

# ABU SIDDIQUE

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## OFFICE ADDRESS

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## CURRENT POSITION & AFFILIATIONS

- Jan. 2024- :** Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway University of London (RHUL), UK.
- Sep. 2025- :** Guest Teacher, Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK.
- Jun. 2024- :** Associate Editor at Frontiers in Behavioral Economics (Health Behaviors)
- Sep. 2023- :** Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies, UK.
- Jan. 2023- :** Invited Researcher, J-PAL, USA.
- Apr. 2023- :** Research Affiliate, IZA, Germany.

## PREVIOUS

- Jan. 2022-Dec. 2023:** Assistant Professor of Economics and Policy, Department of Political Economy, King's College London (KCL), UK.
- Jan. 2019-Dec. 2021:** Postdoctoral Researcher, Professorship of Economics, Technical University of Munich (TUM), Germany.
- Jul. 2018-Jun. 2019:** Adjunct Fellow, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, Bangladesh.

## WORKING PAPERS

- Interethnic Proximity, Complementarities, and Politics in Malaysia (with *Chun Chee Kok, Gedeon Lim, Danial Shariat & Shunsuke Tsuda*). *In submission*.
- Parents in the Classroom: Strengthening Capacity to Deliver Early Childhood Education (with *Bet Caeyers, Lina Cardona-Sosa, Sarah Cattán & Sonya Krutikova*) *In submission*.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Leveraging Virtual Contact and Social Networks to Foster Interethnic Harmony (with *Michael Vlassopoulos & Yves Zenou*).  
*The Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 141(2): 1449–1519. (2026).
- Non-WEIRD Preferences (with *Smriti Sharma*).  
*Handbook of Experimental Development Economics*, edited by *Utteeyo Dasgupta and Pushkar Maitra*. Edward Elgar Publishing. (2025)
- Behavioral Consequences of Religious Schooling.  
*Journal of Development Economics*, 167, 103237. (2024).
- Market Competition and Discrimination (with *Michael Vlassopoulos & Yves Zenou*).  
*European Economic Review*, 152, 104361. (2023).
- Determinants and Dynamics of Food Insecurity During COVID-19 in Rural Bangladesh (with *Firoz Ahmed, Asad Islam, Debayan Pakrashi & Tabassum Rahman*).  
*Food Policy*, 101, 102066. (2021).
- Competitive Preferences and Ethnicity: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh (with *Michael Vlassopoulos*).  
*The Economic Journal*, 130(627), 793–821. (2020).

## RESEARCH GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

- 2026-27:** STEG Small Research Grant (£25,000) (as Co-PI).
- 2025-26:** IGC Full Research Grant (£30,000) (as Co-PI).
- 2024-25:** ARMMAN pilot grant (INR 1,200,000) (as PI)
- 2024-26:** PEDL Major Research Grant (£110,000) (as Co-PI)
- 2024-25:** UKRI International Science Partnerships Fund (£100,000) (as Co-PI)
- 2024-25:** KCL Global Engagement Fund (£5,000) (as Co-PI)
- 2023-24:** Monash Department of Economics Research Grants Scheme (AUD 40,000) (as Co-PI)
- 2022-23:** ARF grant (£5,000) (as PI)
- 2020:** Diligentia Foundation research grant (€50,000) (as PI).
- 2016-18:** ESRC Overseas Fieldwork funding (£4,750).
- 2014-2018:** ESRC DTC (1+3) Research Studentship, University of Southampton.
- 2013:** “Annual Fund Scholarship” for outstanding academic merit, QMUL.

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

- 2025:** Scientific committee, Annual Meeting of the European Association of Young Economists.
- 2024:** Scientific committee, European Economic Association Conference.
- 2019:** Scientific committee, RES Symposium of Junior Researchers (University of Warwick)
- Jan. 2018-Dec. 2018:** Research Assistant, University of Southampton  
Description: Assistant to Corrado Giuliatti & Jackie Wahba.
- Jun. 2016-Jun. 2018:** Senior Research Assistant, University of Southampton  
Description: Assistant to Corrado Giuliatti & Michael Vlassopoulos.
- Feb. 2014-May 2014:** Undergraduate Research Assistant, QMUL  
Description: Assistant to Francesca Cornaglia.
- Jan. 2013-May 2013:** Undergraduate Research Assistant, QMUL  
Description: Assistant to Guglielmo Volpe.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- Jan. 2024- :** Module Convenor, Economics, RHUL, UK  
Economics of Health (MSc). Economics Dissertation (BSc). Economics of Inequality (BSc).
- Sep. 2025- :** Guest Teacher, Economics, LSE, UK  
Economic Development Policy II: Microeconomic Analysis (MSc).
- Sep. 2022-Dec. 2023:** Module Convenor, Economics, KCL, UK  
Health Economics and Policy (MSc). Statistics for Political Science (BSc). Experimental Economics (BSc, Tutorial). Microeconomics (BSc, Tutorial).
- Jan. 2019-Dec. 2021:** Module Convenor, Economics, TUM, Germany  
Advanced Microeconomics (BSc). Methods for Evidence-Based Policy & Management (BSc)
- Jan. 2016-Dec. 2018:** Teaching Assistant, Economics, University of Southampton, UK

## EDUCATION

- Sep. 2015-Jul. 2019:** PhD Economics, University of Southampton, UK
- Sep. 2014-Sep. 2015:** MSc Economics & Econometrics, University of Southampton, UK
- Sep. 2011-Jun. 2014:** BSc (Econ) Economics, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), UK

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Bengali (native) & English. Conversational Hindi & Urdu.

## SEMINAR, CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2026:** Utrecht Seminar. RHUL Workshop on Health and Human Capital.
- 2025:** AEA Meetings; Birkbeck Seminar; Sussex Seminar; Australian National University Seminar; LISER Seminar; Queens Belfast Seminar; Oxford Seminar; LSE Seminar; Discrimination, Social Inclusion, and Development Workshop at Bicocca-Milan; CDES Workshop on Development Economics; Network Economics Workshop at Monash; Workshop on Family and Health Economics at City St George's, Leicester Seminar. Manchester Development Workshop.
- 2024:** AEA Meetings; Technical University of Munich Seminar; NOVAFRICA Seminar; 2023/24 IFS/STICERD/UCL Development WiP Seminar; Monash CDES Sustainable Development Conference; Workshop on Networks and Development; London Behavioral and Experimental Workshop; NOVAFRICA Conference; Bristol Applied Economics Meetings (Development); Interethnic Relations Workshop at RHUL; Workshop of Labour and Family Economics at York; IFPRI Seminar; TUM Experimental and Behavioral Economics Workshop; Advances with Field Experiments (AFE) at LSE; Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business at TUM; EBRD-KCL Workshop on Migration; Patras Applied Microeconomics Workshop; Behavioral Science in Action Conference - Health at Peking University; Peking University Seminar; 2024/25 IFS/STICERD/UCL Development WiP Seminar; Field Days Workshop at Tinbergen Institute; QPE Seminar at King's College London; CHES Workshop 2024; NBER Political Economy Meeting at Stanford.
- 2023:** AEA Meetings; Monash-CDES Sustainable Development Conference; IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development Economics Seminar; Royal Holloway Seminar; CEP-LSE Labour Market Seminar; BREAD/MIT Conference in Development Economics; IFS Seminar; Advances with Field Experiments-Chicago; City/Royal Holloway Workshop on Family and Health Economics; Manchester Applied Economics Seminar; City University of London Seminar; Foundations Seminar; Essex Experimental Economics Seminar; Derby Seminar.
- 2022:** Field Days 2022 Workshop (Cologne), NBER Summer Institute (Development), REBEW Workshop (Reading), Newcastle Seminar, King's College London Seminar.
- 2021:** Field Days 2021 Workshop (Cologne), Bavarian Micro Day Workshop (LMU), NEUDC 2021 (Boston), BEWIP Seminar (TUM), RWI Essen Seminar; Workshop on Conflict, Migration, and Displacement (HiCN-Goettingen); SEEDEC 2021 (NHH-Monash); IZA Workshop—Economics of Time Use and Mental Health: Stress, Sleep, Fatigue and Employment (IZA); RISE Annual Conference (Oxford); Duisburg-Essen Seminar; M-BEPS (Maastricht); Edinburgh Seminar; CEPR/LEAP Workshop in Development Economics 2021 (Bocconi); Lancaster Seminar; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint IZA & Jacobs Center Workshop: Consequences of Covid-19 for Child and Youth Development (IZA); Young Economists Meeting 2021 (Masaryk); International Conference RExCon21 on Social Preferences and Social Norms (HSE); Midwest International Economic Development Conference (Northwestern); Emerging Data and Methods in Global Health Research (Berkeley & World Bank); Mental Health Workshop (Max Planck Institute); TUM Seminar.
- 2020:** Monash Seminar; COVID-19 Related Research in Developed and Developing Countries (FIU).
- 2019:** Marburg Seminar; TUM Seminar; IFO Institute Migration Workshop; Bologna Workshop.
- 2018:** BRAC University Seminar; Rajshahi Seminar; ESA World Meetings in Berlin (Humboldt-Universität); CAGE & IAS Summer School (Warwick); Warwick PhD Conference.
- 2017:** Rajshahi Seminar; Southampton PhD Workshop; SEEDEC 2017 (UEA); IZA/Volkswagen Foundation Workshop: Preferences, Personality Traits and the Labor Market (Bologna); The Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers (Bristol); The 6th International ACCER Workshop (Duisburg-Essen).

## REFEREEING ACTIVITIES

**Journals:** American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Management Science, European Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Education Economics, IZA Journal of Development and Migration, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, PLOS One, Review of World Economics, Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health.

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