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APPLIED DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS**

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| 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)<br><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><br>Chair: Theresa Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)<br><br><i>Modest financial incentives are effective in improving child health: Evidence from Pakistan</i><br>Presenter: <b>Syeda Warda Riaz</b> (Lahore University of Management Sciences)<br>Discussant: Meseret Abebe<br><br><i>Long-Term and Multi-Generational Impacts of Skilled Birth Attendance</i><br>Presenter: <b>Meiping Sun</b> (Fordham University)<br>Discussant: Syeda Warda Riaz<br><br><i>The Dynamic Impact of Early Childbearing on Education and Time Allocation</i><br>Presenter: <b>Meseret Abebe</b> (Addis Ababa University)<br>Discussant: Meiping Sun |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | <b>Chair:</b> Rabia Ikram (Lahore School of Economics)<br><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><br>Chair: Naved Hamid (Lahore School of Economics)<br><br><i>The Cost of Staying Home: Intra-Household (Mis-)Beliefs and Women's Work Decisions in Pakistan</i><br>Presenter: <b>Hamna Ahmed</b> (Lahore School of Economics)<br>Discussant: Kate Vyborny<br><br><i>Gendered Information Frictions in the Labour Market: Experimental Evidence from the Job Talash Platform in Pakistan</i><br>Presenter: <b>Kate Vyborny</b> (World Bank, Gender Innovation Lab)<br>Discussant: Christine Valente                                                                                                                                            |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | <i>Dinner (by invitation only)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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- 10:00 – 11:00     **Chair:** Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)  
**Plenary Address:** Raymond Robertson (Texas A&M University)
- 11:00 – 12:00     **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: Nasir Iqbal
- 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
- 12:00 – 12:15     *Tea*
- 12:15 – 13:15     **Session IV: 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 /Lahore University of Management Sciences)  
Discussant: Anas Zidane
- 13:15 – 14:15     *Lunch*
- 14:15 – 15:15     **Chair:** Naved Hamid (Lahore School of Economics)  
**Plenary Address:** Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
- 15:15 – 15:30     *Tea*
- 15:30 – 16:30     **Session V: 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

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- 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)