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Education

- 2024(expected) Ph.D. in Economics, Georgia State University, USA
Dissertation Title: Essays in Health Economics
Committee: Michael F. Pesko, Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, James Marton, Jason Lindo
- 2015 M.S.S in Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2014 B.S.S in Economics University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research and Teaching Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Public Policy, Labor Economics

Research

Job Market Paper

1. Long-term and Multigenerational Impact of Legal Abortion in the U.S. [\[abstract\]](#)

Publications

1. "The Impact of Legal Abortion on Maternal Mortality" (with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco and Michael F. Pesko)
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy (Forthcoming) 2024 [\[link\]](#)
Earlier version released as [IZA Working Paper #15657](#)
Media coverage: [Time](#), [The Atlanta Voice](#), [Brookings](#), [Georgia State University news](#)
Other noteworthy mention: The [economists' amicus brief](#) in the Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*
2. "Marriage and Divorce During a Pandemic: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Marital Formation and Dissolution in Mexico" (with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Jose Roberto Balmori De la Miyar, and Adan Silverio-Murillo)
Review of Economics of the Household, 2023 [\[link\]](#)
3. "Brexit and Bangladesh: Implications for Trade and Market Access" (with Mustafizur Rahman and Towfiqul Islam Khan)
Journal of Bangladesh Studies, 2017 [\[link\]](#)

Book chapters

1. "SAARC Food Bank: raising operational efficacy (2019)" with Mustafizur Rahman and Estiaque Bari. In Routledge. Regional cooperation for sustainable food security in South Asia. New York: United Nations. [\[link\]](#)

Research in Progress

1. State responses to Federal Funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (with Hasan Shahid and Shyam Raman)

Research in Progress (contd.)

2. Does Higher Tax on Carbonated Drinks Impact Body Mass Index? Evidence from India (with Biplab Kumar Datta and Ishtiaque Fazlul)
3. Medical Innovation, Risky Behavior, and Fertility Decisions – the case of HAART (with Hasan Shahid)

Technical Reports and Policy Papers

1. “Rethinking Development Effectiveness: Insights from Literature Review” (2019) Southern Voice Occasional Paper 53. Dhaka: Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals with Mustafizur Rahman; part of the project ‘Rethinking the future of Development Effectiveness’ [\[link\]](#)
2. “Blended Finance in Bangladesh: A scoping paper” (2019) Southern Voice Occasional Paper 46. Dhaka: Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals with Mustafizur Rahman and Towfiqul Islam Khan [\[link\]](#)
3. “WTO Decision on TRIPS and Public Health: A Window of Opportunity for Bangladesh’s Pharmaceutical Industry” (2018) with Mustafizur Rahman. Research Report for Opportunity Fund of Think Tank Initiative (TTI-OF). Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). [\[link\]](#)
4. “BREXIT and Bangladesh: An Exploratory Study on Likely Economic Implication” (2018), CPD Working Paper 121. Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) with Mustafizur Rahman and Towfiqul Islam Khan [\[link\]](#)
5. “Operationalizing the SAARC food bank: issues and solutions” (2018), UNESCAP South and South-West Asia Development Paper 1803. New Delhi: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) South and South-West Asia Office (SSWA) with Mustafizur Rahman and Estiaque Bari [\[link\]](#)
6. SAARC Food Bank (SFB): Institutional Architecture and Issues of Operationalisation (2017), CPD Working Paper 113. Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) with Mustafizur Rahman and Estiaque Bari [\[link\]](#)

Policy Brief

7. WTO Decision on the TRIPS and Public Health: What does it imply for Bangladesh? Policy Brief 8 (2018). Dhaka: Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD). [\[link\]](#)

Op-eds and Blogs

8. Five Questions for New Metrics to Assess Development Effectiveness (2019) with Mustafizur Rahman. *Southern Voice Blog*. 7 January 2019 [\[link\]](#)
9. Going regional to tackle local food crisis (2017) with Estiaque Bari. *The Daily Star*. 16 October 2017 [\[link\]](#)

Teaching Experience

2022 Fall	Principal Instructor Principles of Microeconomics, Georgia State University
2021 Spring, 2020 Fall	Teaching Assistant Undergraduate Econometrics, for Prof. Lauren Hoehn Velasco

Professional Positions – Research Experience

2021 Summer – current	Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) to Dr. Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Department of Economics, Georgia State University (GSU)
2020 Fall – 2021 Spring	GRA to Dr. Jorge Martinez, Dept of Economics, GSU

2019 Fall – 2020 Summer Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Susan Laury, Dept of Economics, GSU
 2016 February – 2019 June Research Associate, [Centre for Policy Dialogue](#) (CPD), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Awards and Scholarships

2024 ASHEcon Diversity Scholarship
 2022, 2023, 2024 The E.D. “Jack” Dunn Fellowship
 This fellowship is awarded annually to a deserving graduate student in the Andrew Young School with academic and research interests in public finance, financial regulatory policy impact on national, regional, and local economics or public management.
 2014 Best Paper Award at the 11th South Asian Economics Students Meet (SAESM), Thimpu, Bhutan

Invited talks and Competitive Conference Presentations

*(includes scheduled, * presented by co-author)*

2024 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Conference
 2023 ASHEcon Conference, Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meetings, University of Houston Economics brown bag
 2022 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, ASHEcon, SEA Annual Meetings, Guest lecture at University of Notre Dame Health Economics class with focus on reproductive health policy.
 2021 NBER Health Economics Program Meeting*
 2017 Third Trans-Himalaya Development Forum, China
 2014, 2013 11th and 10th South Asian Economics Students Meet (SAESM)

Service to the Field

Chair, Discussant, and Panel Organizer at Conferences

2024 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Conference
 2023 ASHEcon, Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meetings
 2022 ASHEcon, SEA Annual Meetings

Skills

- Languages: Bengali and English
- Software: Stata, R, Microsoft Office Suite, LaTeX

Job Market Paper Abstract

Title: Long-run and Multigenerational Impact of Legal Abortion in the US

Abstract: Previous research has shown legalization of abortion in the U.S. during 1969-1973 led to significant improvements in the health, educational, and economic outcomes of women directly affected by this policy. In this study, I analyze how children born to these women and exposed to abortion legalization, fare in life, particularly in terms of lifecycle health. I leverage the state-level variation in changes to abortion laws predating *Roe v. Wade* as well as the changes brought about by *Roe v. Wade* and implement difference-in-difference and event study techniques on data from restricted-use administrative microdata on births and deaths in the US. I find evidence that the likelihood of cohorts conceived under legal abortion surviving improves throughout the life course, though the magnitude varies somewhat depending on age and specification. The emerging landscape of abortion policies necessitates analyzing the far-reaching implications of abortion accessibility in the U.S., and my paper contributes to this dialogue by providing causal evidence.

References

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