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requests the pleasure of your participation in the**

**EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
APPLIED DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS**

17 – 19 August 2026

Program Overleaf

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9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome Remarks: Shahid Amjad Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
10:15 – 11:15	Chair: Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics) Plenary Address: Dean Yang (University of Michigan) <i>Abundance from Abroad: International Migration and the Developing World</i>
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Tea</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Session I: Shocks, Educational Opportunities and Development Chair: Naved Hamid (Lahore School of Economics) <i>The impact of a child marriage edutainment intervention on education outcomes in Pakistan</i> Presenter: Albena Sotirova (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam) Discussant: Noman Ahmad <i>The long-term impact of natural disasters on human capital: Evidence from the 2010 Pakistan flood</i> Presenter: Rida Ali Khan (Center for Studies and Research on International Development) Discussant: Albena Sotirova <i>When Women Get a Chance: Direct and Spillover Effects of Women's Access to Higher Education in Pakistan</i> Presenter: Noman Ahmad (IBA, Karachi) Discussant: Rida Ali Khan
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Chair: Shamyla Chaudry (Lahore School of Economics) Plenary Address: Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics) <i>Why Firms Wait: Two Decades of Experiments on Market Failures and Industrial Policy in Pakistan</i>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Tea</i>
15:15 – 16:15	Session II: Gender, Assets and Economic Outcomes Chair: Hamna Ahmed (Lahore School of Economics) <i>Intended and unintended consequences of a de facto inheritance reform</i> Presenter: Kate Vyborny (World Bank) Discussant: Bezawit Bahru <i>In the fields and at home: Housework and gender productivity gap in agriculture</i> Presenter: Bezawit Bahru (University of Hohenheim) Discussant: Kate Vyborny
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: Sheheryar Banuri (University of East Anglia) <i>De-risking Policy</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Tea</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Session III: Behavioural Responses to Conflict and Crime Chair: Zunia Saif (Lahore School of Economics) <i>Fraternity or Fracture? National Identity and Violence amid the India-Pakistan Cricket Rivalry</i> Presenter: Humoyun Abdumavlon (University of Chicago) Discussant: Awais Ali <i>City of Shame: Crime Signaling and Inverse Deterrence in a Weak State</i> Presenter: Sheheryar Banuri (University of East Anglia) Discussant: Humoyun Abdumavlon <i>Terrorism and Consumer Sentiments in Pakistan</i> Presenter: Awais Ali (IBA, Karachi) Discussant: Sheheryar Banuri
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session IV: Governance and Institutional Reforms Chair: Waqar Wadho (Lahore School of Economics) <i>How Rules and Compliance Impact Organizational Outcomes: Evidence from Delegation in Environmental Regulation</i> Presenter: Muhammad Haseeb (University of Bristol) Discussant: Saqib Hussain <i>Two-Sided Technology Adoption: Evidence from a Field Experiment on QR Code Payments</i> Presenter: Farah Said (LUMS) Discussant: Muhammad Haseeb <i>Spillovers of Digitization</i> Presenter: Saqib Hussain (KDI School of Public Policy and Management) Discussant: Farah Said
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Networking Tea</i>

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- 10:00 – 11:00 **Chair:** Rabia Ikram (Lahore School of Economics)
Plenary Address: Zahra Siddique (University of Bristol)
Weather Shocks, Marriage Timing and the Lives of Women in the Developing World
- 11:00 – 11:15 *Tea*
- 11:15 – 13:15 **Session V: Gender and Labour Markets**
Chair: Zahra Siddique (University of Bristol)
- Occupational Segregation and Job Search: Evidence from a Nudging Experiment in Pakistan*
Presenter: **Zunia Saif** (Lahore School of Economics)
Discussant: Zahra Siddique
- Nudging Firms to Consider Female Applicants*
Presenter: **Harmalah Khan** (CERP)
Discussant: Waqar Wadho
- What do others think? Norm beliefs and women's work in Pakistan*
Presenter: **Waqar Wadho** (Lahore School of Economics)
Discussant: Kate Vyborny
- Breaking Barriers? Female Doctors in Male Fields*
Presenter: **Hadia Majid** (LUMS)
Discussant: Zunia Saif
- 13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch*
- 14:15 – 15:45 **Session VI: Behavioural Responses to Information and Climate**
Chair: Naved Hamid (Lahore School of Economics)
- The Power of Feedback*
Presenter: **Dagmara Celik Katreniak** (City St George's, University of London)
Discussant: Sonia Alam
- Breaking the Scroll (BTS): A Randomized Controlled Trial Assessing Social Media Use and Youth Mental Health in the Context of a Developing Economy*
Presenter: **Zubaria Andlib** (FUUAST)
Discussant: Dagmara Celik Katreniak
- Extreme Temperature, Labour Supply, and Subsistence Farming: Evidence from Pakistan*
Presenter: **Sonia Alam** (University of Reading)
Discussant: Zubaria Andlib
- 15:45 – 16:00 **Closing Remarks** (Shahid Amjad Chaudhry)