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EMPLOYMENT

Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Kent	October 2014 onwards
Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Kent	January 2012 to September 2014
Lecturer, Dept. Of Intl. Development, University of Oxford	September 2008 to December 2011
Post-doctoral Fellow, Dept. Of Economics, University of Namur, Belgium	August 2006 to September 2008
Research Assistant, Economic Research Div., Goldman Sachs Intl., London	June 1999 to April 2001

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (Cambridge, MA, USA), PhD in Economics, 2006
Yale University, (New Haven, CT, USA), BSc in Economics and Mathematics, 1999

RESEARCH FUNDING

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Co-Investigator (2018-22)
Study on Agricultural Insurance and Migrant Networks in Burkina Faso (Phase II)
Amount: US\$ 430,000

UK Department of International Development, Principal Investigator (2018-19)
Study on Peer Effects of Child Marriage Law
Amount: £ 17,000

UK Department of International Development, Principal Investigator (2017-18)
Study on Child Marriage Law, Gender Norms and Marriage Customs
Amount: £ 35,000

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Co-Investigator (2016-17)
Study on Agricultural Insurance and Migrant Networks in Burkina Faso (Phase I)
Amount: US\$ 75,000

Australian Agency for International Development, Principal Investigator (2013-16)
Study on Female Secondary Schooling and Gender Norms in Bangladesh
Amount: £ 380,000

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

STICERD, London School of Economics, Visiting Research Fellow	2016-2017
DfID Econ. Development and Institutions Project, Scientific Committee Member	2015-2016
UNU-WIDER Gender and Development Project, Scientific Committee Member	2015-2018
Theoretical Research in Development Economics, Research Associate	2011 to Present
Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford), Research Associate	2010 to Present
Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (Louvain), Research Associate	2006 to 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- 1) Hazianga and Wahhaj (2017), “Intra-household Resource Allocation and Familial Ties”, *Journal of Development Economics*, July 2017.
- 2) Pal and Wahhaj (2016), “Fiscal Decentralisation, Local Institutions, and Public Good Provision: Evidence from Indonesia”, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, published online.
- 3) Casini, Vandewalle and Wahhaj (2015), “Public Good Provision in Indian Rural Areas”, *World Bank Economic Review*, published online.
- 4) Platteau, Somville and Wahhaj (2014), “Elite capture through information distortion: A theoretical essay”, *Journal of Development Economics*, January 2014.
- 5) Platteau and Wahhaj (2014), “Strategic Interactions between Modern Law and Custom”, *Handbook of the Economics of Art and Culture*, edited by Ginsburgh and Throsby, Elsevier.
- 6) Baland, Somanathan and Wahhaj (2013), “Repayment Incentives and the Distribution of Gains from Group Lending”, *Journal of Development Economics*, November 2013.
- 7) Kazianga and Wahhaj (2013), “Gender, Social Norms and Household Production in Burkina Faso”, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, April 2013.
- 8) Ngo and Wahhaj (2012), “Microfinance and Gender Empowerment”, *Journal of Development Economics*, September 2012.
- 9) Aldashev, Chaara, Platteau and Wahhaj (2012), “Modern Law as a Magnet to Reform Unfair Customs”, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, July 2012.
- 10) Aldashev, Chaara, Platteau and Wahhaj (2012), “Using the Law to Change the Custom”, *Journal of Development Economics*, March 2012.
- 11) Aldashev, Platteau and Wahhaj (2011), “Legal Reform in the Presence of a Living Custom: An Economic Approach”, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, December 2011.
- 12) Wahhaj (2010), “Social Norms and Individual Savings in the Context of Informal Insurance”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, December 2010.

WORKING PAPERS

- 13) Asadullah and Wahhaj (2017), “Early Marriage, Social Networks and the Transmission of Norms”, *Global Development Institute Working Paper Series*. Revised and Resubmitted to *Economica*.
- 14) Mahmud and Wahhaj (2017), “Charitable Giving, Signalling and Microcredit”, *TbReD Working Paper Series*. Invited to Revise and Resubmit to *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.
- 15) Wahhaj (2015), “A Theory of Child Marriage”, *University of Kent Economics Discussion Paper Series*. Revised and Resubmitted to *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.