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### **Research and Teaching Fields**

Primary: Development Economics  
Secondary: Economics of Education, Applied Microeconometrics

### **Education**

2000-2005 D.Phil in Economics, University of Oxford  
1999-2000 MSc in Development Economics, QEH, University of Oxford  
1996-1997 MA in Economics, Dhaka University, Bangladesh  
1993-1996 BA in Economics, Aligarh Muslim University

### **Teaching Experience**

2006- Lecturer, Department of Economics, Business School, Reading University.  
2005 Lecturer, Mansfield College, Oxford University.  
1999-2006 Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka.  
1999 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Dhaka.  
1998 Lecturer, East West University (private), Dhaka.

### **Awards, Honours, and Scholarships**

2010 RETF pump priming fund, Reading University (GBP £ 2,000)  
2010 Faculty Research Output Prize, University of Reading  
2008 Faculty Research Output Prize, University of Reading  
2003-2004 South-Asian Network for Economic Research Institutes grant (US \$ 20,000)  
1999-2003 Rhodes Scholarship, Rhodes Trust, Oxford  
2002 International Achievement Summit, Dublin, Ireland, June 6-9  
1996 University Gold Medal, Aligarh Muslim University, India.  
1996 Muzammil Towle Medal, Aligarh Muslim University, India.  
1988 National Junior (Secondary School) Scholarship, Bangladesh.

## Research Experience

2005–2009	Consultant, The World Bank, South Asia Human Development.
2005–2006	Research Officer, Young Lives Project, QEH, University of Oxford.
2005–2006	Research Assistant, SKOPE, Dept. of Economics, University of Oxford.
2003–2004	Consultant, DECRG, The World Bank, Washington DC.
2003–2004	Principal Investigator, SANEI, New Delhi.
2001	Visiting researcher, CID, Harvard University.
2000	Intern, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, New York, USA.

## Professional Activities

Memberships: Royal Economic Society; European Association of Labour Economics (EALE); Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, USA.

Referee Activity: Applied Economics, Asia Pacific Education Review, Contemporary South Asia, Food Policy, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, European Journal of Development Research, International Journal of Educational Research, Journal of African Economies, Journal of International Development, Journal of Bio-social Science, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Oxford Development Studies, Prospects (UNESCO's Quarterly Review of Comparative Education), Population and Development Review, Singapore Economic Review, World Development.

## Institutional Affiliations

2007-	<i>Research Fellow</i> , Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, Germany (IZA).
2008-	Visiting researcher, SKOPE, Department of Education, Oxford University
2007	Visiting researcher, SKOPE, Department of Economics, Oxford University
2007-	<i>Associate Member</i> , European Network on the Economics of Religion.
2006-	Associate research fellow, SKOPE, Department of Economics, Oxford Univ.
2006-	Research associate, CSAE, Department of Economics, Oxford University
2006-	Research associate, QEH Centre for International Development, Oxford Univ.
2006-	Member, Centre for Institutional Performance, Reading University

## Field/Survey Experience

2009	<b>Bangladesh:</b> Responsible for a World Bank sponsored longitudinal survey of schools in rural Bangladesh.
2009	<b>Bangladesh:</b> Responsible for designing the evaluation survey to assess the impact of Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROSC).
2008	<b>Bangladesh:</b> I was responsible for designing a large-scale multi-purpose survey in Bangladesh which would facilitate future research on various socio-economic aspects of religious education in rural areas. The field work was funded by the World Bank. I am also the lead author of the study report.
2007-2008	<b>Bangladesh:</b> I was responsible for designing a large-scale multi-purpose survey in Bangladesh which would facilitate research on various socio-economic aspects

- of religious education in rural areas. The field work was funded by the World Bank.
- 2006-2008 **Pakistan:** I have spent two weeks in the Punjab province working on a World Bank sponsored survey of rural schools and households.
- 2005 **Bangladesh:** I have designed a survey on rural secondary schools in Bangladesh to assess education quality in FSSAP program area. I was also the lead author of the study report.
- 2003-2004 **Ethiopia:** I spent two months working in Addis Abba. During this time, i had extensive interactions with officials from the Ministry of Education.

## **Publications (Research Papers, Reports & Book Reviews)**

### *Journal Publications: Published and Forthcoming Papers*

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz & Chaudhury, Nazmul, 2010. "Religious Schools, Social Values, and Economic Attitudes: Evidence from Bangladesh," *World Development*, Elsevier, vol. 38(2), pages 205-217.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz & Nazmul Chaudhury, 2009. "Reverse Gender Gap in Schooling in Bangladesh: Insights from Urban and Rural Households," *The Journal of Development Studies*, vol. 45(8), pages 1360-1380.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz (forthcoming) "Intra and inter-household externality in children's education: Evidence from rural residential neighbourhoods in rural Bangladesh". *Applied Economics*.

Asadullah, M. N. & S. Rahman, 2009. "Farm productivity and efficiency in rural Bangladesh: the role of education revisited," *Applied Economics*, Taylor and Francis Journals, vol. 41(1), pages 17-33.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz & Nazmul Chaudhury, 2009. "Holy alliances: public subsidies, Islamic high schools, and female schooling in Bangladesh," *Education Economics*, Taylor and Francis Journals, vol. 17(3), pages 377-394.

Asadullah, M. Niaz, 2009. "Returns to private and public education in Bangladesh and Pakistan: A comparative analysis," *Journal of Asian Economics*, Elsevier, vol. 20(1), pages 77-86, January.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz, 2008. "Sense in sociability? Maternal education, social capital and child schooling in rural Bangladesh," *European Journal of Development Research*, Taylor and Francis Journals, vol. 20(3), pages 482-496.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz & Chaudhury, Nazmul & Dar, Amit, 2007. "Student achievement conditioned upon school selection: Religious and secular secondary school quality in Bangladesh," *Economics of Education Review*, Elsevier, vol. 26(6), pages 648-659, December.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz, 2006. "Pay differences between teachers and other occupations: Some empirical evidence from Bangladesh," *Journal of Asian Economics*, Elsevier, vol. 17(6), pages 1044-1065, December.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz, 2006. "Returns to Education in Bangladesh," *Education Economics*, Taylor and Francis Journals, vol. 14(4), pages 453-468, December.

Asadullah, Mohammad Niaz, 2005. "The effect of class size on student achievement: evidence from Bangladesh," *Applied Economics Letters*, vol. 12(4), pages 217-221, March.

#### ***Journal Publications: Book Reviews***

1. Paul Rivlin, *Economic Policy and Performance in the Arab World*.  
Book reviewed for *Development and Change*, Volume 33, no 4, September 2002.
2. Deepak Lal, *Poverty of Development Economics* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition).  
Book reviewed for *The Journal of Latin American Politics and Society*, 2002.
3. Mark Bray, *The Costs and Financing of Education: Trends and Policy Implications*.  
Book reviewed for *Asia Pacific Education Review*, Volume 5, Number 1, 2004.
4. Ali Riaz, *Faithful Education: Madrassahs in South Asia*.  
Book reviewed for *European Journal of Development Research*, Issue 2, 2010.

#### ***Book chapters***

1. Asadullah, Mohammad and Chaudhury, Nazmul (2008) *Holy Alliances: Public Subsidies, Islamic High Schools, and Female Schooling in Bangladesh* (joint with N. Chaudhury). In Mercy Tembon and Lucia Fort (eds.) *Girl's Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Gender equality, Empowerment and Growth*. World Bank: Washington, DC.
2. Asadullah, Mohammad, Chaudhury, Nazmul and Dar, Amit (2009) *Assessing the performance of madrassas in rural Bangladesh* (with N. Chaudhury) in Harry Anthony Patrinos, Quentin Wodon, Felipe Barrera-Osorio (eds.) *Emerging Evidence on Vouchers and Faith-Based Providers in Education*. World Bank: Washington, DC.

#### ***Non Refereed Publication***

"Public and Private University Education in Bangladesh: A Study on Comparative Costs" (joint with M A Tipu), *Perspectives in Social Science*, Volume 9, 1999.

### ***Published Working Papers***

1. “Social interactions and student achievement”. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper no 4508.
2. Social divisions in school participation and attainment in India: 1983-2004 (joint (with Uma Kambhampati and Lopez-Boo), *RES working paper 692, Inter-American Development Bank*.
3. “The impact of Arsenic contamination of drinking water wells on cognitive achievement of children”. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper no 4510.
4. “Madrasas and NGOs: Complements or Substitutes? Non-State Providers and Growth in Female Education in Bangladesh”. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper no 4511.
5. “Returns to Private and Public Education in Bangladesh and Pakistan: A Comparative Analysis”, QEH working paper no 167, University of Oxford.
6. “Job satisfaction and gender segregation: New evidence from matched employer-employee data” (joint with Rosa Fernandez). Royal Economic Society (RES) 2007 Annual Conference Paper.
7. “Religious schools, social values and economic attitude: Evidence from Bangladesh”, QEH working paper no 139, University of Oxford.
8. “Farm Productivity and Efficiency in Rural Bangladesh: The Role of Education Revisited”, CSAE Working Paper No. 2005/10, University of Oxford.
9. “Returns to Education in Bangladesh”, QEH Working Paper No. 130, University of Oxford.
10. “Educational Disparity in East and West Pakistan, 1947-71: Was East Pakistan Discriminated Against?”, Oxford Economic and Social History Discussion Paper no. 63, 2006.
11. “Schools, households, risk, and gender: Determinants of child schooling in Ethiopia”, CSAE working Paper no. 2006/06 (joint with L. Christiaensen & N. Chaudhury).
12. “Identifying the effect of public health program on child immunization in rural Bangladesh”, City University (London) Working Paper 2006.
13. “Pay Differences between Teachers and Other Occupations: Evidence from Bangladesh”, SKOPE Discussion Paper No. 58, University of Oxford.

### ***Other Unpublished Works***

1. "Gender Discrimination in Intra-Household Allocation of Education and Medical Expenditure: Evidence from India". MSc Thesis, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford, 2000.
2. "Governing Industrial Technology Development in the LDCs"- background report prepared for the Human Development Report 2001 (titled *Making New Technologies Work for Human Development*), UNDP, New York, USA.

### ***Work in Progress (or in planning stage)***

1. Inequality of educational opportunity in India: Changes over time and across states
2. Islamic faith schools and secular schools: Is there an efficient-equity trade-off?
3. Food price inflation and children's schooling
4. Migration and household investment in schooling
5. Learning gaps in rural Bangladesh by gender: Evidence from household surveys
6. Understanding the supply decision of non-formal faith schools
7. Poverty and subjective wellbeing in rural Bangladesh
8. Institutional quality, trust, and corruption: Empirical evidence from Bangladesh
9. Impact of Female Secondary School Stipend (FSSP), Bangladesh

### **Conference/Seminar/Workshop Presentations/Invited Talks**

- 2002** METU VI International Conference in Economics, Ankara, Turkey, September.  
17<sup>th</sup> Conference of International Association of Historians of Asia, Dhaka, December.  
Econometrics Society Southeast Asia Regional Meeting, Lahore, Pakistan, December.
- 2003** Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, January.  
Economic History Association Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, September.  
Education Research Initiative (ERI) Workshop, New Delhi, India, November.  
European Union Development Network Workshop, ZEF, University of Bonn, November.
- 2004** ASSA/AEA Meetings, San Diego, USA, January.  
Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Seminar, Oxford, February.  
Economic History Seminar, Nuffield College, Oxford, February.  
Economic History Society Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, April.  
Research seminar at QEH Centre for International Development, Oxford, June.  
Institute of Education and Development, BRAC, Bangladesh, September.  
Livestock Development Study Group Conference, University of Reading, October.
- 2005** Institute of Statistical Training and Research (ISRT), Dhaka University, February.  
Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Nottingham, March.  
Global Education Research Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, April.  
8th UKFIET International Conference on Education & Development, September.
- 2006** CSAE Seminar, Department of Economics, Oxford, February.  
Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Nottingham, April 20<sup>th</sup>.  
BASAS conference, Birkbeck College, University of London, April 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Reading University, April 25<sup>th</sup> (by invitation).  
PEGNet workshop on "Poverty reduction, equity, and growth: New issues and findings",  
The Kiel Institute for the World Economy, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Open University (UK), May 1<sup>st</sup> (by invitation).  
 The World Bank (Dhaka), July.  
 Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka, Bangladesh, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
 European Association of Labour Economics Conference, Prague, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Conference on Institutions and Development, Reading University, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Contemporary South Asia seminar, QEH, Oxford, October 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 CSAE seminar, Department of Economics, Oxford, October 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies seminar on “Economic Development in the Muslim World: Problems and Prospects” (by invitation), November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2007** Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Warwick, April 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 Department of Agricultural Economics, Reading University, June 1<sup>st</sup> (by invitation).  
 Seminar at Independent University, Bangladesh (by invitation).  
 World Bank – DFID joint regional conference on education quality in South Asia, New Delhi, October 26-28, 2007 (by invitation).  
 Cardiff University (UK), December 5<sup>th</sup> (by invitation).
- 2008** Economic Research Group (ERG), Dhaka, Bangladesh  
 Department of Economics, Reading University
- 2009** Economic Research Group (ERG), Dhaka, Bangladesh  
 Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2010** Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, Surrey, March 29<sup>th</sup>.