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APPLIED DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

12 – 13 September, 2018

Program Overleaf

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12 September 2018

09:30 – 10:00   **Registration**

10:00 – 10:15   **Welcome Remarks: Shahid Amjad Chaudhry,** Rector, Lahore School of Economics

10:15 – 11:30   **Plenary Address**: *TBD*

11:30 – 12:00   Tea

12:00 – 13:00   **Session I: Microfinance and Enterprise**
Chair: TBD
When Nudge Comes to Shove: Demand for Commitment in Microfinance Contracts
Presenter: Farah Said (Lahore School of Economics)
Shared-ownership Microfinance: A Field Experiment in Pakistan
Presenter: Muhammad Meki (Oxford)

13:00 – 14:00   Lunch

14:00 – 15:00   **Session II: Political Economy I**
Chair: Azam Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
Do Electoral Quotas Make Government Programs Work Better, and For Whom? Evidence from India
Presenter: Saad Gulzar (Stanford)
Improving Political Communication and Responsiveness: A Field Experiment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan
Presenter: Luke Sonnet (UCLA)

15:00 – 15:30   Tea

15:30 – 17:00   **Session III: Gender**
Chair: Fauzia Viqar (PCSW)
Microcredit for Startups: Experimental Evidence from Aspiring Female Entrepreneurs in Pakistan
Presenter: Mahreen Mahmud (Oxford)
Institutional Reforms and De Facto Women's Rights in Pakistan
Presenter: Kate Vyborny (Duke)
Gender Gap in the Returns to Tertiary Education in Punjab, Pakistan
Presenter: Zunia Saif Tirmazee (Lahore School of Economics)

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9:30 – 11:00   **Session IV: Firm capabilities**
         Chair: Johannes Boehm (Paris Institute of Political Studies)
         Why Do Banks Not Lend: An Experiment Testing Contractual Frictions
         Presenter: Ali Choudhary (State Bank of Pakistan)
         Does Spatial Proximity Matter? Understanding the Costs and Benefits of Agglomeration in Pakistan
         Presenter: Maryiam Haroon (Lahore School of Economics)
         Misallocation in the Market for Inputs: Enforcement and the Organization of Production
         Presenter: Johannes Boehm (Paris Institute of Political Sciences)

11:00 – 11:30   Tea

11:30 – 13:00   **Session V – State Capacity and Local Institutions**
         Chair: Theresa Thompson Chaudhry (Lahore School of Economics)
         Institutional Capacity as an Organizational Challenge: Pilot Results From a Field Experiment in Pakistan
         Presenter: Hamna Ahmed (Lahore School of Economics)
         Scarcity and Inter-Village Cooperation
         Presenter: Haseeb Ashraf (Warwick)
         Policing and Resolving Disputes in Punjab
         Presenter: Ali Hasanain (LUMS)

13:00 – 14:00   Lunch

14:00 – 15:00   **Session VI: Political Economy II**
         Chair: Waqar Wadho (Lahore School of Economics)
         Barriers to Political Entry: Experimental Evidence from Local Government Elections in Pakistan
         Presenter: Yasir Khan (Berkeley)
         Political Dynasties and Political Competition: Evidence from Pakistan
         Presenter: Noman Ahmad (HED)

15:00 – 15:30   Tea

15:30 – 17:00   **Session VII: Poverty and Behavioural Constraints**
         Chair: Anjum Nasim (GC, IDEAS)
         Are the Poor so Present Biased?
         Presenter: Rachel Cassidy (IFS)
         Access to Electricity: Role of Flexibility and Planning in Repayment Discipline
         Presenter: Jacopo Bonan (FEEM)
         In the Same Boat, but not Equals: The Heterogeneous Effects of Indirect Taxation on Child Health in Punjab, Pakistan
         Presenter: Faiz Ur Rehman (QAU)