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Employment

1988-Present Currently Stedman-Sumner Professor of Economics, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, USA

Education

1990 Ph. D, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Cambridge, Ma 02139, USA

1984 B. A (Honors), Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, USA

Research Positions

1996 Senior Research Associate, The Asia Research Center, London School of Economics, London, UK

1992-93 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, MIT, Cambridge, MA, USA and Postdoctoral Research Associate, Harvard/MIT Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy, USA

Dissertation

Essays in International Trade and the Debt Crisis, Supervisor: Paul Krugman

Publications

Research Papers

Published (Peer Reviewed)

Students Today, Teachers Tomorrow? The Rise of Affordable Private Schools, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das),

Journal of Public Economics, Volume 100, April 2013, Pages 1–14

What Did You do All day? Maternal Education and Child Outcomes, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das), **Journal of Human Resources**, Volume 47, Number 4, Fall 2012, pp:873-912

Do Value-Added Estimates Add Value? Accounting for Learning Dynamics, (joint with Das, Jishnu; Khwaja, Asim Ijaz and Zajonc, Tristan) **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, July 2011, 3(3): 29–54

Railways and Price Convergence in British India, (Joint with M. Kuehlwein), **The Journal of Economic History** (2010), 70: 351-377

A Dime A Day: The Possibilities and Limits of Private Schooling in Pakistan, (joint with Jishnu Das and Asim Ijaz Khwaja,) **Comparative Education Review**, Vol. 52, No. 3, August 2008, Pages 329-356

Religious School Enrollment in Pakistan: A Look at the Data (joint with Jishnu Das, Asim Ijaz Khwaja and Tristan Zajonc) **Comparative Education Review**, vol. 50, no. 3, August 2006, Pages 446-477

Reprinted in Wadad Kadi and Victor Billeh, edited, **Islam and Education: Myths and Truths**, University of Chicago Press, 2007

The paper's findings have been featured in full stories in **The Economist**, **Foreign Policy**, **Los Angeles Times**, **Al-Jazeera**, international wire services and all major Pakistan newspapers and media.

Winner George Bereday Award for best paper published in the Comparative Education Review, 2006

Subcontractors for tractors: Theory and evidence on flexible specialization, supplier selection, and contracting. (Joint with Maitreesh Ghatak and Asim Ijaz Khwaja), ***Journal of Development Economics***, Volume 79, Issue 2, April 2006, Pages 273-302 (Lead Article)

Seigniorage, Taxation and Weak Government, ***Journal of Money, Credit and Banking***, February 1997, vol. 29(1), pages 106-26

Bank Regulation and Debt Overhang (with A. Ripa di Meana), ***Journal of Money, Credit and Banking***, 26 (1994) Pages: 460-78

Research Working Papers

Coming Up Short: Human Capital Accumulation after the 2005 Pakistan Earthquake (joint with Ben Daniels and Jishnu Das), June 2014

Report Cards: The Impact of Providing Test-score information on Educational Markets, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das), July 2013

In Aid We Trust: Heart and Minds and Pakistan Earthquake of 2005. (joint with Jishnu Das), **World Bank Policy Research Working Paper**, Revised November 2013

The paper has been the basis of feature stories in **Toronto Globe and Mail, The Washington Post, Financial Times, Newsweek, Christian Science Monitor, Dawn, USA Today, Daily Times**

Bad Public Schools are Public Bads: Test Scores and Civic Outcomes in Public and Private Schools. Tahir Andrabi, Natalie Bau, Jishnu Das and Asim I. Khwaja In Process.

How Effective are Parent-Teacher School Councils? Experimental Evidence from a Developing Country (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das), In Process

Policy Reports

Education Policy in Pakistan: A Framework for Reform, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das), December 2010, IGC Policy Brief, International Growth Center, London School of Economics

The LEAPS Report, Learning and Educational Achievement in Punjab Schools: Insights to Inform the Policy Debate. (Joint with Jishnu Das, Asim Ijaz Khwaja, Tara Vishwanath and Tristan Zajonc.) April 2008

Learning and Achievement in Pakistani Education, Education Sector Feasibility Report, World Bank, 2003, (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das)

Private Schooling in Pakistan: Educating the Urban Elite or Catering to the Rural Poor?, World Bank Working Paper 2002, (Background paper for WB-Pakistan, Pakistan Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper)

Female education in Rural Pakistan: A supply-side failure, LSE, STICERD, Development Economics Research Programme Research Report, 1996

Book Chapters

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The Madrassa Controversy: The Story Does Not Fit The Facts (Joint with A. Khwaja and J. Das), Shahzad Bashir and Robert D. Crews, eds., *Under the Drones: Af-Pak and the Politics of a Contested Borderland* (Harvard University Press, 2012).

Madrassa Metrics: The Statistics and Rhetoric of Religious Enrollment in Pakistan. (with A.Khwaja, J.Das, and T. Zajonc) in Naveeda Khan, ed. *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan*, Routledge, 2010.

“Pakistan” in David Arase, ed. *Japanese ODA in the New Millennium: Continuities and Change* (Routledge, 2005)

Newspaper/Magazine Articles

Responding to disasters - can we act in time? *January 20, 2010, The Boston Globe* (joint with Asim Ijaz Khwaja)

The Madrassa Myth, Foreign Policy, June 2009, Web exclusive, (Joint with Jishnu Das, C. Christine Fair, and Asim Ijaz Khwaja). http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=4958

Unsung Villains, The News, Islamabad, April 15, 2000

Creative Destruction, Pakistan Calling, Lahore, April 2000

Taxing Times, Pakistan Calling, Lahore, February 2000

Major Grants Received

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| 2013-2015 | World Bank Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund , Co-PI on Investing in Education Markets, \$745,000 |
| 2012-14 | Templeton Foundation , Co-PI, Investing in the Education Market: Strengthening Private Schools for the Rural Poor, \$400K+ |
| 2009-12 | National Science Foundation , Co-PI, Understanding Education Markets: Experimental and Observational Evidence from Pakistan, \$400K+ |
| 2007-2009 | National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC , Principal Investigator,; \$323,700 Grant on Education and Learning after the Pakistan Earthquake: Can the Children Recover?

The World Bank , Principal Investigator, \$190,000 grant, Evaluation of the Status of Recovery From the Pakistan 2005 Earthquake. |
| 2003-2007 | The World Bank , Principal Investigator, \$600,000 Grant from: School Choice in Rural Punjab. |
| 2004 | Scripps College President’s Grant on Gender Studies —Sex Ratio in Rural Pakistan |
| 2003 | Mellon Foundation Post-baccalaureate Grant with Tristan Zajonc ’03 |
| 2002 | Freeman Foundation Travel Fellowship : Civic Values and Ideology in Education in Pakistan |
| 1997-2000 | US \$ 800,000 Grant by Safi Qureshey Foundation to develop educational television in Pakistan |

Academic Presentations and Discussions

Oxford University, NBER Tokyo, IFPRI Washington DC, Harvard University, MIT, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UCLA, USC, University of Chicago, Brown University, Boston University, Williams College, Carleton College, Claremont-McKenna College, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, Tufts University, London School of Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, United States Institute of Peace, The World Bank, IMF, National Bureau of Economic Research, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Affairs, Center for Global Development, American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Western Economic Association Annual meetings, Northeastern Universities Development Conference, Pacific Coast Development Conference, Comparative and International Education International Conference.

Policy and Non-Profit Work

- 2008-Present Co-founder, Board member and Program Lead, Social Policy Center of Economic Research, Pakistan
- 2011-2013 Member, Advisory Board, GEO Television, Pakistan, Public Interest television Campaign on Education
- 2010-2012 Member, External Advisory Committee, Economics Department, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore Pakistan
- October 2005 Co-Founder, RISEPAK, www.risepak.com, information coordination website and tool used for coordination of relief effort in the South Asia earthquake at the village level.

Winner Global Stockholm Challenge Award for the best Public Sector IT intervention

Website was used by Government of Pakistan Federal Relief Commissioner's office and the World Bank to coordinate earthquake relief effort.

Consultant, The World Bank, Earthquake Damage Assessment Mission

- 2012 Consultant DFID, UK, The Education Fund for Sindh Evaluation
- 2002-2007 Consultant, The World Bank
Education Sector Feasibility Project
Public Private Educational Partnership Project
Learning and Educational Achievement in Punjab Schools
School reform in Rural Sindh
- 2002-2005 Institutional Trustee, American Institute of Pakistan Studies
- 1999-2000 On sabbatical, Founding Director, Islamabad, ALIF, Active Learning Initiatives Facility, a non-profit organization dedicated to education of children through creative uses of the media. Responsible for creating *Sesame Street* in Urdu
- On sabbatical, Invited Member, Economic Advisory Board, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan—Special Subcommittee—Tax Reform

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On sabbatical, Member, Overseas Pakistanis Task Force, Ministry of Finance,
Government of Pakistan

1997 Member, Planning Committee, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, 50 years of
Pakistan

1993-95 Visiting Consultant, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) TOKTEN program

Academic Service

Refereeing and Reviewing: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Economic History, Economic Development and Cultural Change. Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Comparative Education Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization.

Currently Chair, Pomona College, Research Committee