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Program Overleaf

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- 09:30 – 10:00 **Registration**
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome Remarks: Shahid Amjad Chaudhry**, Rector, Lahore School of Economics
- 10:15 – 11:30 **Plenary Address: *Asset Transfers or Cash Transfers for the Poor? Established Evidence from Bangladesh and Emerging Evidence from Pakistan***
Imran Rasul, University College London
- 11:30 – 12:00 Tea
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Session I: Microfinance and Enterprise**
Chair: Imran Rasul (UCL)
When Nudge Comes to Shove: Demand for Commitment in Microfinance Contracts
Presenter: Farah Said (Lahore School of Economics)
Shared-ownership Microfinance: A Field Experiment in Pakistan
Presenter: Muhammad Meki (Oxford)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Session II: Political Economy I**
Chair: Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
Do Electoral Quotas Make Government Programs Work Better, and For Whom? Evidence from India
Presenter: Saad Gulzar (Stanford)
Improving Political Communication and Responsiveness: A Field Experiment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan
Presenter: Luke Sonnet (UCLA)
- 15:00 – 15:30 Tea
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Session III: Gender**
Chair: Fauzia Viqar (PCSW)
Microcredit for Startups: Experimental Evidence from Aspiring Female Entrepreneurs in Pakistan
Presenter: Mahreen Mahmud (Oxford)
Institutional Reforms and De Facto Women's Rights in Pakistan
Presenter: Kate Vyborny (Duke)
Gender Gap in the Returns to Tertiary Education in Punjab, Pakistan
Presenter: Zunia Saif Tirmazee (Lahore School of Economics)

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Session IV: Firm capabilities

Chair: Johannes Boehm (Paris Institute of Political Studies)

Why Do Banks Not Lend: An Experiment Testing Contractual Frictions

Presenter: Ali Choudhary (State Bank of Pakistan)

Does Spatial Proximity Matter? Understanding the Costs and Benefits of Agglomeration in Pakistan

Presenter: Maryiam Haroon (Lahore School of Economics)

Misallocation in the Market for Inputs: Enforcement and the Organization of Production

Presenter: Johannes Boehm (Paris Institute of Political Sciences)

11:00 – 11:30

Tea

11:30 – 13:00

Session V – State Capacity and Local Institutions

Chair: Theresa Thompson Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)

Institutional Capacity as an Organizational Challenge: Pilot Results From a Field Experiment in Pakistan

Presenter: Hamna Ahmed (Lahore School of Economics)

Scarcity and Inter-Village Cooperation

Presenter: Haseeb Ashraf (Warwick)

Policing and Resolving Disputes in Punjab

Presenter: Ali Hasanain (LUMS)

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

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Session VI: Political Economy II

Chair: Waqar Wadho (Lahore School of Economics)

Barriers to Political Entry: Experimental Evidence from Local Government Elections in Pakistan

Presenter: Yasir Khan (Berkeley)

Political Dynasties and Political Competition: Evidence from Pakistan

Presenter: Noman Ahmad (HED)

15:00 – 15:30

Tea

15:30 – 17:00

Session VII: Poverty and Behavioural Constraints

Chair: Anjum Nasim (GC, IDEAS)

Are the Poor so Present Biased?

Presenter: Rachel Cassidy (IFS)

Access to Electricity: Role of Flexibility and Planning in Repayment Discipline

Presenter: Jacopo Bonan (FEEM)

In the Same Boat, but not Equals: The Heterogeneous Effects of Indirect Taxation on Child Health in Punjab, Pakistan

Presenter: Faiz Ur Rehman (QAU)