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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Global Political Economy
Occidental College

August 2023 -

American Postdoctoral Fellow
American Association of University Women

July 2025 - July 2026

AFFILIATIONS

Research Fellow

August 2023 -

Center for Economic Research in Pakistan;
Mahbub ul Haq Research Center at LUMS (Political Economy & Governance Cluster);
Consortium for Development Policy Research

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science

2017 - 2023

University of California at San Diego
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

M.A. in Politics

2012 - 2014

New York University

M.Sc. in Economics for Development

2009 - 2010

Commonwealth Scholar

University of Oxford

BSc. Honors in Economics

2005 - 2009

CGPA 3.98; SGPA 4.0

Lahore University of Management Sciences

Gold Medal in Economics; Gold Medal for highest CGPA

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

American Postdoctoral Leave Fellowship, American Association of University Women. 2025.(\$55,000).

Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Institute of Pakistan Studies. 2025.(\$13,000).

Princeton Dissertation Scholarship, Bobst Center of Peace and Justice. 2022.(\$12,000)

Dissertation Fellowship, International Studies Association. 2022.(\$5,000)

Dissertation Fellowship, UC Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation. 2021.(\$25,000)

APSA Public Scholar, American Political Science Association. 2022.

Smith Fellow, Institute of Humane Studies. 2022.(\$5,000)

Bouchet Scholar, [Bouchet Graduate Honor Society](#) 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Ijaz, Syeda ShahBano. (2026). "Moral Hazard or State Capacity? U.S. Military Assistance and Political Violence in Pakistan," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 70 (2-3): 330-358.
2. Ijaz, Syeda ShahBano. (2023). "Determining Development: The Impact of White Feminism on Women of Color," *Southwestern Journal of International Law*. XXIX(2): 257-266.

3. Adida, Claire; Cottiero, Christina; Falabella, Leonardo; Gotti, Isabelle; **Ijaz**, ShahBano; Phillips, Gregoire and Michael Seese. (2022). “Taking the Cloth: How Religious Appeals Increase Compliance with COVID-19 Prevention Measures.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 1-10.

UNDER REVIEW

1. “Do Citizens Care about Public Program Funding? Not During a Public Health Crisis,” *Revise & Resubmit at International Interactions*.
2. “Foreign Aid, Trust in Government and Compliance with COVID-19 Prevention Measures: Evidence from Pakistan,” *Under Review*.
Awarded **UCSD South Asia Initiative Best Graduate Student Paper 2022**.

WORKING PAPERS

Available upon request.

1. “Accessing the Last-Mile: Evidence on Aid and Accountability from Pakistan”
2. “Foreign Aid and Voter Preferences: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan”
3. “Colonial Shadows and Development Assistance: Public Perceptions of Foreign Aid from Former Colonial Powers” with Michael Huang and Crispin Beyogle.

PRE-ANALYSIS PLANS

1. “Foreign Aid and Institutions in Pakistan,” with Sarah Thompson.
2. “Immigrants Care Differently: Foreign Policy Preferences and the New Dynamics of Polarization in the U.S.,” with Naima Green-Riley.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Review of Bussell, Jennifer (2025). “Shocks and Politics: Understanding Disaster Preparedness,” Cambridge University Press. Prepared for *South Asia Reading Group 2025*. Available [here](#).

“Indigenous Communities that Resisted Historical Labor Conscription Are More Likely to Obtain Accommodation from the State,” *PoliticalScienceNow.com*. 27th July, 2023. Available [here](#).

“How Conflicts and Population Loss Led to the Rise of English Wikipedia’s Credibility,” *PoliticalScienceNow.com*. 29th May, 2023. Available [here](#).

“Lockdowns for Public Health Can Also Reduce Violence,” *PoliticalScienceNow.com*. 20th March, 2023. Available [here](#).

“Failing Merit-Based Civil Service Exams Can Reduce Institutional Trust and National Identification,” *PoliticalScienceNow.com*. 6th February, 2023. Available [here](#).

“Getting Someone Else to Do the Task: When Accountability Initiatives Create Shadow States Instead of Building Bureaucratic Capacity,” *PoliticalScienceNow.com*. 26th December, 2023. Available [here](#).

“Should the Rich Be Taxed? People Are More Concerned about Whether the Rich Are Greedy Than Whether They Worked Their Way Up!” *PoliticalScienceNow.com*. 24th October, 2022. Available [here](#).

“Targeting Men could Raise Women Voters’ Turnout,” *PoliticalScienceNow.com*. 23rd September, 2022. Available [here](#).

“What would persuade South Asians to get vaccinated against covid-19” *The Monkey Cage blog, Washington Post*. 21st May, 2021. Available [here](#).

“Do Foreign Aid funded programs encourage women to increase their political participation?” *DAWN, Lahore*. 4th September, 2018. Available [here](#).

“Votes to a Red Bus,” *The Nation, Lahore*. 21st February, 2013. Available [here](#).

“ODA in Conflict-Affected States: Can it Assist Economic Growth?” *Social Science and Policy Bulletin*, 3.1, 7-9. 2011.

“Inflation Tax: Identifying the costs and benefits of an oil subsidy for Pakistan,” *Policy Brief for the International Growth Centre*. 2011.

“Postconflict Recovery and Peace Building,” *Background paper for the World Development Report*, 2011. With Anke Hoeffler, Oxford University and Sarah von Billerbeck, World Bank.

COURSES TAUGHT

Assistant Professor, Occidental College

FYS 31: The White Man's Burden: Foreign Aid, Development, and Neo-Imperialism
Fall 2023; Fall 2026.

FYS 70: Is the World Flat? Understanding Globalization and Development
Spring 2024.

DWA 103: Introduction to Global Political Economy
Fall 2023; Spring 2025; Spring 2027.

DWA 360: Who Develops? Research and Policy Making in International Development
Spring 2024; Fall 2026 (as a re-designed 200-level course).

DWA 291: Democracy and Development in South Asia
Spring 2025; Spring 2027.

Core 111 - Multicultural Summer Institute: (Im)migration and (Im)migrants and the United States
Summer 2026. (co-taught with Professors Mary Christianakis and Richard Mora).

Instructor-of-Record, UC San Diego

POLI 136: Democracy and Development in South Asia; Summer 2021.

Lecturer in Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences

ECON 241: Development Economics
Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Spring 2012.

ECON 371: Public Economics
Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Spring 2012.

GRANTS

Faculty Enrichment Grant, Occidental College. 2026. (\$3,000).
Frank D. Graham Fund, Princeton University. Spring 2026. (\$9,300).
Young Institute for Global Political Economy. 2025. (\$5,000).
Pedagogical Summer Institute, Occidental College. 2024. (\$2,000).
Center for Research & Scholarship and Dean's Office Grant for Faculty Success Program, Occidental College. 2023. (\$5,000).
Institute of Humane Studies, Publication Accelerator Grant. 2022. (\$5,000).
Institute of Human Studies, Travel Award. 2022. (\$750 each, for PEIO 2022 and APSA 2022).
Research Fellowship, Yankelovich Center for Social Science Research. 2022. (\$2,500).
American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Conference Travel Grant (International) for PEIO. 2022. (\$1,500).
Oceanids Memorial Fellowship, UCSD. 2021. (\$3,000).
University of California Doctoral Diversity Initiative Writing Grant. 2021. (\$3,000).
American Political Science Association First Generation Scholars Travel Grant. 2021. (\$250).
American Political Science Association Travel and Accessibility Grant. 2021. (\$300).
American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Conference Travel Grant. 2021. (\$600).
International Institute Travel and Research Grant, UCSD. 2022 (\$2,100); 2020 (\$2,200); 2019 (\$1,800).
Sanford Lakoff Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UCSD. 2020 (\$1,300). *Also* 2019. (\$1,750).
American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Conference Travel Grant. 2019. (\$600).
Friends of the International Center Fellowship, UCSD. 2019. (\$2,000).
Field Research Grant, Center for Peace and Security Studies, UCSD. 2018. (\$4,000).
United States Institute of Peace Junior Peace Fellowship, USIP Pakistan. 2016. (\$4,900)
Dean's Graduate Student Travel Award (NYU). 2015. (\$500)
American Institute of Pakistan Studies summer grant. 2014. (\$3,000)
Mac Cracken Fellowship for the duration of Ph.D. at NYU. 2012-2017.
Commonwealth Shared Scholarship, University of Oxford. 2009-2010.
LUMS merit scholarship for the duration of B.Sc. Honors. 2007-2009.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Oxford Martin School Initiative on AI and Governance. (2026).
International Studies Association - West Chapter. (2026).
American Association of University Women, Los Angeles Chapter. (2026).
Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law (CDDRL), Stanford University. (2026).
American Association of University Women, Midlands Chapter. (2026).
Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR), University of California at Irvine. (2025).
International Political Economy Society, Annual Meeting, University of California at Los Angeles. (2025).
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. (2025).
SoCal Political Institutions and Political Economy, CalTech. (2025).
Paving The Way conference, University of Minnesota. (2025).
SoCal Political Behavior Conference, UC Riverside. (2025).
The Academic Minute, National Public Radio. (2024).
Occidental College Diversity and Equity Board, invited talk titled 'Thriving in the Ivory Tower: a tale of discrimination, institutional reforms, and community'. (2024).
Panel on Transitioning to a Faculty Role, Western Political Science Association (Invited panelist). (2024).
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. (2024).
Pre-APSA South Asia Junior Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania. (2024).
SoCal Political Institutions and Political Economy Conference, Claremont Graduate University (Discussant) (2024).
International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2024).
21 Century in India Center, UC San Diego (Discussant) (2024).
Pathways to Development Conference, Lahore University of Management Sciences (2023).
Journeys in World Politics, University of Wisconsin - Madison (2023).
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. (2023). *South Asia Mini Conference*
SoCal Political Behavior Conference (2023). *University of California - Riverside*
South Asian Network on Economic Modeling. (2023). *World Bank Conference*
Department of Political Science Seminar, Bowdoin College. (2022). *Invited Talk*
Department of Political Science Seminar, Tulane University. (2022). *Invited Talk*
Department of Political Science Seminar, Smith College. (2022). *Invited Talk*
Pizza and Politics Lunch Seminar, Pomona College. (2022). *Invited Talk*
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. (2022).
Comparative Politics Seminar, Claremont Graduate University. (2022) *Invited Talk*
CaliWEPS V, Claremont Graduate University. (2022).
Dissertation Scholars Workshop, Bobst Center for Peace & Justice, Princeton University. (2022).
India Politics Workshop, The Center on Contemporary India, UC Berkeley. (2022).
Political Economy of International Organizations (2022). *Poster presentation*
American Political Science Association (2021). *Two panel presentations and one TLC workshop*
Aid Withdrawal Virtual Workshop. (2021).
University of British Columbia Political Science Graduate Student Conference. (2021).
International Studies Association. (2021).
Graduate Student International Political Economy (GSIPE). (2020). Special Aid Workshop. (2021)
Lahore University of Management Sciences, Economics department Seminar. (2019).
Canadian Political Science Association, Workshop 12 (on experiments). (2019).
Empirical Studies of Gender in Pakistan, Center of Economic Research in Pakistan. (2018).
Midwest Political Science Association, (2015, 2016).
Columbia University South Asia Workshop, (2016).
International Association of Conflict Management conference, New York City. (2016).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Committee Member, Center for Research and Scholarship, Occidental College. AY 2024-25.
Welcome Speaker, Cultural Graduation for Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) students at Occidental College. Spring 2025.
Contextualizing Israel/Palestine - a Talk Series, Co-organizer at Occidental College. Spring 2024.
Graduate Student Voting Member, UCSD Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women. 2021-2023.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Graduate Liaison, Department of Political Science (UCSD).
Founder & Co-organizer, [Workshop on the Political Economy of South Asia](#).
Lead Convener, [Women in Political Science \(WIPS\)](#) at UC San Diego.
Moderator, [Graduate Student International Political Economy Workshop](#).
Reviewer, Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Peacekeeping; Journal of Public Policy.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Associate-In (Instructor of Record), Political Science, University of California at San Diego. *2021*
 Taught an undergraduate advanced seminar titled “Democracy & Development in South Asia.”
Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of California at San Diego. *2017-Present*
Research Fellow, Information Technology University, Lahore. *2016-2017*
Short Term Consultant, World Bank. *2016*
Teaching Assistant, New York University. *2012-2016*
Instructor of Record, Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences. *2010-2012*
 Designed and taught undergraduate introductory course titled “Development Economics” and an advanced undergraduate seminar titled “Public Economics”.
Text Analyst, Mouseion Pvt. Ltd. *2013*
Senior Researcher, Situation Analysis Report, UNICEF. *2011*
Researcher, Adam Smith Institute. *2011*

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

Certificate in Inclusive College Teaching, UC San Diego *2021*
Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training, BITSS, UC Berkeley *2020*
Summer Writing Program, Sarah Lawrence College *2016*

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Proficient in **R**, **Stata** and **LaTeX**.

REFERENCES

Christina Schneider
 Professor of Political Science,
 University of California - San Diego
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 University of California - San Diego
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 Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute;
 Professor of Political Science, Stanford University
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 University of Pennsylvania
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