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Professional Summary

A field economist, public intellectual, policy advisor and frequent media commentator || 22 years of teaching/research experience in QS ranked universities in Asia and the Pacific region || Diverse research expertise & scholarly publication record in disciplinary (economics) & multi-disciplinary (development studies/comparative education) journals || Editorial positions in high impact journals (across disciplines) || Senior-level advisory appointments to the Government of Malaysia || 15 years of international consultancy experience || Recipient of 20+ competitive research grants || Leadership experience includes Southeast Asia cluster Head of the Global Labor Organization & Deputy Director of Poverty Studies Centre at U Malaya || Member of numerous academic staff promotion committees & grant making bodies

Highlights

- 4900+ [Google Scholar](#) citations (H-Index: 40)
- 750+ [edit/review](#) of manuscripts for 125+ journals
- 300+ media op-eds/commentaries/interviews
- 75+ SSCI/WoS/SCOPUS journal papers & 1 book
- 10+ editorial appointments in WoS Journals
- 125+ conference/seminar/webinar presentations
- 25+ PhD/MSc dissertations supervised
- Top 1% Global Reviewer Award recipient (PUBLONS)
- Among top 5 economists in Malaysia (top 4% in Asia)
- Recipient of numerous academic fellowship and grants.

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary: *Development Economics*

Secondary: *Economics of Education; Labor Economics*

Education

2010	PGCAP, University of Reading, UK
2000-2005	DPhil in Economics, University of Oxford, UK
1999-2000	MSc in Development Economics, University of Oxford, UK
1993-1996	BA in Economics, Aligarh Muslim University, India (Minor: Maths & Stats)

Current Affiliations

2024 -	Full Professor of Economics (Visiting), Department of Economics, University of Reading, UK
2023 -	Professorial Fellow, Department of Economics, North South University, Bangladesh
2023 -	Visiting Professor, Bangladesh University of Health Sciences, Dhaka
2019 -	Visiting Professor, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Past Full-time Employment

2022- 2024	Full Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Monash University (Malaysia)
2016-2022	Full Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Malaya (2013-2016 with Department of Development Studies)
2006-2013	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Reading University, UK (<u>tenured</u>)
2005	Lecturer, Mansfield College, Oxford University, UK
1999-2004	Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka (<u>tenured</u>)
1998	Lecturer, Department of Economics, East West University (private), Dhaka

Courses taught:

- *Malaya University*: 1 course load per semester; courses taught over a period of 8 years: Development Economics (UG & PG); Philosophy of Research (PG); Issues in Microeconomic Analysis (PG); Research methodology (PG)
- *Reading University*: 2-course load per semester; courses taught over a period of 7 years: Development Microeconomics (PG (seminar style)); Introduction to Development Economics (UG final year); Microfinance (PG); Intermediate Microeconomics (UG final year); Game Theory (UG final year); Applied Econometrics (UG 3rd year)
- *Oxford University*: Quantitative analysis using STATA (graduate); Intermediate Microeconomics (UG final year); Development Economics (UG final year)

Administrative Roles - Professional Services & External Bodies

Academic journal appointments

2018-	Co-editor , <i>Journal of Human Development and Capabilities</i> (Routledge)
2020-	Co-editor , <i>Singapore Economic Review</i> (World Scientific)
2018-	Co-editor , <i>Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics</i> (Springer Nature)
2023-	Guest editor on SDG 4 , <i>International Journal of Educational Development</i> (sponsored by the UN SDG Academy)
2023-	Guest editor on Education Quality in ASEAN , <i>International Journal of Educational Development</i> (sponsored by the Asian Development Bank)
2021-	Co-editor , <i>International Journal of Educational Development</i>
2019- 2021	Co-editor , <i>BMC Public Health</i> (Springer)
2018-2020	Co-editor , <i>Asia Pacific Education Review</i> (Springer)
2022-	Editorial advisory board member , <i>Feminist Economics</i> (Taylor & Francis)
2020-	Academic editor , <i>PLOS One</i>
2020-	Editorial advisory board member , <i>Asia Pacific Education Review</i> (Springer)
2021-	Editorial advisory board member , <i>Journal of Demography</i> (Thailand)
2020-	Editorial advisory board member , <i>Journal of Poverty and Public Policy</i> (Willey)
2020-	Editorial advisory board member , <i>Journal of Public Affairs</i> (Willey)
2017-2019	Editorial advisory board member , <i>COMPARE – Journal of International and Comparative Education</i> (Taylor & Francis)
2018-2020	Editorial advisory board member , <i>International Journal of Educational Development</i>
2018-2019	Editorial advisory board member , the <i>International Journal of Islamic Thoughts (IJITs)</i>
2016-	Editorial advisory board member , <i>Malaysian Journal of Economics</i>
2018-	Editorial advisory board member , of <i>TALIM: JOURNAL OF EDUCATION IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES AND COMMUNITIES</i> (the official peer-reviewed, international journal of the ÖNDER (Alumni Association of Imam Hatip High Schools), Istanbul, Turkey)
2014-2019	Editorial board member , the journal <i>Institution and Economies</i>

Policy appointments & engagements (last 3 years only)

2020-22	Advisor to the <u>Minister for Agriculture and Food Industry</u> , National Agricultural Advisory Council (MPPN), Government of Malaysia (re-appointed in Oct 2021)
	Public policy speaker , EXECUTIVE LECTURE SERIES 2022: “ <i>Governance: Who's in Charge?</i> ”, <u>Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN)</u> , Public Service Department, Govt of Malaysia, 24 August.
	Public policy speaker , eSPO LECTURE SERIES 2021 on “ <i>Right Education, Right Skill, Right Job, Right Wages</i> ”, the <u>Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)</u> , 30 April.
	Public policy keynote speaker on “ <i>Behavioral Insights for Malaysia's Public Policy</i> ”, Opening live session, National Conference on Behavioural Insights (BI) 2021: Spearheading Efficient Public Policy Delivery, <u>Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)</u> , Govt of Malaysia, 23 March 2021.
	Public policy training lectures - week-long course for mid-level <u>IPA officers</u> “ <i>Economics for Public Policy</i> ”, <u>Public Service Department, Govt of Malaysia</u> (in collaboration with <u>University of Malaya</u>), Pullman Hotel, April (2021) and October (2020).

- 2020-21 **Advisory Member**, Technical Committee on Behavioural Insights Unit, Malaysian Productivity Corporation (MPC), Government of Malaysia
- Advisor** (temporary) on Child Marriage, *World Health Organization (WHO)*, Geneva.
- 2019-22 & 24 **Public Policy lectures** for Civil Servants of the Government of Bangladesh, Advanced Course on Administration and Development, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) (various batches)

Other Professional and Administrative Appointments & membership

- 2020- **Panel Member**, *COVID-19 Special Research Grant 2020-2021 (UMCSRG)*, University Malaya
- 2020 **Panel Member**, *Evaluation Panel for Impact Oriented Interdisciplinary Research Programme (IIRG)*, University Malaya
- 2019- **Life member**, *Malaysian Economic Association*
- 2020 **Member** (by invitation) of the Global Alliance of Girls Not Brides and the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage: “The Child Marriage Research to Action Network (The CRANK)”
- 2014-2016 **Deputy Director**, Centre for Poverty and Development Studies (CPDS), University of Malaya
- 2018-2020 **Coordinator**, Joint World Bank University Malaya Development Economics Seminar Series, Malaysia
- 2017- **Regional Lead** (Southeast Asia), Global Labor Organization
- 2019 **Selection Committee Member**, Virtual Young Scholars Programme, Global Labor Organization
- 2018-2019 **External assessor for staff promotion**, *Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR)*, Malaysia
- 2019-2020 **External assessor for staff promotion**, UCSI, Malaysia
- 2019-2021 **External assessor for staff promotion**, *Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)*, Malaysia
- 2019-2024 **External Evaluator**, Yayasan Univesiti Teknologi PETRONAS (YUTP-FRG)
- 2019 **External Reviewer**, "Fundamental Research Grant Scheme" (FRGS), Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Malaysia
- 2019 **External Reviewer**, FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH GRANT Proposal, University Technology PETRONAS, Malaysia
- 2018 **Panel Member**, NEWTON-UNGKU OMAR FUND (NUOF) Mobility Grants (Social Science & Humanities), Academy of Sciences Malaysia
- 2018 **External reviewer**, The EU-India Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP), ESRC UK
- 2018 **External reviewer**, Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Scheme, UK Research and Innovation, Research Councils UK (RCUK)
- 2018 **External Reviewer**, "Fundamental Research Grant Scheme" (FRGS), Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Malaysia
- 2018 **External reviewer**, Newton RCUK-Colciencias Research Partnerships Grant Scheme, UK
- 2018 **Assessment panel member**, 2018 HDCA Conference on “Human Development and Social Inclusion in an Urbanizing World,” Argentina
- 2017 **Evaluation Panel Member**, Newton-Ungku Omar Fund (NUOF), Academy of Sciences Malaysia

Awards, Honours and Scholarships

- 2021 Ranking on RePEC: among the [top 5 economists](#) in Malaysia | top [2% in ASEAN](#) | top [5% in the world](#)
- 2019 **Publons Global Peer review award in *Economics and Business*** (top 1% reviewer) & ***Social Sciences*** (top 1% reviewer) (**300+** verified reviews for SSCI/SCOPUS journals)
- 2017 **Outstanding reviewer award**, Elsevier (International)
- 2016 **Selection panel member**, Rhodes Khazanah Scholarship Selection Committee
- 2015- 2020 **Fellow of Peer Review College**, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK
- 2015- 2020 **Honorary Research Advisor**, BRAC International (Afghanistan)
- 2011 **Fellow of Royal Society of Arts (FRSA)** (elected for life)
- 2011 **Governor**, St Andrews Primary School, Headington, Oxford
- 1999-2003 **Rhodes Scholarship**, Rhodes Trust, Oxford
- 1999 **Commonwealth Scholarship**, UK (offered but declined)
- 2012 **RSA Connector** for Bangladesh
- 2002 **Academy of Achievement invitee**, 3rd International Achievement Summit, Dublin, June 6-9
- 1996 **University Gold Medal**, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), India

Research grants and awards**Summary:**

- Total amount raised as PI: **USD 400,000.00**
- Total amount raised as Co-I: **USD 1,600,000.00**
- Total amount raised: **USD 2 million +**

2024-2025	World Bank Early Learning Partnership MDTF Award “Assessment of Childcare Quality, Demand-side Constraints to Uptake, and Women's Employment” (USD 120,000) (Co-Principal Investigator)
2023-2026	Global Innovation Funds (GIF) grant on “Developing Youth Groups in Bangladesh to Support Peers at Risk of Early Marriage” (<u>US \$ 750,000</u>) (Co-Principal Investigator)
2024-2025	Monash Australia-Malaysia 2024 Research Collaboration Development Award “A Tale of Two Nations: Differential Progress in Child Nutrition in India and Bangladesh” (AUD 8000) (Principal Investigator)
2023-2024	UNESCO Global Monitoring Report Award “Educational Leadership, Governance and Gender: A Multi-country Stakeholder Study on Quality Education and School Effectiveness” (USD 12,000) (Principal Investigator)
2023-24	ADB research grant on “From MDGs to SDGs: Progress in child nutrition in South and Southeast Asia” (<u>US \$ 7,000</u>)
2023-2024	Asia Foundation grant - Inclusive Economic Growth and Asian Business Systems (<u>US \$ 4,000</u>) (Co-Principal Investigator)
2022-24	FNRS (Fund for Scientific Research) grant on “Unequal opportunities, unequal efforts and learning poverty in the absence of high social stratification” (<u>EU \$ 60,000</u>) (Co-Principal Investigator)
2021	ADB research grant on “COVID-19 and educational recovery in Malaysia” (<u>US \$10,000</u>)
2021	UNESCO grant on “Gender Dimensions of Non-state Islamic Faith-based Schools in Asia” Background study for UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2022 (<u>US \$11,000</u>)
2021	ADB conference grant on school quality in Southeast Asia (<u>US \$1,000</u>)
2019-20	UNU-WIDER grant on ‘Women’s Work’. Project title: Access to Microfinance and Female Labour Force Participation (<u>US \$5,000</u>) (Co-Is: Zaki Wahhaj, U Kent). Principal Investigator.
2020-21	BIGD (BRAC University) grant (in-kind) on “COVID-19, Schooling and Learning” (<u>US \$12,000</u>) Principal Investigator.
2020-21	Child Sights Foundation contract (Industry award). Project title: Health consequences of tobacco consumption in Southeast Asia (<u>US \$ 180,000</u>) Principal Investigator.
2019-20	World Bank research contract (IF2019-016). Project title: Malaysian Living Standards Qualitative Study (<u>US \$ 56,000</u>) (Co-Is: Vijayendra Rao & Kenneth Simler). Principal Investigator.
2018-19	EDI-DFID Grant . Project title: Peer Effects of Child Marriage Law on Marriage Customs, Co-Investigator, Economic Development and Institutions (<u>GBP £15,000</u>). Co-Investigator.
2018-19	Faculty Research Grant (University of Malaya) . Project title: Palm Oil and Poverty in East Malaysia: A field experiment with a focus on gender (<u>RM 29,000</u>) - Principal Investigator.
2018-19	Bantuan Kecil Penyelidikan (BKP) Grant (University of Malaya) . Project title: Infrastructure Development and Rural Poverty in East Malaysia (<u>RM 19,000</u>). Principal Investigator.
2017-19	EDI-DFID Grant . Project title: Child Marriage Law, Gender Norms and Marriage Customs: A Randomized Control Trials (RCT) Evaluation (<u>GBP £32,000</u>). Co-Investigator.
2018-19	Social Security Research Centre (SSRC) Grant (University of Malaya) . Project title: Work, Family and Child Care: Retaining Women in the Labor Market in Malaysia (<u>GBP £6,000 (RM30,000)</u>). Principal Investigator.
2017-18	COMCEC/OIC contract . Project title: Educational Quality in the OIC Countries (<u>US \$ 82,000</u>) Principal Investigator.
2016	Project title: Gender stereotypes and education in Muslim countries, Population Studies Unit (PSU) Small Grant, University of Malaya (<u>RM3,000/ GBP £500</u>). Principal Investigator.
2016	Population Studies Unit (PSU) Small Grant (University of Malaya) . Project title: Women’s job satisfaction and well-being in Malaysia’s banking sector (<u>RM8,000/ GBP £1200</u>). Principal Investigator.

2015-16	Social Security Research Centre (SSRC) Grant (University of Malaya). Project title: Post-MDGs and Beyond: Lessons and Policy Challenges for Malaysia and ASEAN countries (<u>GBP £ 10,000 (RM59,000)</u>). Principal Investigator.
2012-16	BRAC. Project title: Adolescent Development Program: A Randomized Control Trials (RCT) Evaluation (<u>USD 10,000</u>). Principal Investigator.
2013-16	Australian Government ADRA Grant. Project title: The Role of Secondary Schooling and Gender Norms in the Long-term Opportunities and Choices of Rural Bangladeshi Women (<u>AUS \$ 550,000</u>) (PI- Dr Zaki Wahhaj, University of Kent). Co-Investigator.
2014-16	High Impact Research (HIR) grant, Ministry of Higher Education, Government of Malaysia. Project title: The China Model: Implications of the Contemporary Rise of China, Co-Investigator, (<u>US \$ 200,000/RM619,200</u>) (PI- Dr Yeoh KK, Malaya University). Co-Investigator.
2011	Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship (<u>GBP £ 45,000</u>)
2011	International Growth Centre grant - Growth & governance (<u>GBP 9600</u>). Principal Investigator.
2010	International Growth Centre grant - Islamic school choice (<u>GBP 9000</u>). Principal Investigator.
2010	RETF pump priming fund (Reading University). Project title: Migration and education. (<u>GBP £ 2,000</u>). Principal Investigator.
2008	Faculty Research Output Prize, University of Reading (<u>GBP £ 100</u>)
2007-08	World Bank research grant on secondary madrasa (<u>US \$ 100,000</u>). Co-Investigator.
2003-04	South-Asian Network for Economic Research Institutes (SANEI) grant on labor market returns to private education (<u>US \$ 20,000</u>). Principal Investigator.

Research (including visiting/current) positions held

2019-2020	Visiting Professor, Mindanao State University, Philippines
2007-2018	Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn, Germany
2015-2018	Visiting Professorial Fellow, University of Manchester, UK
2017	Visiting Senior Research Fellow, University of Kent, UK
2014-2019	Visiting Fellow, Dept of Economics, Reading University, UK
2011-2013	Senior Research Fellow, Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC
2012-2013	Senior Fellow, Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University
2010-	Fellow, UK Higher Education Academy
2010-	Member, Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), Bangladesh
2010	Visiting Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
2008-	Research Fellow, Economic Research Group (ERG), Dhaka
2007	Visiting Researcher, Department of Economics, Oxford University
2006-	Associate Research Fellow, SKOPE, Department of Education, Oxford Univ.
2006-	Research Associate, CSAE, Department of Economics, Oxford University
2005	Research Officer, Young Lives Project on Child Poverty, Univ. of Oxford
2005–2006	Post-doctoral Research Assistant, Dept. of Economics, Univ. of Oxford
2005	Research Assistant, London School of Economics (LSE)
2001	Research Fellow, Centre for International Development, Harvard University
2000	Research Assistant, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, New York.

Research supervision and examination

Masters (MDS/MEC) - 18

1. “Youth unemployment in developing and developed countries” (Fifi Elvira Binti Salehudin)
2. “Determinants of International Student Migration to Malaysia” (Syaza Adila Binti Md Rafai)
3. “Patterns and Determinants of Economic Growth in Tanzania and Kenya” (Rebecca Josephat Munanka)
4. “The Effect of Education on Subjective Well-being in China” (Chen Yuanrong)
5. “Employee Job Satisfaction in Malaysia’s Financial Sector” (Nazatul Syirin Binti Abdul Rahman)
6. “Intention to Marry Among Single Female Employees in Malaysia Financial Sector” (Nurul Izzati Shuhada Binti Zulkurnain)
7. “Early Marriage, Poverty, and dowry in Northern Bangladesh: A Qualitative Analysis” (Fatema Rejwana Khan)

8. "Gender Stereotypes in Education: Content Analysis of Malaysian, Indonesian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi School Textbooks" (Kazi Md Mukitil Islam)
9. "Urban proximity and rural poverty in Sabah" (Jeron Joseph)
10. "Civic and Social Attitude of Religious Secondary School Students in Malaysia" (MA WENXIN)
11. "Good Governance and Economic growth: A Case of South Asian countries" (Samira Tahsin Hossain)
12. "Gender Stereotypes and Leadership" (Farihah Fahmy)
13. "Palm oil and poverty in East Malaysia" (Amelina Fathin)
14. "Youth Unemployment and retirement age" (Fatimah Zahra Ros'azam)
15. Political Determinants of Bank Performance (Mishkatur Rahman)
16. Wealth Accumulation During the Pandemic (Boon Sang)
17. Home based learning during Covid-19 Pandemic (Aina Adleen)
18. Natural disasters and human capital development in Indonesia (Nadira Amalia)

Doctoral Degree - PhD – 11 (completed: 6)

1. "Local Financial Development and Household Poverty" Kabir Ahmed (year awarded - 2009)
2. "The Impact of Shocks and Intra-household Bargaining Power on Food and Nutrition Security" Natasha Gaskin-peters (year awarded - 2011)
3. "Women's empowerment and food security" Mahbub Hossain (year awarded - 2018)
4. "Interest Rate Sensitivity of Islamic Indices" Muhammad Shariq (year awarded - 2018)
5. "Labour Market in Post-reform China in China" Saizi Xiao (year awarded - 2020)
6. "Gender gaps in Malaysia's labor market" Sharifa Nabilah (year awarded - 2021)
7. "Religion and corruption: An experimental approach", Sharymin Mohammed, 2019-2022 (ongoing)
8. "Poverty in Malaysia", Joesfina Mansor 2018-2020 (ongoing)
9. "Female Migration", Farzana Sebrean, 2020-2022 (ongoing)
10. "Essays on COVID-19 and Migration in China", Ruan Meng, 2020-2022 (ongoing)
11. "Essays on GVC and Inequality in Malaysia", Tan (EPU) @ IKMAS-UKM, 2022-2024 (ongoing)

PhD Examiner (external) - 8

Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei; Monash University, Malaysia; International Islamic University, Malaysia; Preston University, Pakistan (3); University Sains Malaysia, Penang (2)

Country Experience: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan.

International Consultancy Experience

2024	<i>Research Lead, <u>World Bank South Asia region</u> – Women's work and sexual harassment at Bangladeshi workplace.</i>
2022	<i>Consultant, <u>World Bank MENA region</u> – background paper on Arab Spring and women's empowerment in Egypt.</i>
2020	<i>Consultant, <u>World Bank South region</u> – background notes for public expenditure related to improving learning quality and delaying child marriage.</i>
2020	<i>Consultant to <u>Child Sights Foundation</u> on health consequences of tobacco consumption in Southeast Asia</i>
2019	<i>Consultant, <u>World Bank East Asia region</u> – study on living standards and inequality perceptions in Malaysia.</i>
2019	<i>Resource person, UNICEF on education quality in Malaysia</i>
2018	<i>Consultant, <u>Asian Productivity Organization</u> (APO).</i>
2017-2018	<i>Consultant (and Principal Author), Report on Education Quality in the OIC Countries, commissioned by The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of the <u>Organization of the Islamic Cooperation</u>.</i>
2017	<i>Consultant ASER-IAT Pakistan project on Bihari refugee children in Bangladesh.</i>
2017	<i>Resource person, UNESCAP on multidimensional inequality in Indonesia</i>
2016	<i>Consultant, <u>Global Education Commission</u> for Financing Global Education Opportunity project on "Research Study on Teacher Politics: Meeting Educational Quality Challenges with Teachers" (contracted through IDEAS, Pakistan) (Team members: Monazza Aslam, Faisal Bari, Shenila Rawal, Rabea Malik, Geeta Kingdon & Pauline Rose)</i>
2015	<i>Consultant, BRAC Adolescent Development Program (Bangladesh)</i>

- 2015 *Consultant*, Private Schools in Bangladesh, South Asia Human Development, The World Bank, Washington DC. (Team member: Dr Nazmul Chaudhury)
- 2011-13 *Consultant*, Results Based Management (RBM) project, PEDP III, Directorate of Primary Education, UK (contracted through Oxford Policy Management) (Team members: Eric Woods & Georgina Rawle)
- 2005-13 *Consultant*, South Asia Human Development, The World Bank, Washington DC (5 contracts relating to various projects e.g. FSSAP, Quality of Secondary Schools and Madrasas (QSSMEB); SEQAEP, ROSC schools)
- 2007 *Consultant* to UNICOLSULAT on secondary education in Bangladesh
- 2003–4 *Research Consultant*, Development Economics Research Group (3 contracts in total) The World Bank, Washington DC (work on education issues in Ethiopia)

Field Research Experience

- 2022 **Malaysia:** Multi-stakeholder nation-wide survey on the quality of government schools
- 2019 **Malaysia:** Qualitative survey on inequality and poverty perceptions
- 2019 **Malaysia:** Lab-in-the-field experiment on competitiveness in Sarawak (East Malaysia)
- 2018 **Malaysia:** Quantitative survey on poverty in Sabah (East Malaysia)
- 2017 **Jordan:** Stakeholder survey on the perception of education quality
- 2016 **Malaysia:** Social capital and well-being at workplace: A survey of Islamic and conventional bank employees in Malaysia
- 2014-17 **Afghanistan:** Evaluation of Girls' Education Challenge program and Adolescent Training Scheme (in collaboration with BRAC).
- 2012-17 **Bangladesh:** Randomized Control Trial (RCT) evaluation of an adolescent development program in Bangladesh (in collaboration with BRAC).
- 2013-16 **Bangladesh:** Long-term impact of female secondary schooling on social norms transmission, labor market participation and marriage outcomes (in collaboration with University of Kent, UK).
- 2009 **Bangladesh:** Responsible for designing the follow-up evaluation survey to assess the impact of Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROSC) program.
- 2008-2009 **Bangladesh:** I was responsible for designing a large-scale multi-purpose survey in Bangladesh which would facilitate impact assessment of SEQAEP intervention. The field work was funded by the World Bank. I am also the lead author of the preliminary evaluation study report.
- 2007-2008 **Bangladesh:** I was responsible for designing a large-scale multi-purpose survey in Bangladesh which would facilitate research on various socio-economic aspects of religious education in rural areas. The field work was funded by the World Bank and led to the first ever study on secondary madrasa education. I was the lead author of the study report titled "Quality of Secondary School Madrasa Education in Bangladesh (QSSMEB)"
- 2006-2008 **Pakistan:** I have spent two weeks in the Punjab province working in a World Bank sponsored survey of rural schools and households. The survey helped documented impact of the female stipend program that was introduced by the Punjab government around 2005.
- 2003-2004 **Ethiopia:** I spent two months working in the World Bank office in Addis Abba. During this time, i had extensive interactions with officials from the Ministry of Education. I performed a variety of tasks to facilitate empirical research on education issues.
- 2005 **Bangladesh:** I have designed a survey on rural secondary schools in Bangladesh to assess education quality in FSSAP program area in collaboration with the World Bank and Uniconsult (Dhaka). I was also the lead author of the study report.

Publications (including forthcoming papers) in reverse chronological order:

Summary: 80 articles in total of which

- 54 are in ISI-indexed (**Web of Science**) journals

- 40 are in economics journals

- 27 are in **A category** economics journals (e.g. *Economica*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Cambridge Journal Economics*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*,

Journal Publications -- Economics

1. Amirapu, Amrit & Asadullah, M. Niaz & Wahhaj, Zaki (2022) "Social barriers to female migration: Theory and evidence from Bangladesh," ***Journal of Development Economics***, vol. 158(C). (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
2. Asadullah, M. Niaz; Vijayandra Rao, & Kenneth Simler (R&R) "Are there social limits to growth in Malaysia?" ***World Bank Economic Review*** (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
3. Asadullah, M. Niaz & Anindita Bhattacharjee (2022) "Digital Divide or Digital Provide? Technology, Time Use, and Learning Loss during COVID-19," ***Journal of Development Studies***, 58(10), 1934-1957. (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
4. Asadullah, M Niaz and Elisabetta De Cao, Fathema Zhura Khatoon, Zahra Siddique (2021) "Measuring gender attitudes using list experiments" ***Journal of Population Economics***, 34, pages 367–400 (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
5. Asadullah, M Niaz, Alain Trannoy & Sandy Tubeuf & Gaston Yalonetzky (2021) "Measuring Inequality of Educational Opportunities: Pupil's Efforts Matter" ***World Development***, Vol 138 (ABS 3*/ ABDC: A)
6. Hossain, Mahbub, Asadullah, M Niaz and Kambhampati, Uma (2021) "Women's Empowerment and Gender-Differentiated Food Allocation in Bangladesh" ***Review of Economics of the Household***, 19, 739–767 (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
7. Asadullah, M Niaz, Mansoor, Randazzo and Wahhaj (2021) "Is Son Preference Disappearing from Bangladesh?" ***World Development***, Vol 140 (ABS 3*/ ABDC: A)
8. Xiao, Saizi and Asadullah, M Niaz (2020) "Social Norms and Gender Difference in Labor Force Participation in China" ***Feminist Economics*** 26:4, 114-148 (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
9. Asadullah, M Niaz, Antonio Savoia and Kunal Sen (2020) "Will South Asia achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030? Learning from the MDGs experience," ***Social Indicators Research*** (ABDC: A), 152, 165–189.
10. Asadullah, M Niaz and Wahhaj, Zaki (2019) "Early Marriage, Social Networks and the Transmission of Norms," ***Economica***, 86(344): 801-831 (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
11. Hossain, Mahbub, Asadullah, M Niaz and Kambhampati, Uma (2019) "Empowerment and Life Satisfaction: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh", ***World Development***, 122: 170-183 (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
12. Asadullah, M Niaz and Antonio Savoia (2018) "Poverty Reduction During 1990-2013: Did MDGs Adoption and State Capacity Matter?" ***World Development***, 105: 70-82 (ABS 3* / ABDC: A)
13. Asadullah, M Niaz and Xiao, Saizi (2020) "Changing Patterns of Wage Returns to Education in Post-reform China" ***Structural Change and Economic Dynamics***, 53, 137-148 (ABS 2* / ABDC: B)
14. Asadullah, M Niaz, Perera, D. and Xiao, S (2020) "Vietnam's Extraordinary Performance in the PISA Assessment: A Cultural Explanation of an Education Paradox", ***Journal of Policy Modelling***, 42(5), 913-932 (September–October 2020). (ABS 2*)
15. Asadullah, M Niaz & Chaudhury, Nazmul (2019) "Support for Gender Stereotypes: Does Madrasah Education Matter?" ***Journal of Development Studies***, Vol 55(1) (ABS 3*/ ABDC: A)
16. Asadullah, M Niaz (2017) "Who Trusts Others?" The Determinants of Social Capital in a Low Income Country" ***Cambridge Journal of Economics***, 41(2): 515-544. (ABS 3*/ ABDC: A)

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48. Asadullah, M Niaz and Islam, K (2018) "Representation as important as participation" **The Daily Star**, 30 March
49. Asadullah, M Niaz and Islam, Kazi Mukitul (2018) "Gender Stereotypes in Bangladeshi, Indonesian, Malaysian and Pakistani textbooks", **World Education Blog**, Global Education Monitoring Report (GMR), UNESCO, 20 March
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58. Op-ed published in Article in **Development and Cooperation D+C** "Marriage instead of Graduation" 03 Aug 2016 (with Zaki Wahhaj)
59. Op-ed published in Article in **Development and Cooperation D+C** "Terrorism: Look beyond private schools" 28 July 2016
60. Op-ed published in **LSE South Asia Blog** "Social attitudes that view female child marriage as a means of protecting respectability need to change" 27 July 2016 (with Zaki Wahhaj)
61. Op-ed article in The Centre for the Study of African Economies (**CSAE**) blog, Oxford University, "Ending early marriage in Bangladesh and Uganda" 14 July 2016 (with Abdul Alim and Fathema Khatun of BRAC). Re-published in **BRAC blog** 12 July 2016, and **The New Age**, 07 Aug 2016.
62. Op-ed article in World Institute of Development Economics Research (**WIDER**) blog, "Ending child marriage and closing the education gap" 12 July 2016 (with A Alim and Fathema Khatun). Re-published in **The Independent** (Bangladesh) 10 Aug 2016.
63. Op-ed article in **BDNews24** "Child marriage in Bangladesh" 16 April 2016 (with Zaki Wahhaj, University of Kent).

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65. Feature article in **D+C Development and Cooperation** Magazine (of the German Government) "Minimum wage attracts girls to factories" (with Zaki Wahhaj), 03 January.

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66. Feature Article in **The Diplomat** Magazine "Vietnam's PISA Surprise" (with Devangi Perera) 1 November 2015
67. Op-ed in **The Daily Star** "Sustaining Women's Literacy and SDGs" (with Zaki Wahhaj) 13 September 2015
68. Op-ed in **The Daily Star** "Child Marriage Law and freedom of choice" (with Zaki Wahhaj) 29 August 2015
69. Op-Ed published by **BRAC Blog** (the largest NGO in the world) blog (with Abdul Alim and Fathema Khatun) "Delaying Marriage, Educating the Next Generation" 26 July 2015.
70. Op-Ed published by **Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Asia-Pathways blog** "Learning Crisis in South Asia", 27 March 2015.
71. Article published by **BRAC Blog** (the largest NGO in the world) blog (with Abdul Alim and Fathema Khatun) "In school, but not learning" 5 March 2015.
72. Article re-published by "Effective States and Inclusive Development" (**ESID) Centre Blog**, UK "Pathways to Development", 15 January, 2015.
73. Opinion piece in **East Asia Forum (EAF)** "Bangladesh's politicians should keep their hands off Grameen Bank". Jan 09, 2015 (With Zaki Wahhaj)

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74. Article in **Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Blog** "Pathways to Development" 5 Dec 2014 (with Antonio Savoia, University of Manchester). Re-published in **The Daily Star**, 12 Dec 2014; **Development@Manchester Blog** in 15 Dec 2014 and "Effective States and Inclusive Development" (**ESID) blog**, 15 Jan 2015.
75. Feature article in **The Diplomat** Magazine "Saving Grameen Bank, Sustaining the Bangladesh Paradox" 6 Dec 2014 (with Zaki Wahhaj, University of Kent). Re-published in **Dhaka Tribune** 24 Dec 2014.
76. Op-ed in **East Asia Forum (EAF)** "Managing Malaysia's Education Crisis" 5 Dec.
77. Op-ed in **World Economic Forum** "Closing the Gender Gap in the Developing World" 4 Nov 2014
78. Op-ed in **World Bank South Asia Blog** "No Magic Bullet to Close the Gender Gap" 4 Nov.
79. Op-ed in **Korea Herald** (South Korea) "Gender gap in education is result of policy priorities", 16 Oct 2014
80. Article in **The Straits Times** (Singapore) "An education in gender equity", 14 Oct 2014
81. Opinion piece in **The Conversation (UK)** "Nobel Peace Prize win for Malala and Kailash is a beacon of hope for children's rights", Oct 10, 2014. Re-published by **BDNEWS24.com** on Oct 12, 2014
82. Op-ed in **New Straits Times** (Malaysia) "Perspective: Female schooling under threat" 12 Oct
83. Opinion piece in **The Conversation** "Gender equity in schools in Muslim countries: it can be done", 13 Oct 2014. Republished in **CSAE (Centre for the Study of African Economies) blog**, University of Oxford, 20 Oct 2014 & **The Daily Star**, Oct 25, 2014 & **Dhaka Tribune**, 2 Nov, 2014
84. Op-ed in **East Asia Forum** (Australia) "Will India's social development stagnate under Modi?", July 1, 2014. Re-published by **The Daily Star** and **BDNEWS24.com** on July 2, 2014; **Indian Council on Global Relations** on July 3, 2014
85. Op-ed in **BDNEWS24.com** (Bangladesh) "Measuring graduate unemployment", May 1
86. Op-ed in **The Daily Star**, "Is graduate unemployment rate really 47%?" May 1, 2014
87. Op-ed in **Dhaka Tribune** (Bangladesh), Looking East, March 3, 2014
88. Op-ed in **The Daily Star** (Bangladesh), Quality Education for All, Feb 11, 2014. Re-published in **The New Nation**, Feb 21, 2014

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89. Op-ed in **BDNEWS24.com** (Bangladesh), "Development Billboards: Numbers Don't Lie, or Do They?", Dec 10, 2013. Re-published in **The New Age**, December 12, 2013
90. Op-ed in **BDNEWS24.com** (Bangladesh), "A League of Our Own", September 2, 2013. Re-published in **The New Age**, September 4, 2013
91. Op-ed in **The Daily Star** (Bangladesh), "Hartal Politics and Examination Results", August 7
92. Op-ed in **The Hindu** (India), "Still in the Last Row", June 29, 2013
93. Op-ed in **The New Age** (Bangladesh), "The Politics of Education Statistics", May 25, 2013

Conference/Seminar/Workshop Presentations/Invited Talks

2002

1. METU VI International Conference in Economics, Ankara, Turkey, September
 2. 17th Conference of International Association of Historians of Asia, Dhaka, December
 3. Econometrics Society Southeast Asia Regional Meeting, Lahore, Pakistan, December
- 2003**
4. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, January
 5. Economic History Association Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, September
 6. Education Research Initiative (ERI) Workshop, New Delhi, India, November
 7. European Union Development Network Workshop, ZEF, University of Bonn, November
- 2004**
8. ASSA/AEA Meetings, San Diego, USA, January
 9. Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Seminar, Oxford, February
 10. Economic History Seminar, Nuffield College, Oxford, February
 11. Economic History Society Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, April
 12. Research seminar at QEH Centre for International Development, Oxford, June
 13. Institute of Education and Development, BRAC, Bangladesh, September
 14. Livestock Development Study Group Conference, University of Reading, October
- 2005**
15. Institute of Statistical Training and Research (ISRT), Dhaka University, February
 16. Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Nottingham, March
 17. Global Education Research Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, April
 18. 8th UKFIET International Conference on Education & Development, September
- 2006**
19. CSAE Seminar, Department of Economics, Oxford, February
 20. Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Nottingham, April 20th
 21. BASAS conference, Birkbeck College, University of London, April 21st
 22. Reading University, April 25th (by invitation)
 23. PEGNet workshop on “Poverty reduction, equity, and growth: New issues and findings”, The Kiel Institute for the World Economy, April 28th
 24. Open University (UK), May 1st (by invitation)
 25. The World Bank (Dhaka), July
 26. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, August 2nd
 27. European Association of Labour Economics Conference, Prague, September 22nd
 28. Conference on Institutions and Development, Reading University, September 23rd
 29. Contemporary South Asia seminar, QEH, Oxford, October 12th
 30. CSAE seminar, Department of Economics, Oxford, October 18th
 31. Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies seminar on “Economic Development in the Muslim World: Problems and Prospects” (by invitation), November 1st
- 2007**
32. Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Warwick, April 12th
 33. Department of Agricultural Economics, Reading University, June 1st (by invitation).
 34. Seminar at Independent University, Bangladesh (by invitation)
 35. World Bank – DFID joint regional conference on education quality in South Asia, New Delhi, October 26-28, 2007 (by invitation)
 36. Cardiff University (UK), December 5th (by invitation)
 37. Economic Research Group (ERG), Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2008**
38. Department of Economics, Reading University
 39. University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2009**
40. Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Surrey, March 29th
- 2011**
41. International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), August 18th
 42. UKFIET conference on education and development, September 11-13th
 43. International Growth Centre (IGC) workshop, Dhaka, December 20th

2012

44. International Growth Centre (IGC) seminar on education, Dhaka, March 28^h
45. Seminar on female secondary education at BRAC, Dhaka, May

2014

46. Seminar on anti-poverty program evaluation, BEPANES, Ministry of Planning, Jakarta.
47. Seminar on inter-personal trust at Monash University, Malaysia.
48. Seminar on primary schooling and learning at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Bangladesh.
49. Social Security Research Centre (SSRC) Annual Conference, University of Malaya.
50. BIGD International conference on “Governance, Politics and Growth”, BRAC.

2015

51. BRAC research seminar on “Early marriage and adolescent development”, Dhaka.
52. South East Asia Symposium, Sunway University, Malaysia (20-24 March).
53. “Labor Market, Education and the Middle Income Trap: The Case of Malaysia”, Policy seminar, 16 Apr 2015 to 16 Apr 2015, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), The Republic of Indonesia.
54. “Labour Market versus Cultural Norms: Understanding the Causes of School Drop-Out among Adolescent Girls in Bangladesh”, Asia-Pacific Population Association (APA) Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 27-29, July 2015
55. “Subjective Well-being in China: The Role of Relative Income, Gender and Location”, "New Normal" Theory: Deepening the Comprehensive Reform in China" 2015 China Conference, 12 Jun 2015 to 14 Jun 2015, Chinese Economist Society,
56. “Earnings, Employment and Income in China”, Singapore Economic Review Annual Conference, 05 Aug 2015 to 07 Aug 2015, Singapore Economic Association,
57. “Educational Development in South-East Asia: A Research Agenda”, Sharing workshop, 06 Aug 2015 to 06 Aug 2015, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Planning Division, Ministry of Education, Government of Singapore.
58. “Ending Child Marriage - Empowering Girls or Strengthening the Rule of Law”, Public Seminar, 02 Sep 2015 to 02 Sep 2015, BRAC.
59. “Child Marriage in Bangladesh: Current Situation and Potential Remedies”, Policy Seminar, 03 Sep 2015 to 03 Sep 2015, East West University, Bangladesh.
60. Seminar, 10 Dec 2015, “Post-MDGs and Beyond: Lessons and Policy Challenges for Malaysia and ASEAN countries”, SSRC, University of Malaya.

2016

61. Lecture on “Madrasas in Bangladesh: Social Capital and Literacy”, Berkley Centre for Religion, Peace and World Affairs (University of Georgetown) symposium on “Faith and Education: Contestations around the Madrasa in Bangladesh”, 12 Mar 2016
62. Seminar, April 2016, “Child marriage and cognitive development”, University of Nottingham, Malaysia.
63. Conference presentation, June 2016 “Maternal early marriage and cognitive skills”, World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER), UNU.
64. Lecture on “Inclusive Growth in Malaysia: Lessons for South Asia” at the Bangladesh Public Administration and Training Centre (BPATC) Conference on Inclusive Governance and development in South Asia (20th July 2016)
65. International seminar on “Women’s Participation in the Economy” at the Bangladesh Public Administration and Training Centre (BPATC) Conference on Inclusive Governance and development in South Asia (10th October 2016)
66. UNESCO Asia Pacific Conference, Bangkok (scheduled 28th October 2016)
67. Invited Keynote Speaker: “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030: Challenges for South Asia” Bangladesh Academy of Rural Development (BARD), 26 December 2016.

2017

68. Invited Keynote Speaker: “Beyond the Bangladesh Paradox: Meeting the SDGs targets by 2030” Khulna University, Bangladesh, 02 February 2017
69. Seminar on “Explaining a Development Miracle: Poverty Reduction, Human Development and Economic Growth in Malaysia”, University Science Malaysia, Penang, 28 July 2016.
70. Lecture on “How Can Malaysia Reduce Inequality through Education? Lessons for Indonesia” at Indonesia Development Forum, UN-ESCAP panel on multidimensional inequality, August 9-10.
71. UKFIET conference on education and development, September 5-7
72. Invited Speaker: “Poverty Reduction, Economic Growth, and Human Development in Malaysia”, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MANAGING CHANGE FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE

2018

73. Invited Speaker: "Explaining a Development Miracle", World Bank Half-baked Economics seminar series, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (13 Feb)
74. Invited Speaker: "Early marriage, social networks and the transmission of norms", Singapore Management University (SMU), Dept of Economics, Singapore (2 March)
75. Invited Speaker: "Migration, Marriage and Work: The Role of Infrastructure Development", GLO-IESR (Jinan University) workshop on labor economics, China (13 March)
76. Invited Speaker: "Education Quality in the OIC Countries", COMCEC Coordination Office (Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) secretariat), Ankara, Turkey (5 April)
77. Invited Speaker: "Education Quality in Islamic Countries", ONDER Academy, Istanbul, Turkey (9 April)
78. Invited Speaker: "The Race Between Technology and Skills", Workshop on the Impact of Education Policies on National Productivity Growth, Manila, The Philippines, Asian Productivity Organization" (APO) (14 Aug)
79. Invited Speaker: "Technology, Industrial Revolution 4 and Inclusive Growth", Workshop on the Impact of Education Policies on National Productivity Growth, Manila, The Philippines, Asian Productivity Organization" (APO) (16 Aug)
80. Invited Speaker: "Poverty Persistence in East Malaysia: The Role of Economic Growth, History and Politics", Public seminar on "Poverty Persistence in East Malaysia: The Role of Economic Growth, History and Politics", University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) (7 Sep)
81. Invited Speaker: "Ending Early Marriage: Lessons from Malaysia and Bangladesh". Workshop on preventing child marriage in Indonesia through birth registration certificate, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), The Republic of Indonesia (03 DEC)
82. Keynote on "The Race between Human Capital and Technology" - The International Seminar on Business, Economics, Social Sciences and Technology 2018 ("Collaborative Innovation of Economic Society in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0)", Universitas Terbuka (Open University Indonesia) (05 DEC)

2019

83. Public lecture on INDUSTRY 4.0 AND THE ROLE OF THE ACADEME, Public lecture on 4th Industry Revolution, 2019-02-04 to 2019-02-04, Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), The Philippines.
84. Public lecture on ENDING GLOBAL POVERTY: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES, 2019-02-06 to 2019-02-06, Mindanao State University -- Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), The Philippines.
85. Public lecture on ISLAM, WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT, 2019-02-07 to 2019-02-07, Mindanao State University -- Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), The Philippines.
86. Public lecture on EDUCATION 4.0: TECHNOLOGY, TEACHERS AND LEARNERS, GLO-MSUIT Lecture on the 4th Industrial Revolution , 2019-02-08 to 2019-02-08, GLOBAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (GLO) & Mindanao State University -- Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), The Philippines.
87. Invited Speaker: Female Seclusion from Paid Work, GLO-IESR (Jinan University), in Jinan University, March 21-22, 2019. IESR-GLO Workshop on 'Belt and Road' – Labor Markets. What are the challenges on human resources issues?
88. Invited Speaker: Changing Labor Market Returns to Education in China, GLO-UMS Seminar, University Malaysia Sabah (17 April)
89. Invited Speaker: "A Global Perspective on Child Marriage: Legal Reforms and Social Schisms", Symposium on Child Marriage Restraint Act 2017 organized by the University of Kent (UK) at The Daily Star Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh (30 April).
90. Speaker (Keynote) at INPUMA International Conference on "Emerging Issues in Public Policy" – lecture title: "Why is Malaysia Underperforming in PISA?", August 5, Kuala Lumpur (Royale Chulan), Malaysia
91. Lecture: "Publishing in Quality Journal", 8 July, 2019, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
92. Speaker (presenter) at UNU-WIDER- UNESCAP Conference "Transforming economies – for better jobs", 11-13 September, Bangkok (lecture title: Women's Migration, Marriage and Infrastructure Development).
93. Invited seminar on "Intergenerational impact of Child marriage", at College of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, 18 September 2019.
94. Speaker (invited lecture) on "Child Marriage, Cash Transfers and Gender Norms", at WHO-UNICEF forum on "Advancing the evidence base on strategies to end child marriage & support married girls", 30 September – 2 October 2019, Geneva, Switzerland.

95. Guest lecture (invited) - "[A conversation with academic economist](#)", Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar (KTJ), Malaysia, October 19.
96. Invited seminar on "[Ending Global Poverty: The Education Connection](#)", Amnesty South Asia Regional Office (SARO), Colombo, 2 Dec 2019
97. Invited seminar on "[Methodological Challenges in Human Rights Research](#)", Amnesty South Asia Regional Office (SARO), Colombo, 3 Dec 2019
98. Keynote speaker (invited) - [Ending Global Poverty by 2030: Progress and challenges](#), ICPSD Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 5-7 December.

2020

99. Keynote Speaker (invited) on "[Sustaining growth and managing inequality: reassessing public policy responses](#)" – International Conference on Public Administration & Development (ICPAD), Govt of Bangladesh, 6 February.
100. GLO Lecture – [Labor Economics for Southeast Asia](#). East West University, Bangladesh, 11 February.
101. Guest Lecture (invited) "[Conducting Academic Research on Economy and Society](#)", the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, 13 February.
102. Lecture on "[Rural Bangladeshi Women: Work, Marriage, Farming and Well-being](#)" in the "Gender in Agriculture" Panel of the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Conference on "The Role of Gender in South Asian Food Systems", 23-24 Feb, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
103. Public webinar. "[Conducting Rapid Response Research: Economic Impact of COVID-19](#)", Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, 24 April.
104. Public webinar. "[COVID-19, Schooling and learning](#)", BIGD webinar, BRAC University, 25 June.
105. Panel speaker. "National Human Resources Summit", KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, 3 Sep.
106. Webinar speaker: "[Publishing in High Impact Academic Journals](#)", Chulalongkorn-GLO (Global Labor Organization) Publication Workshop, 16 September 2020
107. Keynote Speaker (invited) on "[Tackling the Global Learning Crisis](#)", THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUTURE OF EDUCATION 2020, 29-30 October.
108. Invited Speaker – Panel on "[Malaysia Post-Budget 2021](#)", 7 Nov 2020. UOB Kay Hian Wealth Advisors.
109. Webinar Speaker on "[Budget 2021: COVID-19, Education & Youth Employment](#)", Higher Education Malaysia Association (HEYA), 14 Nov 2020.
110. Keynote Speaker (invited) on "[Outsourcing in Public Hospitals and Schools Kills Job Security](#)", *Jaringan Pekerja Kontrak Kerajaan* (JPKK) Forum, 22 November.
111. Keynote Speaker (invited) on "[COVID-19, SCHOOLING AND LEARNING POVERTY](#)", STEM Education During and Post Covid-19: Integrating Pedagogy and Technology to ensure Resilience, Quality, Equity, and Sustainability (STEMEIC2020), 27 November, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.
112. Keynote Speaker (invited) on "[Sustaining Growth in the Asian Tiger Economies](#)", 130th Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) for Civil Servants, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), 6 Dec 2020, Government of Bangladesh.

2021

113. Invited speaker . International webinar on Impact of COVID-19 on Women and Girls in Asia and the Pacific. Gender Impact Studies Center (GISC) , IMPRI, 16 Mar 2021.
114. Invited speaker on "Behavioral Insights for Malaysia's Public Policy", Opening live session, National Conference on Behavioural Insights (BI) 2021: Spearheading Efficient Public Policy Delivery, Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC), Govt of Malaysia, 23 March 2021.
115. Invited SPEAKER, eSPO WEBINAR SERIES 2021 on "Right Education, Right Skill, Right Job, Right Wages", the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) & Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC), 30 April.
116. "Capital, Covid-19 and the New Inequality", Inaugural lecture for the "[AUA Lecture Series 2021: Young Asian Economist](#)" entitled "The challenges and opportunities of Asian economies in the COVID-19 and post COVID-19 era".
117. "The Politics, Economics, and Governance of Pandemic Response", Plenary Speaker, The [Liberal Leaders Summit](#), September 9-11, 2021, De La Salle University-Manila.
118. "Home Schooling During the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Assessment of Malaysia's PdPR Programme", ADBI, ADB and ISEAS (NUS) joint conference on [Improving the Quality of Basic Education in Southeast Asia](#), 15-17 September 2021.
119. Keynote Speaker (invited) on "Middle Income Trap and State Capacity", 132th Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) for Civil Servants, BPATC, 24 Oct, Government of Bangladesh.

120. "The Politics and Economics of COVID-19 Pandemic Response", 4 Nov, Conference keynote, BISR, Bangladesh.
121. "Listening to the Malaysian Miracle ", 16 Dec, Ungku Aziz International Conference, University of Malaya.
122. "Economics of the COVID-19: Current Issues and research challenges", 18 Dec, International Webinar, Indonesia.
123. Keynote Speaker (invited) on "SDGs 4 Education Quality: challenges and way forward", Bangladesh Public Administration Training Academy (BPATC), 4 Nov 2021, Government of Bangladesh.
124. Invited webinar: [Enduring Influence of the 1971 War on Women](#), University of California, Berkeley, 30 Nov
125. Webinar on "COVID-19, the Pandemic Plutocrats and the Poor" - Sunway Economics Society forum on The Colours of Inequality, 24th of July 2021
126. Keynote lecture on "Bangladesh at 50: Achievements, Contradictions and Challenges" International Conference on Sustainable Development, AIUB, Dhaka, 13 January.
- 2022**
127. Keynote lecture on "The Political Economy of COVID-19 Public Policy Response". Joint LKYSPP-GLO-UM Youth Policy Dialogue on "Rising Inequality in a Post-pandemic ASEAN", 25 March 2022.
128. Keynote lecture on "Bangladesh at 50 and Beyond". North South University, 19 April 2022.
129. UNESCO policy panel discussion and webinar on "Leadership, faith-based schools and gender equality" 23 June (moderated by Philippa Lei, Chief Advocacy Officer, the Malala Fund | Co-panellist: H.E David Sengh, Minister of Education, Sierra Leone)
130. EXECUTIVE LECTURE SERIES 2022: "Governance: Who's in Charge?", Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN), JPA, Govt of Malaysia, 24 August.
131. Keynote lecture on "Global Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture, *International Social Sciences Conference on "Green Development"*", Canakkale Onsekiz Mart university, Turkey. 4-5 July.
132. Keynote Lecture, World Conference on Scholarly Publishing (WCSP) on "North-South Divide in Scholarly Publishing " 30 Aug.
133. Lecture on "Parental divide and learning inequality: An Ethical Assessment". Presentation at UNU-WIDER Conference, Bogota, 4-6 October.
134. Lecture on "Learning continuity and home-to-school transition: Post-COVID education recovery in Malaysia". Presentation at ISEAS-ADB Conference on The Quality of Basic Education in Southeast Asia, Singapore, 12 October.
135. Invited Speaker on "Bangladesh's Economic Development: Strategies, Drivers, Opportunities, and Challenges", 103rd Senior Civil Servants Course (SSC), Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), 18 Oct, Government of Bangladesh.
136. Panel discussion on 'A Better (Re)Start: The Future of Work for Young People', Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and Taiwan-Asia Exchange. Foundation(TAEF) International Conference, November 4.
137. "Interactions and Interlinkages Between SDGs 4 and 5: Lessons from South Asia". Paper presented in International Digital Workshop on SDGs 19-20 October 2023

Conference/Seminar organizer/discussant

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| 2006 | Discussant, PEGNet workshop on "Poverty reduction, equity, and growth: New issues and findings", The Kiel Institute for the World Economy , Germany, April 28 th |
| 2011 | Convener - symposium on Madrasa education, UKFIET International Conference on Education and Development, Oxford, September 13-15 |
| 2012 | Convener of research seminars series, Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC |
| 2015 | Convener – regular session on "gender, education and development in South and South-East Asia", Asia-Pacific Population Association (APA) Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 27-29, July 2015 |
| 2016 | Discussant, Asian Economic Panel , Seoul, South Korea, 2-3, March 2016 |
| 2017 | Convener – Global Labor Organization (GLO) session on gender and labor market, ICAEP Conference, University of Malaya, August 21-22. |
| 2017 | Coordinator – Joint World Bank University Malaya Economics Seminar Series, Malaysia. |
| 2019 | Discussant, World Bank Conference on "Globalization: Contents and Discontents", January 15-16, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, World Bank |
| 2019 | Assessment Panel Member, Tun Ismail Ali Challenge 2019, Bank Negara (Central Bank), August 1, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia |

- 2019 Speaker & Discussant for the Economic and Leadership Forum (ELF) “Reaching Beyond, Redefining Within” panel on “Inequality: The Great Divide”, the LSE Students’ Union Malaysia Club (LSESUMC) August 3 (co-panellist included Datin Paduka Marina binti Mahathir).
- 2019 Convenor, ADDRESSING THE INEQUALITY GAP, ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION on INEQUALITY. Sixth International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development. 5th - 6th December 2018. Colombo, Sri Lanka., 2019-12-05 to 2019-12-06, TIIKM.