

# Mohammad Fidakar

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Applied Microeconomics | Development Economics

With focus on economics of conflict, forced displacement, return migration, and social cohesion

## EDUCATION

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**Emory University - Atlanta, USA**

*Ph.D. in Economics*

2028 (expected)

**KDI School of Public Policy and Management - Sejon, South Korea**

*Master of Development Policy*

Dec 2018

**Balkh University - Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan**

*Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics*

Dec 2013

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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Hussaini, A., Fidakar, M., & Erfan, A. (2024). *A Study on Profitability of Afghanistan Coal Mine with ARDL Approach; Case Study of the North Coal Enterprise in Afghanistan*. *Iranian Economic Review*, (), -. doi: 10.22059/ier.2024.360371.1007743.

Mohammad Fidakar. (2018). "The Impact of Maternal Education on Maternal Health Seeking Behavior in Afghanistan". KDI School of Public Policy and Management.

## POLICY REPORTS

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Caflish, Fidakar, Masterson, O'Connell, Roze, Smith-Omomo (2025). *From Displacement to Resilience: Aid, Economic Recovery, and Social Cohesion in Post-War Iraq. Part 1: Baseline Findings - Individual Livelihoods Assistance*, International Organization for Migration.

## OTHER PUBLICATION

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Mohammad Fidakar. (2020). "Conflict and Development in Afghanistan". Etilaat Roz.

Mohammad Fidakar. (2015). "The Generalization of Participatory Democracy in Economics". Participatory Democracy Institute for Afghanistan.

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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Testing Threshold Criteria for Return Migration After Forced Displacement

Roy Concern: Threshold-based Migration Model

Understanding Labor Market Frictions in Displacement-Affected Communities: A Qualitative Study of Employers and Displaced Jobseekers

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Ghazni University - Ghazni, Afghanistan

*Senior Teaching Assistant (Assistant Professor)*

*Undergrad Courses: Development Theory, History of Economic Thoughts, Principle of Microeconomics, Probability and Statistics.*

Jan 2018-Aug 2021

Ghazni University - Ghazni, Afghanistan

March 2014-Dec 2016

(Lecturer)

*Undergrad Courses: Public Economics, Principle of Microeconomics, History of Economics Thoughts*

Muslim Private University - Ghazni, Afghanistan

Mar 2015-Dec 2016 & Mar 2018-May 2019

(visiting lecturer)

*Undergrad Courses: Introduction to Development Economics, SPSS, Principle of Microeconomics*

## TEACHING

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- Econ 220 Lab (Fall 2026)

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

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Emory University

- ECON 495A-1: Honors Seminar (Fall 2024)
- ECON 220: Data Science for Economists (Spring 2025)
- ECON 495A-1: Honors Seminar (Fall 2025)
- ECON 101: Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2026)
- ECON 411W-1: Money & Banking (Spring 2026)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Ghazni University, Afghanistan: *Head of Research Center*

Oct 2020 - Aug 2021

Ghazni University, Afghanistan: *Senior Teaching Assistant*

Mar 2014 - Aug 2021

Subzak High School, Afghanistan: *Mathematics Teacher (high school students)*

Mar 2008 - Mar 2009

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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BNM Library and Study Center, Afghanistan: *Cofounder and Director*

May 2015 - Aug 2021

Participatory Democracy Institute for Afghanistan, Afghanistan

Sep 2018 - Aug 2021

*Cofounder and leading member*

## AWARDS

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Laney Graduate School Scholarship and Stipend

Emory University, USA

*Full tuition scholarship, family support award, and stipend for doctoral studies (6 years)*

June, 2023

KDI School of Public Policy and Management

KDI School, Sejon, South Korea

*Full tuition scholarship and stipend for master studies*

November, 2016

Excellence Award

Muslim University - Ghazni, Afghanistan

*Lecturer excellence award*

March, 2019

Excellence Award

Balkh University - Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan

*Dean list award*

Aug, 2011

## SKILLS

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Programming: Python, R-markdown, R-Studio

Software: LATEX, Excel, MathPix, Mathcha, Lucidchart, Git, MAXQDA

## OTHER INFORMATION

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Volunteering: International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC (Mar 2018 - Aug 2021)

Language: Persian (native), English (fluent), Pashto (fluent), Spanish (learning)

Hobbies: Photography, Football, Gardening.