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Current Positions

- Director, Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability (CDES), from August 2019
- Chief Investigator, Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEVAW), 2023-29
- Professor, Department of Economics, Monash University, 2019 (August)-.

Other Affiliations

- Faculty Affiliate at Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 2021-
- Adjunct Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), 2016-
- Member, Management Committee, Centre for Youth Policy and Education Practice (CYPEP), Monash University

Previous Positions

- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Monash University, 2015-2019 (July).
- Lecturer [2009-2011], Senior Lecturer [2012-2014], Department of Economics, Monash University
- Lecturer in Economics, University of Dhaka (2000-01); Research Associate (2001-2005) and Research Fellow (2006-2009), Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS is the leading think tank in Bangladesh).
- Coordinator, South Asia research Network (SARN), Centre for Global Business, Monash University, 2015-2019

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, Monash University, Australia, 2009.
- M.A in Economics, University of Saskatchewan, Canada.
- M.S.S and B.S.S. (Honors) in Economics, University of Dhaka.

Research Interests

- Development Economics, Demography

Revise and Resubmit

1. Telementoring and homeschooling during school closures: A randomized experiment in rural Bangladesh, with Hashibul Hassan, Choon Wang, and Abu Siddique, *Economic Journal*
2. The partisan effect of information campaigns in "managed" elections: Evidence from Bangladesh, with Roland Hodler and Firoz Ahmed CEPR DP# 14608, *Economic Journal*
3. Improving Women's Mental Health During a Pandemic, with Michael Vlassopoulos, Abu Siddique, Tabassum Rahman, Deb Pakrashi, and Firoz Ahmed, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

4. Financial Diaries and Women's Money Management Behavior: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial, CDES Working Paper, Monash University, with Vy Nguyen, Russell Smyth and Zabid Iqbal, *Journal of Banking and Finance*
5. Long-term impact of exposure to violent conflict: Are there gender differences? with Ratul Mahanta, Raju Mandal, Hiranya Nath, Chandarany Ouch and Dipanwita Sarkar, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*
6. Fishermen's Competitiveness and Labor Market Performance: Evidence from Shrimpers in Bangladesh, with Sakiba Tasneem and Liang Choon Wang, *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*
7. The Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Mental Health in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, with Mushfiq Mobarak et al., *PLOS Medicine*

Journal Articles Publication

1. Raising Health Awareness in Rural Communities: A Randomized Experiment in Bangladesh and India, with Abu Siddique, Tabassum Rahman, Deb Pakrashi, and Firoz Ahmed, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, forthcoming
2. The Long-term Effects of Genocide on Antisocial Preferences, with Chandarany Ouch, Lata Gangadharan and Choon Wang, *World Development*, 160 (2022):106068
3. Public Support in the United States for Global Equity in Vaccine Pricing, with Yee Chan, Gaurav Datt, Birendra Rai and Liang Choon Wang, *Nature: Scientific Reports*, 12, 8960:2022
4. Heterogeneous Effects of Health Shocks in Developed Countries? Evidence from Australia, with Jaai Parasnis, *Southern Economic Journal*, forthcoming
5. Parental Attitude and Investment in Children's Health and Education, with Lutfunnahar Begum and Phil Grossman, *Oxford Economic Papers*, 74(4): 1045–1062, 2022
6. Do children of immigrants outperform those of natives? Evidence from Australian nationwide standardized tests, with Dipanwita Sarkar and Russell Smyth, *International Migration*, 60:93–136: 2022
7. Caste-based quotas and gender inequality? Field experimental evidence from India, with Deb Pakrashi, Soubhagya Sahoo, Choon Wang and Yves Zenou, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 190 (2021): 111–124, 2021
8. Experimental Evidence on Adoption and Impact of the System of Rice Intensification, with Chris Barrett, M A Malek, Debayan Pakrashi and Ummul Ruthbah, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 104(1), 4-32, January 2022; [BBC](#); [Cornell University](#); [phys.org](#); [The Financial Express](#); [Monash Impact](#)
9. Mobilizing P2P Diffusion for New Agricultural Practices: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh, with Marcel Fafchamps, M A Malek and Debayan Pakrashi, *World Bank Economic Review*, 35 (4): 1076–1101: Nov 2021
10. Stigma and Misconception in the time of COVID-19 Pandemic: A Field Experiment in India, with Choon Wang, Michael Vlassopoulos, and Deb Pakrashi, *Social Science and Medicine*, 278, 113966, June 2021
11. Food insecurity and mental health of women during COVID-19: Evidence from a developing country, with Golam Hasnain and Tabassum Rahman, *PLOS ONE*, 16(7): e0255392, 2021.
12. Determinants and Dynamics of Food Insecurity During COVID-19, with Firoz Ahmed, Deb Pakrashi, Tabassum Rahman, and Abu Siddique, *Food Policy*, 101 (May): 102066, 2021
13. Income loss and wellbeing during COVID-19 lockdown in rural Bangladesh: Evidence from large household surveys, with Tabassum Rahman, Firoz Ahmed, Deb Pakrashi, and Abu Siddique, *Bangladesh Development Studies* (Invited Article), forthcoming

14. The Effects of Chess Instruction on Academic and Non-Cognitive Outcomes: Experimental Evidence from a Developing Country, with Wang-Sheng Lee and Aaron Nicholas, *Journal of Development Economics*, 150 (May):102615, 2021 write up on [chess website](#); [Channel 9 News](#); [Monash Impact](#); [Herald Sun](#)
15. Impact of sexually transmitted infections testing on sexually transmitted infection prevalence and sex work behaviour of female brothel sex workers in Bangladesh: a randomised controlled trial, with Claire Bristow, Golam Hasnain, Russell Smyth, Alexis Tan and Choon Wang, *American Journal of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene*, 104(6): 1991-1999, 2021
16. Natural Disaster and Risk-Sharing Behavior: Evidence from a field experiment, with Matthew Leister, Minhaj Mahmud and Paul Raschky, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 61: 67–99, 2020
17. Distributional Effects of Corruption When Enforcement is Biased: Theory and Evidence from Bribery in Schools in Bangladesh, with Shahe Emran and Forhad Shilpi, *Economica*, 87(348, October): 985-1015, 2020 [World Bank Blog](#)
18. Price Elasticities of residential Electricity Demand: Estimates from Bangladesh, with Hema Balarama, Jun Sung Kim and Choon Wang, *Energy Economics*, 92 (October): 104937, 2020
19. Can Referral Improve Targeting? Evidence from an Agricultural Training Experiment, with Marcel Fafchamps, M A Malek, Debayan Pakrashi, *Journal of Development Economics*, 144(May): 102436, 2020 [J-PAL column](#), [B-Hub article](#)
20. Labour market participation of women in rural Bangladesh: the role of microfinance, with Debayan Pakrashi, *Journal of Development Studies*, 56 (10): 1927-1946, 2020
21. Friendship and Female Education: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Bangladeshi Primary Schools, with Youjin Hahn, Eleonora Patacchini and Yves Zenou, *Economic Journal*, 130 (April): 740–764, 2020
22. Whose voice matters? An experimental examination of women empowerment in microfinance, with Klaus Abbink and Chau Nguyen, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 176: 337-352, 2020
23. Labour Market and Human Capital Behaviour of Immigrant Couples: Evidence from Australia, with Sarah-Jane Derby and Russell Smyth, *International Migration*, 58(2): 118-42, 2020
24. Survey Measures versus Incentivized Measures of Risk Preferences: Evidence from Sex Workers' Risky Sexual Transactions, with Alexis Tan, Choon Wang and Russell Smyth, *Social Science and Medicine*, 238 (2019):112497, October
25. Roommate effects in Health Outcomes, with Paul Frijters, Chitwan Lalji, and Debayan Pakrashi, *Health Economics* 28:998–1034, 2019
26. Heterogeneity in Peer Effects in Random Dormitory Assignment in a Developing country, with Debayan Pakrashi and Paul Frijters, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 163(2019): 117-134.
27. Parent-Teacher Meetings and Student Outcomes: Evidence from a developing Country, *European Economic Review*, 111 (2019), 273–304.
28. Do networks matter after a natural disaster? A study on resource sharing within informal network after cyclone AILA, with Chau Nguyen, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 90: 249-268, 2018
29. Gender Bias in Parental Attitude: An Experimental Approach, with Lutfunnahar Begum and Phil Grossman, *Demography*, 55(5):1641–1662, 2018, [Monash Impact](#)
30. Education, Marriage and Fertility: Long-Term Evidence from a Female Stipend Program in Bangladesh, with Youjin Hahn, Kanti Nuzhat, Hee-Seung Yang and Russell Smyth, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 66(2): 383-415, 2018

31. Can Immigrants Insure Against Shocks as well as the Native-born? with Steve Stillman and Chris Worswick, *Applied Economics*, 50 (49):5302-5315, 2018
32. Immigration, Innovation and Wages of Native-born American, with Chau Nguyen and Farid Islam, *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society*, 56(3):459–488, 2017
33. The Intergenerational Effect of Cambodia’s Genocide on Children’s Education and Health, with Chandrany Ouch, Russell Smyth and Choon Wang, *Population and Development Review*, 4 (2): 331-353, 2017.
34. Girl Power: Stipend Programs and their Effects on the Education of Younger Siblings, with Lutfunnahar Begum and Russell Smyth, *Journal of Development Studies*, 53(11): 1882-98, 2017
35. The Long-term Health Effects of Mass Political Violence: Evidence from China’s Cultural Revolution, with Paul Raschky and Russell Smyth, *Social Indicator Research*, 132(1), 257-272, 2017
36. The long-term effects of civil conflicts on education, earnings, and fertility: Evidence from Cambodia, with Chandrany Ouch, Russell Smyth and Choon Wang, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 44: 800-820, 2016
37. Bureaucratic Corruption and Income Inequality: Micro-Level Evidence from Bangladesh, with Wang-Sheng Lee, *Journal of Development Studies*, 52(10): 1499-1516, 2016
38. Microcredit Program Participation and Household Food Security in Rural Bangladesh, with Chandana Maitra, Debayan Pakrashi and Russell Smyth, *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 67(2): 448–470, 2016, [Ideas for India article](#)
39. Native- Migrant Wage Differential across Occupations: Evidence from Australia, with Jaai Parasnis, *International Migration*, 54 (3): 89–109, 2016
40. Age at migration, English language skills and Adult Outcomes for Australian Immigrants, with Cahit Guven, *Demography*, 52:513–542, 2015
41. Does Microfinance change the informal lending in village economies, With Chau Nguyen and Russell Smyth, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, 50: 141-156, 2015
42. Do fertility control policies affect health in old age? Evidence from china’s one child experiment, with Russel Smyth, *Health Economics*, 24: 601–616, 2015
43. Genetic distance, Immigrants’ Identity and labour market outcome, with Paul Raschky, *Journal of Population Economics*, 28 (3): 845-868, 2015
44. Heterogeneous Effects of Microcredit: Evidence from Large Scale Programs in Bangladesh, *Journal of Asian Economics*, 37:48-58, 2015 (Invited Article)
45. Child Labour and Schooling Responses to Access to Microcredit in Rural Bangladesh, with Chongwoo Choe, *Economic Inquiry*, 51 (1): 46-61, 2013
46. The Effect of Informal Networks on Corruption in Education: Evidence from the Household Survey Data in Bangladesh, with Chongwoo Choe, Ratbek Dzhumashev, and Zakir Khan, *Journal of Development Studies*, 49(2): 238–250, 2013
47. Do Immigrants Save Less than Natives? Immigrant and Native Saving Behaviour in Australia, with Jaai Parasnis and Dietrich Fausten, *Economic Record*, 89(284): 52–71, 2013.
48. Health Shocks and Consumption Smoothing in Rural Households: Does Microcredit have a Role to Play? with Pushkar Maitra, *Journal of Development Economics*, 97 (2): 232-243, 2012
49. The Economic Returns to Good Looks and Risky Sex in the Bangladesh Commercial Sex Market, with Russel Smyth, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy (Contributions)*, 12 (1): 1635-1682, 2012

50. Medium and Long-term Participation in Microfinance: Evaluation Using Large Panel Data Set from Bangladesh, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 93(3): 843-862, 2011
51. The Substitutability of Labor between Immigrants and Natives in the Canadian Labor Market: circa 1995, *Journal of Population Economics*, 22(1): 199-217, 2009
52. Skilled Immigration and Wages in Australia, with Dietrich Fausten, *Economic Record*, 84(s1): S66-S82, 2008
53. Immigration and Unemployment Relationship: Evidence from Canada, *Australian Economic Papers*, 46(1): 52-66, 2007

Book Chapter

- Height and Health among Older Chinese, S. Awaworyi Churchill et al. (eds.), *Measuring, Understanding and Improving Wellbeing Among Older People*, Palgrave Mcmillan, 2020, pp.149-60, with Paul Raschky and Russell Smyth.
- Economics of Sex Work in Bangladesh, *The Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Prostitution* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) chapter 10 pp. 210-228, with Russell Smyth.

Papers Under submission

1. Forced Displacement, Mental Health, and Child Development: Evidence from the Rohingya Refugees, with Abu Siddique, Tabassum Rahman, Tanvir Mojumder and Tanvir Shatil
2. Occupational Health and Safety: The Role of Information and Financial Linkage, with Wang-Sheng Lee, Margaret Triyana, and Xing Xia
3. Maternal Knowledge and Practices in Early Childhood Development: A Cluster-Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh, with Umair Khalil and Tabassum Rahman
4. Centrality-based Spillover Effects in Education, with Michael Vlassopoulos, Yves Zenou and Xin Zhang CEPR DP# 16321
5. When Goal Setting Forges Ahead but Stops Short, with Sungoh Kwon, Eema Masood, Nishith Prakash and Shwetlena Sabarwal, Deepak Saraswat, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper#9406
6. Can public recognition backfire? Field experimental evidence on the retention and performance of volunteers with heterogeneous social-image concerns, with M A Malek, Sakiba Tasneem and Choon Wang, B-Hub article; Monash Impact
7. Determining the Extent of Taste-based Discrimination: Evidence from a field experiment in India, with Choon Wang, Deb Pakrashi and Yves Zenou, CEPR DP# 12955
8. The Value of Information in Technology Adoption: Theory and Evidence from Bangladesh, with Philip Ushchev, Yves Zenou and Abby Zhang, Vox CEPR column
9. Effects of a safe sex intervention on the commercial sexual behaviour of brothel sex workers in Bangladesh: Evidence from a randomized controlled trial, with Golam Hasnain, Russell Smyth, Alexis Tan and Choon Wang
10. BRAC's Humanitarian Play Lab Model for The Displaced Rohingya Children: A Quasi-Experimental Study, with Erum Mariam, Sakila Yesmin, Montajima Tasnim, Narayan Das, Tanvir Ahmed Mojumder, Tabassum Rahman, Tanvir Shatil
11. Microfinance participation and Fertility transition in Bangladesh, with Mustafa Kamal, Vy Nguyen and Russell Smyth

Working Papers/ Getting Ready for Submission to Journal

1. Myopic Loss Aversion and Portfolio Decisions: From the Lab to the Field, with Kazi Iqbal John List, Vy Nguyen, Sakif Rahman, NBER Working Paper#28730
2. After-school private tutoring: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial, with Ummul Ruthbah, [The Financial Express](#)
3. Delivering remote learning using a low-tech solution: Evidence from an RCT during school closures, with Hashibul Hasan, Choon Wang and Michael Vlassopoulos
4. Non-price Energy Conservation and Household Energy Consumption, with Ahsanuzzaman, Sheikh Eskander, and Choon Wang, [IGC article](#)

Work-in-Progress

1. Home visits Versus Kindergarten in the Early Childhood Development: Evidence from a large scale RCTs, with John List; <https://bit.ly/36HtHA5>
2. Ethnic cleansing and intergenerational transmission of mental health: Evidence from the Rohingya genocide in Myanmar, with Marup Hossain and Abu Siddiqui
3. The effect of receiving philanthropic benefits on the preference for redistribution, with Hashibul Hasan, Choon Wang
4. Peer Effects with Endogenous Interactions, with Vincent Boucher and Yves Zenou
5. Network Formation with Unobserved Homophily: Identification and Evidence from Bangladesh, with Jun Sung Kim, Suyong Song and Yves Zenou
6. The effects of training of financial trading on stock traders: evidence using RCTs, with Kazi Iqbal and Sakif Rahman
7. The Impact of COVID19 Pandemic on the Small Firms in Developing Countries, with Wang-Sheng Lee, Atiya Rahman, Margaret Triyana and Xing Xia

Current Projects in the Field (or in preparation)

1. Addressing Learning Gap of Secondary School Children in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal, with Paul Glewwe, Shwetlena Sabarwal, Uttam Sharma, and Wahed Rahman
2. Low-Cost, Scalable Innovations for mitigating Learning Loss during COVID-19: A Field Experiment in Bangladesh, with Rebecca Thornton, Jim Berry and Aniruddha Talukdar
3. Promoting Vaccine take-up in South Asia: The role of Cash, Lottery, and Logistical support, with Dinesh Arora, Sonalini Khetrupal, Bryant Kim, Armand Sim and Deb Pakrashi
4. Disseminating Health Messages in Rural Indonesia: The Role of ‘Community Ambassadors’ in COVID-19 Vaccine Promotion, with Armand Sim, Michael Vlassopoulos, and Yves Zenou
5. Interactive Voice Response (IVR) based health information for antenatal and postnatal care services in rural Bangladesh, with Daniel Suryadarma, Firoz Ahmed, Umair Khalil, and Tabassum Rahman
6. Women’s financial inclusion: The role of information versus peer pressure, with Marcel Fafchamps, Deb Pakrashi and Denni Tommasi
7. Exposure to violence/displacement on preference formation of children, with Abu Siddique, Michael Vlassopoulos and Yves Zenou
8. Social Norm and Litter Reduction: Evidence from Bangladesh, with Leslie Martin, and Teevrat Garg

9. 'Edutainment' and Ethnic Discrimination, with Abu Siddique, Michael Vlassopoulos and Yves Zenou
10. Promoting Gender friendly workplace: Evidence from SMEs in Bangladesh, Emily Beam, Joshua Merfeld (in collaboration with BIGD-BRAC)
11. Effect of Early Childhood Education on (Dis)honesty, with Hashibul Hasan

Permanent Working Papers (!):

1. Teams, Organization and Education Outcomes: Evidence from a field experiment in Bangladesh, with Youjin Hahn, Yves Zenou and Eleonora Patacchini, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 10631
2. Network Formation with Unobserved Homophily, Panel Data and Degree Heterogeneity, with Jun Sung Kim and Yves Zenou
3. A Structural Model of Multigraph Formation: Social Networks in Villages, with Jun Sung Kim and Yves Zenou
4. How effective is Participation in Microcredit in the Short Run versus Long Run? Evidence for Impact on Nutritional Security, with Ayush Agrawal; Pooja Chaudhry; Debayan Pakrashi; Russell Smyth

Awarded

- Dean's Award for Excellence in Research, 2019
- Dean's Commendation for Research Impact, 2016
- Monash Research Accelerator (MRA) Award for 2013-14 (to recognize, reward and accelerate the career development of Monash's highest performing early to mid-career researchers).
- Discovery early career research award (DECRA) fellow for Australian Research council (ARC), 2012-2015
- 2011 Dean's award for excellence in research by early career researcher, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University.
- Mollie Holman Doctoral Medal 2009, Monash University (for the best thesis of the year in the Faculty of Business and Economics).

Academic Grants/ Awards

- Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEVAW), Chief Investigator (Director: Jacqui True), AUD 35 million, 2023-2029
- Delivering Remote Learning in Developing Countries using a Low-tech Solution-Nepal, 2022-23, US\$388,000
- Tele-mentoring and tele-counselling for mothers and children to address Covid learning loss, 2022-23, US\$275,500
- Asian Development Bank (ADB): Low-Cost, Scalable Innovations for mitigating Learning Loss during COVID-19: A Field Experiment in Bangladesh, 2022-23, US\$100k
- Asian Development Bank (ADB): Addressing Learning Loss/Gap using Low-tech Remote Learning among Underprivileged Children in Developing Countries: A Case study from Nepal, 2022-23, US\$100k
- Asian Development Bank (ADB): Promoting vaccine take-up in South Asia, 2021-23, US\$600k, lead CI for a consortium of researchers
- World Bank/BIGD: Addressing Learning Loss/Gap using Low-tech Remote Learning among Underprivileged in Developing Countries: The Bangladesh Case, 2021-22, US\$180k, 2022

- J-PAL South East Asia: Promoting Vaccine Take-Up and Tackling Vaccine Hesitancy: The Role of Local Health Workers and Leaders in Indonesia, US\$39k, 2022
- IDRC-Canada: COVID-19 and SMEs in Bangladesh: Innovation support programs to mitigate the gender gap and promote digital inclusion, CAD 324k (with BIGD), 2022-23
- Laerdal Foundation: IVR based health information for antenatal and postnatal care, USD 40k, 2021-23, ADBI, USD 60k
- DFAT/Investing in Women: Gendered Impacts of SME Policy Responses to Covid-19 in South East Asia: Examples from Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam, AUD 200k, 2021-22
- UK AID/EdTech Hub: Impact of IRI based mobile lessons on educational outcome of primary graders: A randomized controlled trial in rural Bangladesh, GBP 39K, 2021
- Diligentia Foundation (Germany): Leveraging the power of 'edutainment' to reduce ethnic discrimination, Co-PI, Euro 50k, 2021-22
- GML|LIC|DFID/FCDO: The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the Small Firms in a Developing Country (Euro 30k), 2020-21
- IGC: Curbing Littering in Urban Bangladesh (GBP 15k), 2021-22
- ARC: Renewable Affordable and Clean Energy (RACE) by 2030 CRC, member of the team of consortium received funding of \$68.5 million for research into energy networks, for the period 2020-30.
- IGC Bangladesh: Does Providing Women Living in Rural Areas with Innovative Financial Interventions Change Household Expenditure and Saving Behaviour? (GBP 20k) [lead PI], 201-20
- IGC Bihar: Addressing financial inclusion in rural India: the role of information and peer pressure, (GBP 20k) [lead PI], 2020-21
- GLM|LIC (DFID): Training, financing, and matching between workers and firms: Evidence from Bangladesh: \$410k for 2018-21 [lead PI]
- ESRC (UK): The Early Childhood Intervention and Parental Involvement in Bangladesh (lead PI): \$1.1 million for 2016-20 [lead PI]
- DFAT: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia-India Research council): Discrimination and affirmative action in India (lead PI): \$30k for 2016; Dept. of Economics grant (\$20k)
- Non-price Energy Conservation and Household Energy Consumption in Bangladesh (IGC: \$33k; Monash Business School \$30k) [lead PI]
- The World Bank, “Zanzibar Improving Students Prospects Project (ZISP)”, (PI: Shwetlena Sabarwal, The World Bank), 2015-2017 (\$200k USD)
- Indian Council of Social Science Research: Skill Formation and Self-Employment Generation through Vocational Training (INR 850,000) Co-PI, with Deb Pakrashi, Deep Mukherjee, Arun K. Sharma (IIT Kanpur), and Paul Frijters (LSE), 2016-2018
- IGC: Technology Adoption and Diffusion: The System of Rice Intensification and Food Security in Bangladesh (lead PI): total \$250k (\$140k for 2015-16 and \$110k for 2014-15)
- IGC India: Why is Assam Left Behind in India's Economic Boom? A Behavioral Perspective on the Effect of Conflict (Co-PI): (\$19k) for 2015-16
- IGC India: Can we select the right peers in Indian Education? Evidence from Kolkata (lead PI) (\$18k) for 2014-15
- ADRAS (AusAID/DFAT) Australian Development Research Award: Randomized experiments to evaluate efficacy of greater parental involvement and supplementary teaching in Bangladesh; \$770k (2013-16) [lead PI]

- ARC- DECRA Fellowship: Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Research Award, \$403,639 (2012-15).
- Monash Research Accelerator (MRA) Award, \$95k (2013-14)
- DECRA support (Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University), \$60k for 2012-14.
- IGC Bangladesh: parent-teacher meeting and students' outcome, \$18k (2012)
- Faculty of Business and Economics, Interdisciplinary research grant, \$30k
- Various competitive Faculty Research Grants, Monash university, \$196k (during 2009-18)
- Department of Economics, Competitive Internal Research Grants, \$250k (during 2010-2019)

Media/Op-Ed Column

- Can SRI techniques help Bangladeshi farmers increase their yields? <https://bit.ly/2ItJG8I>
- How can we improve educational outcomes in Bangladesh? <https://bit.ly/2Pb6A6c>

Opinion pieces in newspaper

- I regularly write various issues in leading Bangladeshi newspapers, some of them are based on my academic research in Bangladesh, others are based on my experience, education, and intuition.

Conference/seminar Presentation

- *Invited Keynote/Public Lecture*: University of Dhaka [April 2022], Amity University [India; August 2022], Fatima Jinnah Women University [Pakistan, October 2022], BIDS [Dhaka, December 2022]
- 2023: U of Washington [Seattle, April; invited lecture]
- 2022: AEA-ASSA [Jan], ISI-Delhi [Econ Dept. seminar, March], U of Dhaka [April, Public Lecture], BRAC University [April], Uni of Ateneo, Philippines [Econ Dept. seminar, April], ADEW [June], GRIPS, Japan [June], BIGD-digital conference [June], NBER Development [July], UWA [October]
- 2021: CHE, Monash [March], ANU [April], BIGD [May], RMIT [September], NEUDC [November], BIDS [December]
- 2020: AEA-ASSA [San Diego], ISI-Delhi [March], Monash-CDES [March], Curtin [September], BRAC-BIGD [September and October], NSU [September], U of Tsukuba, Japan [October], IIT, Kanpur [December], GLM-LIC [December]
- 2019: Colombo [SARN-CDES, Jan], Oxford [Jan], Jinan U, Guangzhou [Invited, March], NSU [March], CDES [Monash], ADEW [UWA], Prato-CDES [June], Dial-Paris [July], IZA-DFID [Kathmandu, Dec], Australian Pub Econ [QUT, Dec], RCT-Monash [Dec]
- 2018: CDES-Monash, IGC, Dhaka [March], Sydney [Behavioural economics and finance, July], UQ [July], NSU and BIDS, Dhaka [August], Deakin [August], U of Michigan [Sept], Michigan State [Sept], Monash Malaysia [December]
- 2017: Colombo [SARN-CDES, Jan], IGC Dhaka [Jan], IGC conference, Dhaka [March], NSU [April], ADEW [June], Cornell [Sept], Urbana-Champaign [Oct], UNSW, Macquarie [Nov], AASLE [ANU], ISI [Delhi].
- 2016: WEAI [Singapore], ANU (Arndt-Corden/Crawford) [Feb], BRAC [April], North South University, Dhaka [April], Sydney [May], ADEW [June], BRAC [June], UChicago [Sept], QUT [Nov]

- 2015: WEAI [Jan, Wellington], RMIT[April], ANU (RSE) May], BRAC, Dhaka [June], WEAI[June, Hawaii], ESA world congress [Sydney, July], EEA [August], ESA(UTS, Sydney)[July], EEA (Mannheim) [August]
- 2014: BRAC [Feb and Apr], Economic Research Group, Dhaka [Feb], Dhaka [April], LaTrobe [May], QUT[May], ASAE [Dhaka, Oct], NEUDC [Boston]
- 2013: ASSA Meeting [Jan]; Royal Economic Society meeting [April 2013], ADEW [June], Migration workshop at U of Melbourne [July], BRAC [July], LEW[August], Monash-Warwick workshop on development economics [August], EEA[August], Flinders [September], Otago [November]
- 2012: ANU [Oct], UWA [Aug], Curtin [Aug], Monash development workshop [July], CHE seminar [June], IZA/World Bank: Employment and Development, New Delhi [Nov 2012], Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society and ISI conference, New Delhi [Dec]
- 2011: DRU Workshop at Monash [April], Development Workshop at UWA [June], Monash workshop [Dec], IGC-Dhaka workshop [Dec]; UQ and QUT [Oct]
- 2010: New Zealand Association of Economist [Auckland], Econometric Society World Congress meeting 2010 [Shanghai]; University of Dhaka [February], Deakin [April].
- 2009: BIDS [February, Dhaka], WEAI [Vancouver], ESAM [July, ANU], Far East and South Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society [July, Tokyo], EEA-ESEM [Barcelona]; UTS [September].

Consulting Activities (details available upon request)

- Worked for Asian Development Bank as an independent econometric evaluation expert and advisor for the country research teams for China, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia on econometric issues related to evaluation of projects/programs, 2009-2010.
- Worked as a consultant in numerous research projects supported by World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Union, UNDP and other multilateral donor agencies (during 2004-06). *Reports and topics are available upon request*

Teaching Experience

- Monash University, 2021-
 - ECF5570: Field Experiment for Program and Policy Evaluation
- Monash University, 2009-2018:
 - ECF5921: Introduction to International Economics, 2016-2018
 - ECF5010: Research issues paper (2009-15): MA level course
 - ECF3900: Business Economics (2010)- an undergraduate level course
 - ECX5420: Applied Macroeconomics (2009); for Master of Business Economics Student, a graduate level advanced course
 - ECF9530: Economics (2009, 2011-): for Master of International Business, an undergraduate level course
 - ECX9050: Labour Economics (Treasury Teaching, Honours level course, 2010)
- Lecturer in Economics: University of Dhaka, January-August 2001

Supervision

- *PhD Students:*
- *Current:* Tarannum Azim Baigh, Anika Zaman, Keyu Guo (Main); Vy Nguyen (Joint); Hashibul Hassan (Main), Md. Iltemas Amin Adee (Monash Malaysia, Associate).
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- Waikato (2012); Deakin (2013); Adelaide (MA 2014); UWA (2015); Victoria, NZ (2015); S. Queensland (2016); Deakin (2017); UMelb (2018); UCanberra (2018); UWS, UWA, ANU(2020); RMIT (2021), UWA (2022), ISI Delhi (2022)

Editorial Role:

- Associate Editor, *Economic Papers* (by Economic Society of Australia), 2020-

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- *Agricultural Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Political Science Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Energy Economics, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Food Policy, Health Economics, International Economic Review, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, JPE: Microeconomics, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal, World Development, World Bank Economic Review.*
- Assessor for Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canada; National Science Foundation (NSF), USA, ESRC- UK, Australian Research Council (ARC Future Fellow, DP and DECRA), Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) Peer Reviewer (2012); IDRC Canada; Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Research Institute; 3ie, Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP); Swiss National Science Foundation

Committee/ Organizational activity (before becoming CDES Director in 2019)

- Organizer: Conference on RCTs at Monash, December 2019
- Chair, Communication Group/Department Newsletter, 2018-2019
- Member, Academic Progress Committee, 2018-19

- Member, Steering/Advisory Committee, Monash Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability (CDES), 2012-2019
- Member, Dept. Research Committee, 2018
- Member, HDR review committee, 2017
- Member, hiring panel of junior academic staff at the department of Economics, 2016
- Co-Organizer, Conference on Discrimination and Affirmative Action, New Delhi, 2017
- Co-Organizer, SARN-CDES conference in Colombo 2017 and 2019
- Chair, Organizing and Program Committees, Australasian Development Economics Workshop (ADEW), 2015
- Organizer, SARN conference 2015
- Empirical Micro seminar organizer, 2010-2013
- Co-Organizer (Monash-Warwick workshop on Development, 2013); Development Economics Workshop [December 2014]; Member, Organizing committee ADEW, June 2012; Development workshop at Monash, December 2010, 2011 and 2012; Organizer for Workshop on Consumption and Savings, Monash University, 2008
- Member, Department Research Committee, 2010; Member, Assurance of Learning review team (2012-13); Member, AACSB panels for the Department of Economics, 2013; Member, Academic Progress Committee (2009-12)