences and Dishonesty in the Public Sector", with Priyoma Mustafi (field work)

"Social Norms, Men's Beliefs, and Women Voting", with Saad Gulzar (data cleaning)

"Hot Shots", with Karrar Hussain, Jiawei Lyu, Gabriel Torek (data cleaning)

"Extending State Capacity with Technology: Interactive Mobile Support to Improve Consistency and Accuracy for Community Health Workers", with Erika Field, Nicola Singletary, Laura Stilwell, & Kate Vyborny (pilot) Monographs "Norms, Beliefs, and Networks: Descriptive Findings on Women's Political Participation in Pakistan", with Saad Gulzar and Luke Sonnet, mimeo "Barriers to Political Entry: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan", with Saad Gulzar, mimeo "Learning in public schools", with Tahir Andrabi, Sohaib Khan and Farooq Naseer, International Growth Centre Fellowships and Center for Governance and Markets (\$14,000), PI 2024 Grants International Growth Centre (£30.397), PI 2024 Pitt Momentum Funds, Priming Grant (\$24,000), PI 2024 DFG, German Research Foundation Grant (Euros 330,000), collaborator 2023 International Growth Centre (£20,000), co-PI 2022 International Growth Centre (£44,000), PI 2021 IRLE Fellowship (\$15,000), Sasakawa Fellowship (\$50,000) & Oliver Williamson Fund (\$4,000) 2020 CEGA Development Economics (\$15,000) & Weiss Family Fund (\$15,800), PI 2019 International Growth Centre (£20,000), co-PI & Institute for Business Innovation (\$10.000). 2018 International Growth Centre (£15,272) & JPAL Governance Initiative (\$94,796), co-PI 2018 International Growth Centre (£66,000), & JPAL Governance Initiative (\$ 73,000), co-PI 2015 Agricultural Technology and Adoption Initiative (\$ 50,000), co-PI 2014 International Growth Centre (£10,000), co-PI 2012 International Growth Centre (£50,000), co-PI 2011 INVITED TALKS UIUC, University of Michigan, Public Administration Reform Global Forum st World Bank 2024 University of Virginia 2023 Georgetown University, Development Rookiefest at Northwestern University 2022 University of Pittsburgh, University of California Santa Cruz, University of Oxford, Duke University, Essex, Universidad del Rosario, POLECONUK 2021 Conferences Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2024 BREAD-MIT, Call to Service at Stanford, AALIMS-Stanford, PacDev (U of Washington), NEUDC, Institutions and Innovations Conference 2023 KDI-DIME, CSAE Conference on Economic Development in Africa, MWIEDC, SIOE, ECBE, NEUDC, Field Days, PacDev (UC Berkeley), Institutions and Innovations Conference 2021 Teaching University of Pittsburgh: Graduate Development Economics (Econ 3440), Graduate Labor Economics (Econ 3410), Poverty and International Development (Econ 1710), Labor and Development Seminar (Econ 1710), Introduction to Development Economics (Econ 0530) UC Berkeley (as Graduate Student Instructor): Economics for Business Decisions (Microeconomics), Ethics and Responsible Leadership Advising and Graduate Students: Priyoma Mustafi, Hanrui Zeng, Bruno Komel, Prashant Bhandari, Yu Qui, SERVICE Humovun Abdumavlon Committee: Graduate Admissions Committee, Second Year Paper Award Committee

"Psychotherapy and Performance of Workers", with Prashant Bhandari (pilot)

Mentorship: Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)

Invited Referee

Review of Economic Studies, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Applied, American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Management Science, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Politics, World Bank Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Comparative Economics, Economica, National Science Foundation

Awards

"50 Influential Researchers Whose Work Could Help Shape 21st Century Politicians" by Apolitical Foundation Germany 2023

Work Experience International Growth Centre (IGC)

Pakistan Country Economist 2011 - 2015

Aga Khan Foundation

Research Officer 2010 - 2011

OTHER Languages: English (fluent), Pashto (native), Urdu (fluent)

Nationality: Pakistani

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