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## Employment & Affiliations

- 2019- Reader (Associate Professor) in Economics, University of Manchester
- 2020- Research Associate, Institute of Fiscal Studies, London
- 2019- Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London
- 2019- Research Network Fellow, CESifo, Munich
- 2017- Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP), Pakistan
- 2014- Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, University of Manchester

## Education

- 2014 Ph. D. Economics, LSE

## Publications

- 2020 The Role of Withholding in the Self-Enforcement of a Value-Added Tax: Evidence from Pakistan, January 2020, Accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- 2020 How Do Taxpayers Respond to Public Disclosure and Social Recognition Programs? Evidence from Pakistan (joint with Joel Slemrod and Obeid Ur Rehman), 2020, Accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- 2019 Using Movement of Exemption Cutoff to Estimate Tax Evasion: Evidence from Pakistan. 2019, Accepted, *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- 2018 Taxes, Informality and Income Shifting: Evidence from a Recent Pakistani Tax Reform, *Journal of Public Economics* 157C(2018), 41-77
- 2015 Production vs Revenue Efficiency with Limited Tax Capacity: Theory and Evidence from Pakistan (joint with Michael Best, Anne Brockmeyer, Henrik Kleven and Johannes Spinnewijn), *Journal of Political Economy* 123(6), 1311-1355
- 2013 Using Notches to Uncover Optimization Frictions and Structural Elasticities: Evidence from Pakistan, (joint with Henrik Kleven), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 128, 669–723

## Working Papers

2020 Overclaimed Refunds, Undeclared Sales, and Invoice Mills: Nature and Extent of Non-compliance in a Value-Added Tax, April 2020

### **Work-in-Progress**

2020 Tax Evasion and Resource Misallocation: Theory and Evidence from Pakistan (joint with Michael Best and Jawad Shah)

### **Research Grants**

2019 The TAXDEV Research Fund Grant for the project “Tax Evasion and Resource Misallocation: Theory and Evidence from Pakistan”, August 2019 – July 2022, £ 29,160

2016 ESRC Future Research Leader Grant for the project “Does Informality Hinder Self-Enforcement? Evidence from Value-Added Tax in Pakistan”, April 2016 – March 2019, £185,085

2013 International Growth Centre funding for the project “Taxes, Informality and Income Shifting: Evidence from a Recent Pakistani Tax Reform”, September 2012 – July 2013, £7,850.

2010 International Growth Centre funding for the project “Using Notches to Uncover Optimization Frictions and Structural Elasticities: Evidence from Pakistan”, April 2010 – July 2012, £7,950.

### **Seminar and Conference Presentations**

2018 University of Munich; University of Zurich; HMRC London; Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, Oxford; Annual IIPF Congress, Glasgow; World Bank, Washington DC; CUFU, Beijing; SWUFE, Chengdu

2017 University of Michigan; University of Kentucky; University of Zurich; University of Copenhagen; Annual NTA Conference, Philadelphia, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, Oxford; Institute of Fiscal Studies; London

2016 Institute of National Economic Research, Helsinki; IMF, Washington DC; World Bank, Washington DC; National Tax Association Annual Conference, Baltimore; ZEW Public Economics Conference, Mannheim; Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, Oxford; Institute of Fiscal Studies; London

2015 American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Boston; Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Manchester; Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, Oxford; Institute of Fiscal Studies, London

2014 Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, Oxford; Public Economics UK Annual Conference, London; Federal Board of Revenue, Pakistan; University of St. Gallen, Switzerland; University of Sussex, Brighton.

## **Refereeing**

Econometrica, American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, Economic Journal, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, National Tax Journal