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Employment & Affiliations

- 2019- Reader (Associate Professor) in Economics, University of Manchester
- 2020- Editor, Policy Watch, International Tax and Public Finance
- 2022- Associate Editor, Fiscal Policy
- 2020- Research Associate, Institute of Fiscal Studies, London
- 2020- 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
- 2014-2019 Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, University of Manchester

Education

- 2014 Ph. D. Economics, LSE

Publications

- 2022 The Role of Withholding in the Self-Enforcement of a Value-Added Tax: Evidence from Pakistan, *Review of Economics and Statistics*. 104(2),336-354, March 2022
- 2022 How Do Taxpayers Respond to Public Disclosure and Social Recognition Programs? Evidence from Pakistan (joint with [Joel Slemrod](#) and [Obeid Ur Rehman](#)), *Review of Economics and Statistics*., 104(1), 116-132, January 2022
- 2019 Does Cutting the Tax Rate to Zero Induce Behavior Different from Other Tax Cuts? Evidence from Pakistan. 2020, *Review of Economics and Statistics* 102(3) 426-441, July 2020
- 2018 Taxes, Informality and Income Shifting: Evidence from a Recent Pakistani Tax Reform, *Journal of Public Economics* 157C(2018), 41-77, April 2018
- 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, September 2015

- 2013 Using Notches to Uncover Optimization Frictions and Structural Elasticities: Evidence from Pakistan, (joint with **Henrik Kleven**), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 128, 669–723, December 2013

Working Papers

- 2022 Overclaimed Refunds, Undeclared Sales, and Invoice Mills: Nature and Extent of Non-compliance in a Value-Added Tax, R&R, *Journal of Public Economics*, February 2022
- 2022 Long-Run Impacts of In-Utero Ramadan Exposure: Evidence from Administrative Tax Records (joint with Timotej Cejka), March 2022
- 2021 Detection Without Deterrence: Long-Run Effects of Tax Audit on Firm Behavior (joint with **Michael Best** and **Jawad Shah**), July 2021

Work-in-Progress

- 2021 Firm Adaptation and Production Networks: Structural Evidence from External Weather Events in Pakistan (joint with **Clare Balboni** and **Johannes Boehm**)
- 2021 The Value-Added Tax: Theory & Practice (joint with **Miguel Almunia**, **Anne Brockmeyer**, **Giulia Mascagni**, and Vedanth Nair)
- 2021 Does More Information Always Means Better Tax Compliance? Evidence from Pakistan

Research Grants

- 2021 International Centre for Taxation & Development Grant for the project “Does More Information Always Mean Better Tax Compliance? Evidence from Pakistan”, January 2022 – December 2024, £29,500
- 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.

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, Journal of Development Economics, Management Science, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, National Tax Journal