



**Lahore School of Economics  
&  
International Growth Centre**

**Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhry  
Rector  
Lahore School of Economics  
requests the pleasure of your participation in the**

**SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
APPLIED DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS**

**18 – 20 August 2025**

*Program Overleaf*

Venue: Main Campus; Intersection Main Boulevard Phase-VI, DHA and Burki Road,  
Lahore, Pakistan  
Phone: 92-42-36560935, 36560937, 36560938, 36560939, Exchange 92-42-  
36560936

Website: [www.lahoreschoolofeconomics.edu.pk](http://www.lahoreschoolofeconomics.edu.pk)

RSVP: Ms. Zenab Naseem: 92-42-36561230, [creb.lahore@gmail.com](mailto:creb.lahore@gmail.com)  
Ms. Zainab Idrees: 92-332-2228600

**Seventh International Conference on  
APPLIED DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS  
18 August 2025**

9:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcome Remarks:</b> Shahid Amjad Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
10:15 – 11:15	<b>Chair:</b> Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics) <b>Plenary Address:</b> Christine Valente (University of Bristol)
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Tea</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Session I: Health, Gender and Intergenerational Mobility</b> Chair: Theresa Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)  <i>Modest financial incentives are effective in improving child health: Evidence from Pakistan</i> Presenter: <b>Syeda Warda Riaz</b> (University of California, Davis) Discussant: Meseret Abebe  <i>Long-Term and Multi-Generational Impacts of Skilled Birth Attendance</i> Presenter: <b>Meiping Sun</b> (Fordham University) Discussant: Syeda Warda Riaz  <i>The Dynamic Impact of Early Childbearing on Education and Time Allocation</i> Presenter: <b>Meseret Abebe</b> (Addis Ababa University) Discussant: Meiping Sun
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Chair:</b> Zunia Tirmazee (Lahore School of Economics) <b>Plenary Address (Online):</b> Zaki Wahhaj (King's College London)
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Tea</i>
15:15 – 16:15	<b>Session II: Gender, Work and Information Frictions</b> Chair: Naved Hamid (Lahore School of Economics)  <i>The Cost of Staying Home: Intra-Household (Mis-)Beliefs and Women's Work Decisions in Pakistan</i> Presenter: <b>Hamna Ahmed</b> (Lahore School of Economics) Discussant: Kate Vyborny  <i>Gendered Information Frictions in the Labour Market: Experimental Evidence from the Job Talash Platform in Pakistan</i> Presenter: <b>Kate Vyborny</b> (World Bank, Gender Innovation Lab) Discussant: Christine Valente
19:30 – 21:30	<i>Dinner (by invitation only)</i>

**Seventh International Conference on  
APPLIED DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS  
19 August 2025**

- 10:00 – 11:00     **Chair:** Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)  
**Plenary Address:** Raymond Robertson (Texas A&M University)
- 11:00 – 11:15     *Tea*
- 11:15 – 12:45     **Session III: Adaptive Strategies for Climate Resilience**  
Chair: Theresa Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
- Dual Misbeliefs and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Air Purifiers in Bangladesh*  
Presenter: **Ashfaul Chowdhury** (International Growth Centre)  
Discussant: Talha Naeem
- The role of ultra-poor graduation programmes in building resilience to climate shocks: A mixed-methods investigation in flood-prone Pakistan*  
Presenter: **Nasir Iqbal** (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics)  
Discussant: Ashfaul Chowdhury
- Demand for Crop Insurance: Evidence from Pakistan*  
Presenter: **Talha Naeem** (University of British Columbia)  
Discussant: Nasir Iqbal
- 12:45 – 13:45     *Lunch*
- 13:45 – 14:45     **Chair:** Naved Hamid (Lahore School of Economics)  
**Plenary Address:** Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
- 14:45 – 15:45     **Session IV: Trade Frictions and Industrial Policy**  
Chair: Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
- Export Bans as Industrial Policy: Evidence from Nickel Downstream in Indonesia*  
Presenter: **Johan Kasim** (King's College London)  
Discussant: Sinthavanh Chanthavong
- Market Access and Export Performance of Laos: Evidence from Causal Inference*  
Presenter: **Sinthavanh Chanthavong** (Nagoya University, Japan)  
Discussant: Johan Kasim
- 15:45 - 16:00     *Tea*
- 16:00 - 17:00     **Session V: Jobs in Motion: Digital Interventions and Labour Market Adjustments**  
Chair: Waqar Wadho (Lahore School of Economics)
- Digital matching platforms and youth unemployment: Evidence based from Morocco*  
Presenter: **Anas Zidane** (University Mohammed V Rabat)  
Discussant: Saad Imtiaz
- From Conflict to Compromise: Experimental Evidence on Occupational Downgrading in Migration from Myanmar*  
Presenter: **Saad Imtiaz** (World Bank / LUMS)  
Discussant: Anas Zidane

**Seventh International Conference on  
APPLIED DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS  
20 August 2025**

- 10:00 – 11:30    **Session VI: Poverty Alleviation through Policy and Investment**  
Chair: Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
- We are All in This Together: Addressing Poverty in Village Economies*  
Presenter: **Mahreen Mahmud** (University of Exeter)  
Discussant: Muhammad Ashar Khan
- Help fee not so helpful: impact of Net Cash Transfers on labour supply of Pakistani Households*  
Presenter: **Shagufta Shabbar** (SZABIST University)  
Discussant: Mahreen Mahmud
- Chinese Offshore Investments, Local Economic Development and Poverty: An Empirical Case of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)*  
Presenter: **Muhammad Ashar Khan** (Habib University)  
Discussant: Shagufta Shabbar
- 11:30 – 12:00    *Tea*  
12:00 – 13:00    **Session VII: Graduate Student Session: Research on Gender and Health**  
Chair: Rabia Arif (Lahore School of Economics)
- Effect of Violent Conflict on Female Decision-Making Power within the Household*  
Presenter: **Shagufta Sultan** (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics)  
Discussant: Rabia Arif
- The Impact of Waterborne Contamination in Drinking Water on Malnutrition of Children Under Five Year*  
Presenter: **Aysha Khatoon** (Institute of Business Administration)  
Discussant: Theresa Chaudhry
- 13:00 – 14:00    *Lunch*  
14:00 – 15:00    **Session VIII: Human Capital Formation in Violence and Vulnerability**  
Chair: Christine Valente (University of Bristol)
- The Impact of Terrorism on Education: Evidence from the Death of Osama bin Laden*  
Presenter: **Saqib Hussain** (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)  
Discussant: Faiz-ur-Rehman
- Education and Health in the Shadow of Terror*  
Presenter: **Faiz-ur-Rehman** (Institute of Business Administration)  
Discussant: Saqib Hussain
- 15:00 – 15:15    *Tea*  
15:15 – 16:15    **Session IX: Expanding Educational Frontiers through Science and Civic Participation**  
Chair: Naved Hamid (Lahore School of Economics)
- Science on the Move*  
Presenter: **Samreen Malik** (New York University, Abu Dhabi)  
Discussant: Muhammad Aatir Khan
- Exploring Frameworks for Civic Engagement for Public School Students in Karachi*  
Presenter: **Muhammad Aatir Khan** (Habib University)  
Discussant: Samreen Malik
- 16:15 – 16:30    **Closing Remarks** (Shahid Amjad Chaudhry)