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09:30 – 10:00   **Registration**

10:00 – 11:15   **Welcome Remarks**: **Shahid Amjad Chaudhry**, Rector, Lahore School of Economics
Plenary Address: David Evans (Center for Global Development)

11:15 – 12:15   **Session I: Trade Policy and Skills**
Chair: David Evans

(Discussant: Rocco Zizzamia) *Trade-induced structural transformation and the spousal wage gap: Lessons from Vietnam*
Anri Sakakibara (King's College London)
(Discussant: David Evans) *Tackling Household Decision Making Inefficiencies for Young Women's Skills Investment in Pakistan*
Hamna Ahmed (Lahore School of Economics), Zunia Tirmazee, Rebecca Wu & Emma Zhang

12:15 – 12:30   Tea

12:30 – 13:30   **Session II: Economic Behaviour**
Chair: Zunia Tirmazee

(Discussant: Uzma Afzal) *Memory, Trauma and Economic Behavior Among Refugees: Experimental Evidence from Teaching "Positive Imagery"*
Gharad Bryan, Alexia Delfino, **Christian Johannes Meyer** (University of Oxford), Ashley Pople and Benyam Worku
(Discussant: Christian Meyer) *Marital Arrangement and Spousal Cooperation*
Uzma Afzal (IDEAS/LUMS), Abigail Barr and Daniele Nosenzo

13:30 – 14:30   Lunch

14:30 – 15:30   **Session III: Poverty and Social Protection**
Chair: David Evans

(Discussant: Timothy Kohler) *Experimental evidence on the role of coaching within bundled ultra-poor graduation programmes*
Rocco Zizzamia (University of Oxford), Narayan Das, Stefan Dercon, Rozina Haque, Maliha Noshin Khan and Ashley Pople
(Discussant: David Evans) *Can Cash Transfers to the Unemployed Support Economic Activity? Evidence from South Africa*
Haroon Bhorat, **Timothy Köhler (**University of Cape Town) and David de Villiers

15:30 – 15:45   Tea

15:45 – 16:45   **Session IV: Household Behaviour** (Mentoring session)
Chair: Azam Chaudhry
Discussant: Theresa Chaudhry

Unintended Consequences of Government Support: Impact of Pakistan's Flood Relief Program on Adaptation Behaviour
Muhammad Bin Khalid (Yale-NUS College)
Intra-Household Bargaining Power and Expenditure Patterns- Evidence from Pakistan
Abdullah Mehta (Institute of Business Administration)

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10:30 – 11:45   **Plenary Address:** Danila Serra (Texas A&M University)

11:45 – 12:00   Tea

12:00 – 13:30   **Session V: Women and Labour Markets**
Chair: Danila Serra

(Discussant: Danila Serra) *Wage Subsidies to Promote Female Hiring: Evidence from Pakistan*
Maurizio Bussolo, Jean Lee, **Mahreen Mahmud** (University of Exeter), Nayantara Sarma and Anaise Williams

(Discussant: Danila Serra) *A leaky pipeline: Decomposing the gender gap in job search in urban Pakistan*
Elisabetta Gentile, Nikita Kohli, Nivedhitha Subramanian, **Zunia Tirmazee** (Lahore School of Economics) and Kate Vyborny

(Discussant: Fareena Malhi) *Collective Action and Women's Access to Resources*
Saniya Jilani (Colorado State University)

13:30 – 14:30   Lunch

14:30 – 16:00   **Session VI: Political Economy**
Chair: Danila Serra

Discussant (Alix Bonargent) *Political Identity and Foreign Aid Efficacy: Evidence from Pakistani Schools*
Sanval Nasim (Colby College) and Andreas Stegmann

(Discussant: Danila Serra) *Bridging the Gap between Research and Policy: The Effect of Early Stakeholder Engagement on Evidence Take-up*
Alix Bonargent (London School of Economics and Political Science)

(Discussant: Sanval Nasim) *Frontier governmentality*
Adeel Malik, Rinchan Ali Mirza and **Faiz Ur Rehman** (Institute of Business Administration)

16:00 – 16:15   Tea

16:15 – 17:15   **Session VII: State Effectiveness** (Mentoring session)
Chair: Naved Hamid
Discussant: Ali Hasanain

Conflicting choices: Lump Sum Transfer or periodic Cash Transfer--Evidence from Sindh
Shagufta Shabbar (Institute of Business Administration)

Monetary vs Social Cost - Impact on Tax Evasion and Labor Supply
Muhammad Nadeem Sarwar (Institute of Business Administration) and Asma Hyder

10:00 – 11:15   **Plenary Address**: Theresa Chaudhry & Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)

11:15 – 11:30   Tea

11:30 – 13:00   **Session VIII: Education**
Chair: David Evans

(Discussant: David Evans) *Delivering Remote Learning Using a Low-tech Solution: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Bangladesh*
Liang Choon Wang, Michael Vlassopoulos, Asad Islam and **Hashibul Hassan** (Jagannath University)

(Discussant: Jennifer Kumi) *Estimating the impact of New School Head Policy in Sindh*
Aatir Khan (Habib University)

(Discussant: Hashib Hassan) *Impact of Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction on Student Mental Health and Education Outcomes: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan*
Jennifer Opare-Kumi (University of Oxford) and Zahra Mansoor

13:00 – 14:30   Lunch

14:30 – 16:00   **Session IX: Environment**
Chair: Waqar Wadho

(Discussant: Mahreen Mahmud) *Role of credit and grants in building resilience and adaptation to floods*
Muhammad Karim (University of California - San Diego)

(Discussant: Azreen Karim) *The Effect of Climatic Variables on Agricultural Yields: An Example from Pakistan*
Ayesha Zehra (Research and Development Solutions)

(Discussant: Muhammad Karim) Knowledge, perception or disaster experience? The determinants of household disaster preparedness behaviour in Bangladesh
Azreen Karim (Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies)

16:00 – 16:30   **Closing Remarks** (Shahid Amjad Chaudhry)

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