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📅 September 11, 2025 - September 13, 2025

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Program



+++ long presentation: 45 minutes +++ Q&A: 15 minutes +++
+++ short presentation: 20 minutes +++ Q&A: 10 minutes +++

Thursday, September 11

09:00 - 09:15 Registration

09:15 - 09:30 Introductory Remarks
Hadia Majid (Chair of Department of Economics, LUMS)
Annabelle Krause-Pilatus (Deputy Programme Director,
G²LM|LIC Programme)
Imran Rasul (Co-President BREAD)

Session A

Chair: **Annabelle Krause-Pilatus** (IZA)

09:30 - 10:30 **Christina Brown** (University of Chicago)
"Understanding Gender Discrimination by
Managers"

10:30 - 11:00 **Zahra Mansoor** (University of Bristol), Garance
Genicot (Georgetown University), Ghazala Mansuri
(World Bank)
"Incentivizing Frontline Workers and their
Supervisors: Experimental Evidence from
Agricultural Extension in Pakistan"

11:00 - 11:30 **Torsten Figueiredo Walter** (NYU Abu Dhabi),
Niclas Moneke (University of Oxford)
"Endogenous Sample Selection"

11:30 - 12:00 Tea Break

Session B

Chair: **Kate Vyborny** (World Bank)

12:00 - 12:30 **Zubaria Andlib** (Federal Urdu University of Arts,
Science and Technology)
"Breaking the Scroll (BTS): A Randomized
Controlled Trial Assessing Social Media Use and
Youth Mental Health in the Context of a
Developing Economy"

12:30 - 13:00 **Debasish Kumar Das** (University of New South
Wales), Zhenxuan Wang (Duke University)
"Prepayment and Electricity Usage in
Temperature Extremes: Implications for Energy
Poverty and Climate Justice"

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Session C

Chair: Imran Rasul (UCL, BREAD and IZA)

- 14:00 - 15:00 **Lelys Dinarte Diaz** (World Bank and IZA), James Gresham (World Bank), Renata Lemos (World Bank), Harry Patrinos (University of Arkansas and IZA), Rony Rodriguez-Ramirez (Harvard University)
"Investing in Human Capital During Wartime: Experimental Evidence from Ukraine"
- 15:00 - 16:00 **Faiz Ur Rehman** (Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi), **Rinchan Ali Mirza** (University of Kent), Adeel Malik (University of Oxford)
"Frontier Rule and Conflict "

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- 16:00 - 16:30 Tea Break
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Session D

Chair: **Hadia Majid** (Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS))

- 16:30 - 17:00 **Farah Imami** (Lahore School of Economics)
"Intra-Household Information Sharing and Female Labour Force Participation: A Case of Pakistan"
- 17:00 - 17:30 **Rikhia Bhukta** (Researcher), ONLINE PRESENTATION
"Signing for Safety: Can Mandatory Marriage Registration Reduce Domestic Violence?"

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- 18:30 Dinner
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Friday, September 12

Session E

Chair: Maroof Syed (Center of Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP))

- 09:30 - 10:30 **Kate Vyborny** (World Bank), Robert Garlick (Duke University and IZA), Erica Field (Duke University, BREAD and IZA)
"Women's Mobility and Labour Supply: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan"
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Axel Eizmendi Larrinaga** (Tufts University),

	Germán Reyes (Middlebury College) "Cash and Cognition: The Impact of Transfer Timing on Standardized Test Performance and Human Capital"
11:00 - 11:30	Till Wicker (Tilburg University), Patricio Dalton (Tilburg University), Daan van Soest (Tilburg University) "Mental Accounting and Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from a Humanitarian Setting"
11:30 - 12:00	Tea Break
Session F Chair: Farah Said (Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS))	
12:00 - 12:30	Muhammad Aatir Khan (Habib University) "Exploring Frameworks for Civic Engagement for Public School Students in Karachi"
12:30 - 13:00	Sila Mishra (Researcher), ONLINE PRESENTATION "Delivering to the Gig Workers: Time Use and Social Protection in the Gig Economy"
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Chaudhry Nazar Muhammad Distinguished Lecture Chair: Hadia Majid (Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)) Sheheryar Banuri (Associate Professor of Economics at the University of East Anglia) "Better Public Management: Bias, Behavior, and the Business of Government"
15:30 - 16:00	Tea Break
Session G Chair: Imran Rasul (UCL, BREAD and IZA)	
16:00 - 17:00	Varun Kapoor (University of Chicago), ONLINE PRESENTATION "Wage Theft, Reneging and Liquidity Constraints in Informal Labour Markets"

17:00 - 18:00 **Michael Carlos Best** (Columbia University and BREAD), **Ali Cheema** (Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)), Ali Abbas (International Monetary Fund), Ahsan Zia Farooqui (University of Sussex), Adnan Qadir Khan (FCDO), Shandana Khan Mohmand (University of Sussex)
"The Political Economy of Progressive Tax Reform: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan"

Saturday, September 13

09:30 - 10:30 **Keynote**

Chair: **Farah Said** (Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS))

Imran Rasul (UCL, BREAD and IZA), Livia Alfonsi (Harvard Business School and IZA), Vittorio Bassi (USC), Elena Spadini (UCL)

"Firm Responses to Uncertainty and Implications for Workers: Experimental Evidence from Uganda During the Pandemic"

10:30 - 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 - 12:30 **Panel Session 1**
Resilience and Fairness in Tax Systems in the Region

Moderation: **Shahrukh Wani** (Senior Country Manager for Zambia, IGC)

Opening Remarks: **Ijaz Nabi** (Country Director, IGC Pakistan & Honorary Executive Director, CDPR)

Sam Waldock (Development Director - British High Commission Islamabad)

Rashid Mahmood Langrial (Chairman, Federal Board of Revenue, Pakistan)

Ali Cheema (Vice Chancellor LUMS and lead academic, IGC Pakistan)

Murtaza Jafferjee (Chairman, Advocata Institute & CEO of JB's Securities Sri Lanka)

Closing Remarks: **Roberta Gatti** (Chief Economist, MENAAP Region, World Bank)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00

Panel Session 2

Women's Participation in Labour Markets: Evidence and Policy Pathways

Moderation: Roberta Gatti (Chief Economist, MENAAP Region, World Bank)

Opening Remarks: Annabelle Krause-Pilatus (Deputy Programme Director, G²LM|LIC Programme and IZA), Kate Cooper (Economist, FCDO - Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)

Ume Laila Azhar (Chairperson, National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW))

Ahmed Khan (CEO, Punjab Skills Development Fund)

Hamna Ahmed (Associate Professor, Lahore School of Economics)

Raymond Robertson (Academic Program Director, Bush School DC, Texas A&M University and IZA)

Kate Vyborny (Economist, South Asia Region Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank)

15:00 - 15:30

Tea Break

15:30 - 17:00

Panel Session 3

Maternal Health and Nutrition: Evidence, Policy, and Pathways for Impact

Moderation: Zoha Waqar Farooqi (Program Manager, Health Research, CERP)

Opening Remarks: Maroof. A. Syed (President and CEO, CERP)

Shaper Mirza (Associate Professor, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS))

Zeina Sifri (Health Specialist, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)

Qurat ul Ain (Health Specialist, Maternal Newborn Child Health, UNICEF Punjab, Pakistan)

Closing Remarks: Jishnu Das (Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown University)

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