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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics | Development Economics

With focus on Conflict, displacement, Return Migration, and Social Cohesion

EDUCATION

Emory University - Atlant, 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

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

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

Mohammad Fidakar. (2020). “*Conflict and Development in Afghanistan*”. Etilaat Roz.

Mohammad Fidakar. (2017). “*The Strengths and Weakness of Afghanistan for Development as Veiwed by SDGs*”. KDI School of Public Policy and Management.

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

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Safety Threshold Model and Return Migration: When Do The Displaced Return? (Third-year research paper)

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ghazni University - Ghazni, Afghanistan Jan 2018-Aug 2021
Senior Teaching Assistant (Assistant Professor)
Undergraduate Courses: Development Theory, History of Economic Thoughts, Microeconomics, and Probability and Statistics.

Ghazni University - Ghazni, Afghanistan March 2014-Dec 2016
(Lecturer)
Undergraduate Courses: Public Economics, Microeconomics, Development Theory, Principles of Economics

Muslim Private University - Ghazni, Afghanistan Mar 2015-Dec 2016 & Mar 2018-May 2019
(visiting lecturer)
Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Development Economics, SPSS, History of Economic Thoughts, Microeconomics

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Emory University
• ECON 495A: Honors Seminar (*Fall 2024*)
• ECON 220: Data Science for Economists (*Spring 2025*)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ghazni University- Ghazni, Afghanistan Oct 2020 - Aug 2021
Head of Research Center

Ghazni University- Ghazni, Afghanistan Mar 2014 - Aug 2021
Senior Teaching Assistant

Subzak High School - Ghazni, Afghanistan Mar 2008 - Mar 2009
Mathematics Teacher (high school students)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Bunaser-e Mushkan Library and Study Center - Ghazni, Afghanistan May 2015 - Aug 2021
Cofounder and Director of Allama Balkhi Study Room

Participatory Democracy Institute for Afghanistan - Kabul, Afghanistan Sep 2018 - Aug 2021
Cofounder and leading member

AWARDS

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 Private University - Ghazni, Afghanistan
Lecturer excellence award March, 2019

Excellence Award Balkh University - Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan

Dean list award (known as top 2 percent students)

Aug, 2011

SKILLS

Programing: Python, R-markdown, R-Studio

Software: SPSS, STATA, LATEX, Excel, MathPix, Mathcha, Lucidchart,

OTHER INFORMATION

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

Hobbies: Photography, Football, Gardening.