

Appointments

- 2025 - UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Department of Political Science and Keough School of Global Affairs
Associate Professor of Political Science
Associate Professor of Global Affairs
- 2022-25 PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Department of Politics and School of Public & International Affairs
Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs
- 2017-22 STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2025 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Becker Friedman Institute
Visiting Scholar

Education

- 2012-17 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Ph.D. in Politics
- 2009-10 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, Masters in Public Administration
- 2008-09 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, Masters in Public Policy
- 2004-08 LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, B.Sc. (Honors) in Economics

Fields Comparative Politics, Political Economy of Development, Environment, South Asia

Publications

17. “Can Party Elites Shape the Rank and File? Evidence from a Recruitment Campaign in India” (2025)
American Political Science Review, 119(2) with Durgesh Pathak, Sarah Thompson, and Aliz Toth
- Honorable Mention for the Sage Best Paper Prize in Comparative Politics
16. “Personalities and Public Sector Performance: Evidence from a Health Experiment in Pakistan” (2025)
Economic Development & Cultural Change, 73(3), with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, Muhammad Yasir Khan, & Arman Rezaee
15. “Good Politicians: Experimental Evidence on Motivations for Political Candidacy & Govt Performance” (2025)
Review of Economic Studies, 92(1) with Muhammad Yasir Khan
14. “Bureaucrat Incentives Reduce Crop Burning and Child Mortality in South Asia” (2024)
Nature, 634 (1125–1131) with Gemma Dipoppa
13. “Inaccurate Forecasting of a Randomized Controlled Trial” (2024)
Journal of Experimental Political Science 11(3), with Mats Ahreshop, Miriam Golden, and Luke Sonnet
12. “Extending the Formal State: The Case of Pakistan’s Frontier Crimes Regulation” (2024)
Economica, with Michael Callen, Arman Rezaee, and Jacob Shapiro
11. “Representation and Forest Conservation: Evidence from India’s Scheduled Areas” (2024)
American Political Science Review, 118(2), with Apoorva Lal and Benjamin Pasquale
- APSA Inaugural Rajni Kothari Best Article Prize on the politics of South Asia
- APSA Paul A. Sabatier Award for best conference paper on Science, Technology, & Environmental Politics
10. “The Political Economy of Public Sector Absenteeism” (2023)
Journal of Public Economics, with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, Muhammad Yasir Khan, & Arman Rezaee.
9. “Do Campaign Contribution Limits Curb the Influence of Money in Politics?” (2022)
American Journal of Political Science, 66(4) with Miguel R. Rueda and Nelson A. Ruiz
- AJPS Best Article Award, 2022
8. “How Campaigns Respond to Ballot Position: A New Mechanism for Order Effects” (2022)
Journal of Politics, 84(2) with Thomas S. Robinson and Nelson A. Ruiz

7. “Information, Candidate Selection, and the Quality of Representation: Evidence from Nepal” (2021)
Journal of Politics, 83(4) with Zuhad Hai and Binod Kumar Paudel
6. “Who Enters Politics and Why?” (2021)
Annual Review of Political Science, Vol 24, pp. 253-275
5. “Does Political Affirmative Action Work, & For Whom? Theory & Evidence on India’s Scheduled Areas” (2020)
American Political Science Review, 114(4), with Nicholas Haas and Benjamin Pasquale
- Lawrence Longley Award for best article published on Representation & Electoral Systems
- Reprinted in the *Handbook on Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action*, 2023
4. “Data and Policy Decisions: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan” (2020)
Journal of Development Economics, 146, with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, Muhammad Yasir Khan, and Arman Rezaee
3. “Can Political Alignment be Costly?” (2020)
Journal of Politics, 82(2), with Michael Callen and Arman Rezaee
2. “Political Identity: Experimental Evidence on Anti-Americanism in Pakistan” (2020)
Journal of the European Economic Association, 18(5), with Leonardo Bursztyn, Michael Callen, Bruno Ferman, Ali Hasanain, and Noam Yuchtman
1. “Politicians, Bureaucrats, and Development: Evidence from India” (2017)
American Political Science Review, 111(1), pp. 162-183, with Benjamin J. Pasquale
- Best Paper Award, Quality of Government Institute, Gothenburg University, 2017

Working Papers

- “‘Press 1 for Roads’: Bridging Communication Gaps in Political Representation” with Miriam Golden and Luke Sonnet, *Revise & Resubmit*, *Comparative Political Studies*
- “Democracy and the Environment” with Kathryn Baragwanath, *In preparation for the Annual Review of Political Science*
- “Command and Can’t Control: Assessing Centralized Accountability in the Public Sector” with Juan Felipe Ladino, Muhammad Zia Mehmood, and Daniel Rogger *Under Review*.
- “Random Acts of Kindness? How Gender Shapes Helping Behaviors Around the World” with Salma Mousa. *Under Review*.
- “Increasing Polarization of Hindu-Muslim Identity in India” with Feyaad Allie, Viktor Enssle, Tanushree Goyal, and Gufran Pathan. *Under Review*.
- “Pessimistic Beliefs of Norms: Descriptive Findings on Women’s Political Participation in Pakistan” with Muhammad Yasir Khan & Luke Sonnet
- “Does Revolution Work? Post-revolutionary evolution of Nepal’s political classes” with Bishma Bhusal, Michael Callen, Rohini Pande, Soledad Prillaman, and Deepak Singhania
- “Mobilizing Women at Scale: Mixed Evidence from a Field Experiment in India” with Anirvan Chowdhury and Durgesh Pathak
- “Pay-to-Play: Campaign Contributions and Kickbacks in Public Procurement” with Juan Felipe Ladino and Juan Felipe Riaño
- Best Paper: Public Procurement, World Bank Public Institutions for Development Conference 2025
- “From Paper to Digital: Understanding the Ecological Impacts of India’s Land Records Reform” with Aliz Toth and Anzony Quispe
- “Organization of Taxes: Fiscal Consolidation, State Capacity, and the Environment” with Shan Aman Rana and Maira Hayat

Book Chapters

- “Studying Sensitive Topics in Fragile Contexts” (2019) with Mohammad R Isaqzadeh, and Jacob N. Shapiro. In *Data Collection in Fragile Situations: Innovations from Africa and Beyond*. Johannes Hoogeveen and Utz Pape, eds. Palgrave.

Policy Reports

- “Background Report on Representation and Environment.” (2024) *World Bank*. with Kathryn Baragwanath
- “What Works for Women’s Political Participation and Leadership.” (2022) *USAID*. with Soledad Prillaman
- “Promoting Political Competition Through Electoral Processes in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: An Evidence Gap Map” (2022) *International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)*. with Parraro et al.
- “A Different Approach to Education Data: Teacher Attendance in Gujranwala and Narowal.” (2016) *Alif Ailaan*. with Arqam Lodhi and Sameea Sheikh.
- “Improving Public Health Delivery in Punjab, Pakistan: Issues and Opportunities.” (2013) *The Lahore Journal of Economics* (18: SE): 249-69. with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, Abdul Rehman Khan, Yasir Khan, Muhammad Zia Mehmood.
- “Baseline Report on the Punjab Economic Opportunities Program.” (2012) with Imran Rasul, Adnan Qadir Khan, Shaiza Qayyum, David Hollywood, Sahaab Sheikh, Hafsa Iqbal, Sameem Siddiqui, Arqam A Lodhi
- “Political Violence in Pakistan 1988-2010: Myths vs Realities” (2011) with Jacob Shapiro
- “Pakistan’s Trade Policies: Future Directions” (2011) *IGC Working Paper*. with Ashraf Khan and Garry Purcell.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- APSA Inaugural Rajni Kothari Prize for best article on the politics of South Asia, 2024
- MPSA Flagship Award: AJPS Best Article Award, 2023
- On Apolitical Foundation list: “50 Influential Researchers Whose Work Could Help Shape 21st Century Politicians”
- Stanford Impact Lab Design Fellow, 2021
- APSA Lawrence Longley Award for best article published on Representation & Electoral Systems, 2020
- APSA Paul A. Sabatier Award for best conference paper on Science, Technology, & Environmental Politics, 2020
- APSA Best Dissertation Award, Experimental Research Section, 2018
- Best Paper Award, Quality of Government Institute, Gothenburg University, 2017
- Doctoral Class of 2017 Speaker, PhD Convocation, New York University, 2017
- Global Research Initiatives Fellowship, New York University London, 2016
- Best Paper Award, UCLA Graduate Conference in Comparative Politics, 2015
- Best Paper Award, George Mason Advances in Public Policy Conference, 2014
- Best Paper Award, NYU Alexander Hamilton Center Conference, 2013
- MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2012-17
- Double Degree Merit Scholarship and Lee Kuan Yew Graduate Scholarship, National University of Singapore/ Columbia University, 2008-10

Policy Experience

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| 2024 | WORLD BANK, Consultant for Sustainable Development Practice Group |
| 2023-25 | UNDP, International Consultant for Merged Areas Governance Project, Pakistan |
| 2022-23 | USAID, Consultant for report on Women’s Leadership and Political Participation |
| 2021-22 | 3IE, Consultant for Evidence Gap report on Political Competition |
| 2019 | DFID, Consultant for Tabeer Program, Pakistan |
| 2010-12 | INTERNATIONAL GROWTH CENTER, Pakistan Economist |

Affiliations

- Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2025-
- Fellow, Pulte Institute for Global Development, University of Notre Dame, 2025-
- J-PAL Invited Researcher, 2024-
- Mahbub Ul Haq Research Centre, 2021-
- Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), 2019-
- Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), 2018-

Association for Analytic Learning about Islam & Muslim Societies (AALIMS), 2018-
Center for Economic Research Pakistan (CERP), 2016-
Consortium for Development Policy Research (CDPR), 2016-
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), 2024-25

Recent Invited Talks

2026: NUS Economics (scheduled)

2025: IFPRI Applied Micro and Development (AMD) Seminar (scheduled); ND South Asia Conference; Washington Political Economy Conference (discussant); CASI Indian Political Economy Workshop (discussant); World Bank Institutions Research Seminar

2024: Pathways to Development Conference LUMS; Georgetown Mortara research seminar; Stockholm School of Economics, Scaling up Social Impact Conference; University of Houston Applied Microeconomics seminar; Vanderbilt Workshop on Representation, Democracy, and the Economic Backgrounds of Politicians; UPenn Pre-APSA Workshop on Political Selection; NBER SI Political Economy (discussant); CASI Indian Political Economy Workshop (discussant); Princeton Prize Fellows Lecture; Berkeley Political Economy Workshop; USC New Perspectives on the Political Economy of Development; Notre Dame Politics; UCSD Methods seminar; University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative Speakers series; Vanderbilt Comparative Politics Workshop

2023: The Economics of Sustainable Development Conference, World Bank/University of Virginia; UCSD 21st Century India Center Seminar Series (discussant); Paris Dauphine Transport, Energy and Climate Economics Working Group; Brown-Harvard-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics; DeliverEd Pakistan Workshop on Delivery Approaches; Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy Spring School; Georgetown gui2de Seminar; Pakistan Decade of Learning Conference; Northwestern-U Chicago Development and Political Economy Conference; University of Wisconsin, Madison Political Economy/Methods Seminar; University of Chicago's Committee on Southern Asian Studies Seminar

2022: Path2Dev Conference, LUMS; UPenn CASI/Comparative seminar; Yale University Comparative Politics Workshop/ Leitner Political Economy Seminar; Columbia Political Economy Seminar; Rochester Riker Seminar; Princeton Development Seminar; UC Santa Cruz Applied Micro Seminar; Berkeley, Goldman School; Princeton

2021: Boston University; Minnesota Comparative Seminar; Berkeley Comparative Seminar; EGAP book conference (discussant); LSE

2020 and earlier: Harvard Replication class; CEGA Evidence to Action 2020: Climate Change and the Global South; TCDP, Asoka; UCL; Oxford Development Seminar; Berkeley, Goldman School; MIT; Oxford Development conference; Harvard, Frontiers of Clientelism Conference; Stanford Center for South Asia; UCSD Replication Class; UChicago Harris Political Economy Seminar; Lahore University of Management Sciences; Lahore School of Economics; Uppsala University; Gothenburg, Quality of Government Institute; New Economic School Political Economy and Development Conference; Martin Chautari Nepal Long-term Development Conference; OSU, Bureaucratic Politics in the Developing World Workshop; Berkeley, Political Economy Seminar; Princeton, Political Economy Workshop; Brown, South Asian Politics Seminar; UCSD; UCLA; Chief Minister's Special Monitoring Unit, Punjab, Pakistan; Stanford; Harvard; Emory; Georgetown; Vanderbilt; Yale; UC Merced; World Bank, DIME

Recent Conference Presentations

2025: APSA (scheduled); EPSA, Madrid; Barcelona Summer Forum Public Economics; Bocconi-Columbia Conference on Political, Economic, and Social Inequalities; Environmental Politics and Governance conference; NYU NEWEPS

2024: EGAP Paris Meeting; Political Economy at Brown conference; APSA; Petralia Political Economy Conference; Copenhagen Money in Politics Conference

2023: Political Economy of Climate and the Environment; XII Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior, and Economic Outcomes; The Economic Analysis of Critical Junctures Conference; MoPED-IGR Workshop Berlin; BREAD MIT; CASI Indian Political Economy Workshop (discussant); Call to Service Conference at Stanford; NBER Environment and Energy Economics Spring Meeting

2022: United Programs for Political Economy Research Conference at SAIS; TWEEDS Workshop in Environment and Data Science; Petralia Political Economy Conference; Penn Conference on Climate Change and the Environment; Berkeley India Conference; AALIMS, Princeton

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Empirical Political Economy (POLS 60838) (PhD Seminar in Political Science) Fall '25

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Statistics for Social Science (SPI 200) (Undergraduate lecture) Spring '24

Bureaucracy in the Developing World (SPI 593Q) (Masters Seminar in SPIA) Spring '23, '24

Experimental Political Science (POLITICS 505) (PhD Seminar in Politics) Spring '23, '24

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Causal Inference for Social Science (POLISCI 150C), Spring '18, '19, '20, '22 (Undergraduate/Masters lecture)

Politics of Development (COLLEGE 105), Spring '22 (with Solédad Prillaman) (University Core Lecture)

Theories of Comparative Politics (POLISCI 440A), Fall '20 (with David Laitin) (PhD Core Seminar)

Political Economy Experiments (POLISCI 446E), Spring '18 (PhD Seminar)

Advising (and Initial Placement)

POSTDOCTORAL: Gemma Dipoppa (Assistant Professor, Brown University, 2022)

DOCTORAL: Lina Skoglund (Prize Fellowship in Economics, History and Politics, Harvard University, 2025),
Natalya Adam-Rahman (COLLEGE, Stanford University, 2025),
Sarah Thompson (Assistant Professor, Cornell University, 2024),
Feyaad Allie (Assistant Professor, Harvard University, 2024),
Aliz Toth (Assistant Professor, London School of Economics, 2023),
Aala Abdelgadir (Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburg, 2023),
Yueyi Li, & Natalya Rahman

PREDOCTORAL: Viktor Enssle (DPhil Politics, University of Oxford, 2025),
Annalisa Pezone (PhD Politics, New York University, 2024),
Lucia Bertoletti (Pre-doc, Kellogg Business School, Northwestern, 2024)
Diego Tocre (PhD Economics, Columbia University, 2023),
Ei-Thandar Myint (PhD ARE, UC Berkeley, 2023),
Anzony Quispe, Gufran Pathan, Isabella Gupta

Grants

2024: IGC, with Shan Aman-Rana & Maira Hayat \$26k; Princeton M. S. Chadha Center for Global India, with Tanushree Goyal \$50k

2023: Princeton Data-Driven Social Science, with Tanushree Goyal \$25k

2022: Stanford King Center on Global Development, Lab Scale-up funding with Soledad Prillaman \$750k; IGC, with Yasir Khan \$27k; IGC, with Gemma Dipoppa \$27k

2021: JPAL Gender and Economic Agency (GEA) Initiative, with Salma Mousa \$49k; Stanford UPS Endowment Fund, with Gemma Dipoppa \$50k; Stanford Impact Lab Design Fellowship, with Soledad Prillaman \$50k; Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health and the Stanford Sean N Parker Center for Allergy and Asthma Research, with Gemma Dipoppa \$50k; Stanford Center for Latin American Studies \$20k

2020: Stanford King Center on Global Development, Lab seed grant with Soledad Prillaman \$100k; Stanford King Center on Global Development, with Luke Sonnet & Yasir Khan \$11k

2019: Stanford, Data for Development Initiative, with Apoorva Lal \$46k; Stanford, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, with Sarah Thompson \$12k; JPAL, Post-Primary Education Initiative, with Michael Callen, Rohini Pande, Soledad Prillaman, & Deepak Singhanian \$25k; Stanford Center for Global Poverty & Development, with Michael Callen, Rohini Pande, Soledad Prillaman, & Deepak Singhanian \$50k; Stanford Conflict and Polarization Initiative, with Michael Callen, Rohini Pande, Soledad Prillaman, & Deepak Singhanian \$2.5k

2018: JPAL, Governance Initiative, with Miriam Golden, and Luke Sonnet \$140k; JPAL, Governance Initiative, with Yasir Khan, & Luke Sonnet \$95k; Stanford UPS Endowment Fund, with Miriam Golden, and Luke Sonnet \$62k; Stanford King Center on Global Development, w Miriam Golden, & Luke Sonnet \$40k; Development Bank of Latin America, with Miguel Rueda, & Nelson A. Ruiz \$10k; Stanford Center for Latin American Studies \$2k; International Growth Center (IGC), with Yasir Khan, & Luke Sonnet \$18k; Stanford Center for Global Poverty and Development \$10k; 2018: Stanford Clayman Institute \$7.5k

2017 and earlier: IPA Peace and Recovery Program, with Michael Callen, Rohini Pande, & Soledad Prillaman \$50k; IGC, with Michael Callen, Rohini Pande, Soledad Prillaman, & Deepak Singhanian \$13k; JPAL, Governance Initiative, with Miriam Golden, and Luke Sonnet \$200k; IGC, with Miriam Golden, and Luke Sonnet \$25k; JPAL, Governance Initiative, with Yasir Khan \$50k; World Bank i2i Grant, with Imran Rasul and Dan Rogger \$150k; American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Travel Grant $\times 2$; New York University, George Downs Prize; World Bank i2i Pilot Grant, with Imran Rasul and Dan Rogger \$25k; IGC, with Yasir Khan \$100k; New York University, Dean's Travel Grant $\times 2$; JPAL, Governance Initiative, with Yasir Khan \$3k; JPAL, Governance Initiative, with Yasir Khan \$50k; IGC, with Yasir Khan \$15k; JPAL, Governance Initiative, with Yasir Khan \$5k; American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Summer Research Grant; IGC, with Syeda Shahbano Ijaz and Cyrus Samii \$82k; New York University, Center for Social and Political Behavior Travel Award; IGC, with Joshua Blummenstock & Sriganesh Lokanathan \$60k; IFPRI and the Planning Commission of Pakistan, with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, & Yasir Khan \$20k (declined); IGC, with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, & Yasir Khan \$16k; IGC, with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, & Yasir Khan \$16k; IGC, with Michael Callen, Ali Hasanain, & Yasir Khan, \$75k

Professional Service

EDITORIAL BOARDS: *Political Behavior*, 2025-

REVIEWING: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*; *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*; *American Economic Review*; *American Economic Review: Insights*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Economic Development and Cultural Change*; *Econometrica*; *Economica*; *Economic Journal*; *Electoral Studies*; *Global Environmental Change*; *Journal of Comparative Economics*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Development Economics*; *Journal of the European Economic Association*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Political Behavior*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Review of Economic Studies*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Science Advances*; *World Development*; *World Politics*

GRANT REVIEWING: *JPAL, Governance Initiative*; *National Science Foundation*

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

2025: Co-Convener, Substantive Economics and Societies Conference, UChicago
 2013-17, 2022-: Founding Co-Convener, [Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science \(NEWEPS\)](#)
 2023: Co-Convener, South Asian Politics Mini-Conference, American Political Science Association
 2019: Co-Convener, South Asian Politics Conference, World Bank
 2019: Co-Convener, [Governance and Service Delivery Conference](#), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, Pakistan
 2018: Convener, [Quality of Governance Conference at Stanford](#)
 2018-22: Founding Co-Convener, [California Workshop in Empirical Political Science \(CaliWEPS\)](#)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2023-24: Senior thesis funding committee
 2021-22: Political Science Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 2018-20: Academic Board Member, Center for South Asia
 2017-20: Convener, Comparative Politics Workshop
 2017-18: Graduate Admissions Committee
 2017-18: University Faculty Search Committee
 2017-22: American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), Stanford Representative on the Board of Trustees

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE: Award committee member, Paul A. Sabatier Award for best conference paper on Science, Technology, & Environmental Politics 2022; Award committee member, Best Experiments Dissertation 2020

OTHER SERVICE: IGC Faculty Proposal Development Coach for Researchers from Developing Countries 2021

Languages English (proficient), Urdu (native), Punjabi (proficient), Hindi (spoken)