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Education

Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University, May 2022

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Constitution, Institutions and Development*.

Dissertation Chair: Jamie Bologna Pavlik

Master in Applied Labour Economics for Development (MALED), University of Turin, 2017

M.Soc.Sc., Economics, University of Dhaka, 2013

B.Soc.Sc., Economics, University of Dhaka, 2012

Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Texas Tech University, Fall 2018 – Present

Research Associate, South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), 2013 – 2016

Research Interests

Development Economics, Political Economy, Institutions, Entrepreneurship, Informal Employment, Corruption and Gender.

Journal Articles

Jahan, I., Iqbal, K., Rabbani, A., and Shonchoy, A. S. (2021). One and a half years into the pandemic in Bangladesh: what have we learnt so far? *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*, 23(1).

Islam, M. M., Bidisha, S. H., Jahan, I., Hossain, M. B. and Mahmood, T. (2021). Effects of Remittances on Health Expenditure and Treatment Cost of International Migrant Households in Bangladesh. *Journal of Governance, Security & Development*, 2(1).

Callais, J. T., Jahan, I., and Pavlik, J. B. (2021). Institutional Quality and Development: On the Role of Informality. *The Journal of Developing Areas*, 55(3), 343-363.

Jahan, I., Bologna Pavlik, J., and Williams, R. B. (2020). Is the devil in the shadow? The effect of institutional quality on income. *Review of Development Economics*, 24(4), 1463-1483.

Raihan, S., Bidisha, S. H., and Jahan, I. (2017). Unpacking unpaid labour in Bangladesh, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 60:571–587.

Book Chapters

Raihan, S., and Jahan, I. (2018) “How does Social Protection affect Labor Force Participation in Bangladesh?” in Raihan, S. (eds.) *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh*. Singapore: Springer.

Jahan, I., and Shonchoy, A. S. (2018) “Does Participation in Vocational Training Differ on Agricultural Seasonality?” in Raihan, S. (eds.) *Structural Change and Dynamics of Labor Markets in Bangladesh*. Singapore: Springer.

Working Papers

- Bologna Pavlik, J., Jahan, I., and Young, A. T. Do Longer Constitutions Corrupt? (Under Review)
- Jahan, I. Do constitutions matter? A causal relationship between constitutional rights and growth
- Jahan, I. Can political and economic freedom predict future economic performance? - A machine learning approach
- Jahan, I. Informality, Institutions, and Gender: An Empirical Analysis.
- Jahan, I., and Geloso, V. Assessing the Impact of Universal Childcare on Women's Labor Supply in Quebec.
- Martin, A., Bologna Pavlik, J., and Jahan, I. Economic Freedom and Agricultural Productivity.

Other Writing (non-peer reviewed)

- Raihan, S., and Jahan, I. (2015). South-South Cooperation in the Regional context, Background paper for the preparation of the 7th Five Year Plan, Dhaka: Bangladesh Planning Commission.
- Jahan, I. (2015). What type of training matters most for labor force participation decision in Bangladesh? SANEM Thinking Aloud, Vol II, Issue 7: Dec 1, 2015.
- Raihan, S., and Jahan, I. (2015). What matters most for environmental performance? SANEM Thinking Aloud, Vol I, Issue 12: May 1, 2015.
- Raihan, S., and Jahan, I. (2015). What stimulates South-South FDI? SANEM Thinking Aloud, Vol I, Issue 11: April 1, 2015.
- Raihan, S., and Jahan, I. (2014). Why are some households different from others when it comes to female LFP, SANEM Thinking Aloud, Vol I, Issue 7: Dec 1, 2014.

Teaching Experience

Texas Tech University

Instructor with Full Responsibility:

Agricultural Statistics, Fall 2021

Applied Business Economics, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant

Agricultural Price Theory, 2018, 2020, 2021

Fundamentals of Agricultural and Applied Economics, 2018-2020

Principles of Economics, 2016-2017

Conference Presentations

- 2022: Public Choice Society, Association of Private Enterprise Education (scheduled)
- 2021: Public Choice Society, Institute for Humane Studies, Southern Economic Association
- 2019: Association of Private Enterprise Education, Southern Economic Association
- 2016: The 6th Annual Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Research Conference (*Awarded Best Presenter in the "Gender" session.*)
- 2015: South Asia Research Network (SARNET) Regional Conference

Invited Presentations:

Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, LA (November 2021)

Fellowships, Awards, and Travel Grants

Hayek Fund for Scholars from Institute for Humane Studies (2018-2021).
Humane Studies Fellowship (HSF) from The Institute for Humane Studies (2020, 2021).
Summer Research Funding from The Institute for Humane Studies (2019, 2020).
Young Scholars Program from The Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) (2019).

Funded Projects

2022-2023: -Can Light-Touch Accelerator Programs Foster Business Performance? Evidence from ICT Enterprises in Bangladesh. (Responsibility: Co- Principal Investigator) (pending).
2015-2017: -Improving Working Conditions in the Ready-Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh. Funded by International Labour Organization (ILO). (Responsibility: Research Associate).
2013-2016: -Generating Youth Employment in the Ready-made Garments Sector in Bangladesh. Funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA). (Responsibility: Research Associate).

Professional Development

Center for Free Enterprise (CFE) Summer Empirical Workshop, West Virginia University, 2019.
Seventh South Asian Training Program on CGE Modelling, organized by the South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), 2014.
IZA/DFID Conference on Training Programs and Labor Markets in Africa: Evidence and Policy Lessons and IZA/DFID Short Course on Evaluation of Training Programs, organized by African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Department for International Development (DFID), 2014.

Other Experience

Associate Editor, SANEM Thinking Aloud (A monthly newsletter), Published by South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM). Dhaka, Bangladesh (January 2015-December 2015).
Webmaster, Agricultural Economics Graduate Student Association, Texas Tech University (July 2020 – June 2021).

Journal Referee

Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Modelling

Academic Association Memberships

American Economic Association, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Public Choice Society, Southern Economics Association.