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EMPLOYMENT

Reader, School of Economics, University of Kent	October 2018 onwards
Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Kent	October 2014 to September 2018
Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Kent	January 2012 to September 2014
Lecturer, Dept. Of Intl. Development, University of Oxford	September 2008 to December 2011
Post-doctoral Fellow, Dept. Of Economics, University of Namur, Belgium	August 2006 to September 2008
Research Assistant, Economic Research Div., Goldman Sachs Intl., London	June 1999 to April 2001

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (Cambridge, MA, USA), PhD in Economics, 2006
Yale University, (New Haven, CT, USA), BSc in Economics and Mathematics, 1999

RESEARCH FUNDING

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Co-Investigator (2018-22)
Study on Agricultural Insurance and Migrant Networks in Burkina Faso (Phase II)
Amount: US\$ 430,000

UK Department of International Development, Principal Investigator (2018-19)
Study on Peer Effects of Child Marriage Law
Amount: £ 17,000

UK Department of International Development, Principal Investigator (2017-18)
Study on Child Marriage Law, Gender Norms and Marriage Customs
Amount: £ 35,000

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Co-Investigator (2016-17)
Study on Agricultural Insurance and Migrant Networks in Burkina Faso (Phase I)
Amount: US\$ 75,000

Australian Agency for International Development, Principal Investigator (2013-16)
Study on Female Secondary Schooling and Gender Norms in Bangladesh
Amount: £ 380,000

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Visiting Research Fellow	Autumn 2018
STICERD, London School of Economics, Visiting Research Fellow	2016-2017
DfID Econ. Development and Institutions Project, Scientific Committee Member	2015-2016
UNU-WIDER Gender and Development Project, Scientific Committee Member	2015-2018
Theoretical Research in Development Economics, Research Associate	2011 to Present
Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford), Research Associate	2010 to 2017
Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (Louvain), Research Associate	2006 to 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- 1) Mahmud and Wahhaj (2018), “Charitable Giving, Signalling and Microcredit”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, In Press.
- 2) Asadullah and Wahhaj (2018), “Early Marriage, Social Networks and the Transmission of Norms”, *Economica*, published online August 2018.
- 3) Wahhaj (2018), “An Economic Model of Early Marriage”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, August 2018.
- 4) Kazianga and Wahhaj (2017), “Intra-household Resource Allocation and Familial Ties”, *Journal of Development Economics*, July 2017.
- 5) Pal and Wahhaj (2016), “Fiscal Decentralisation, Local Institutions, and Public Good Provision: Evidence from Indonesia”, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, published online July 2016.
- 6) Casini, Vandewalle and Wahhaj (2015), “Public Good Provision in Indian Rural Areas”, *World Bank Economic Review*, published online August 2015.
- 7) Platteau, Somville and Wahhaj (2014), “Elite capture through information distortion: A theoretical essay”, *Journal of Development Economics*, January 2014.
- 8) Platteau and Wahhaj (2014), “Strategic Interactions between Modern Law and Custom”, *Handbook of the Economics of Art and Culture*, edited by Ginsburgh and Throsby, Elsevier.
- 9) Baland, Somanathan and Wahhaj (2013), “Repayment Incentives and the Distribution of Gains from Group Lending”, *Journal of Development Economics*, November 2013.
- 10) Kazianga and Wahhaj (2013), “Gender, Social Norms and Household Production in Burkina Faso”, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, April 2013.
- 11) Ngo and Wahhaj (2012), “Microfinance and Gender Empowerment”, *Journal of Development Economics*, September 2012.
- 12) Aldashev, Chaara, Platteau and Wahhaj (2012), “Modern Law as a Magnet to Reform Unfair Customs”, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, July 2012.
- 13) Aldashev, Chaara, Platteau and Wahhaj (2012), “Using the Law to Change the Custom”, *Journal of Development Economics*, March 2012.
- 14) Aldashev, Platteau and Wahhaj (2011), “Legal Reform in the Presence of a Living Custom: An Economic Approach”, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, December 2011.
- 15) Wahhaj (2010), “Social Norms and Individual Savings in the Context of Informal Insurance”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, December 2010.

COMMENTARIES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- 16) Asadullah, Islam and Wahhaj (2018), “Gender Bias in Bangladesh School Textbooks”, *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, 05 June 2018.
- 17) Amin, Asadullah, Hossain and Wahhaj (2017), “Eradicating Child Marriage in the Commonwealth”, *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, 18 April 2017.
- 18) Amin, Asadullah, Hossain and Wahhaj (2017), “Can Conditional Cash Transfers Eradicate Child Marriage?”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 11 February 2017.
- 19) Asadullah and Wahhaj (2016), “Child Marriage Law and Freedom of Choice in Bangladesh”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 16 January 2016.

COMMENTARIES IN PRINT & ELECTRONIC MEDIA

UNESCO World Education Blog (2017, 2018), Project Syndicate (2017), Ideas for India (2017), The Conversation (2014, 2017), Development and Cooperation (2016), Open Democracy (2016), The Diplomat (2014), World Bank South Asia Blog (2014).

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION (Year of PhD Completion, Placement)

Mahreen Mahmud (2016, University of Oxford Postdoc)

Francis Darko (2017, University of Coventry)

Hamna Ahmed (2017, Lahore School of Economics)

Christian Crentsil (2018)

OTHER GRANTS

Royal Economic Society Special Project Grant, November 2018

Co-Applicants: Amrit Amirapu and Anirban Mitra; Amount: £3,000

University of Kent Social Science Faculty Internationalisation Fund, November 2018

Co-Applicant: Anirban Mitra; Amount: £2,378

University of Kent REF Impact Fund, November 2018

Amount: £2,200

University of Kent Inter-School Networking Fund, April 2016

Co-Applicants: Fernanda Lopez-de-Léon and Ayse Uskul; Amount: £1,500

University of Kent Social Science Faculty Fund, April 2014

Co-Applicant: Adelina Gschwandtner; Amount £2,006

INVITED TALKS (2013 – 2018)

University of Namur Conference on Identity and Economics	December 2018
University of Passau Women's Empowerment and Econ. Dev. Workshop	December 2018
University of Namur CRED Workshop	November 2018
World Bank-University of Malaya Joint Seminar, Kuala Lumpur	November 2018
Université Libre de Bruxelles ECARES Internal Workshop	October 2018
Paris School of Economics Development Economics Seminar	June 2018
Université Paris-Dauphine/IRD DIAL Seminar	June 2018
DIRTS workshop by Northwestern University/IPA/ISSER in Accra, Ghana	May 2018
Universidad de Navarra, Center for Intl. Development Seminar	April 2018
Guest Lecture, PPE Research Seminar, London School of Economics	February 2018
New Economics School Moscow Institutions & Development Economics Conf.	December 2017
University of Namur Economic Development & Institutions Research Conf.	October 2017
U. of Geneva Workshop on Non-Profits, Governments and Organizations	June 2017
University of Gothenburg Economics Seminar	February 2017
Bangladesh Inst. of Development Studies Policy Seminar, Dhaka, Bangladesh	October 2016
University of Geneva Economics and Econometrics Seminar	September 2016
University of Namur Economics Seminar	June 2016
Unicef WCARO Regional Office Special Seminar, Dakar, Senegal	June 2015
Université Cheikh Anta Diop LARTES Seminar, Dakar, Senegal	June 2015
University of Portsmouth Economics Seminar	May 2015
UNU-WIDER Gender and Development Project Conference, Helsinki	May 2015
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Applied Economics Seminar	April 2015
University of Sussex Economics Seminar	March 2015

University of Manchester, Development Economics Seminar
University of Exeter, Department of Economics Seminar
University of Nottingham, Development Economics Seminar
University of Warwick, Theoretical Economics Seminar

February 2014
May 2013
April 2013
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