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Educational Background

Ph.D. Economics, Columbia University, 1995
B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Balliol College, University of Oxford, 1990

Relevant Experience

Research Associate, Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 1997 – Present.
Dr. Azfar has been a research associate since 1997. He conducts research, teaches courses and provides technical assistance to various international development organizations.

Lecturer, Georgetown University Fall 2005
Taught an undergraduate course on Corruption and Reform

Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 1999, 2000.
Taught undergraduate Development Economics at the University of Maryland.

Lecturer, World Bank Fall 1999
Taught Microeconomics with Policy Applications to World Bank staff.

Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh, PA, 1995 – 1997.
Taught graduate Microeconomics and led the Masters Thesis Seminar at Academia Istropolitana and Economics University in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Research Assistant, Columbia University, NY, 1993 – 1995.
Worked with Jacob Mincer on determinants of wage inequality in the United States and determinants of child mortality and fertility across countries.

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, NY, 1993 – 1995.
Teaching assistant for Macroeconomics (graduate masters level), Mathematical Methods for Economists (graduate Ph.D. level), Microeconomics (undergraduate) and Econometrics (undergraduate) at Columbia University.

Publications

Accepted and Published Books, Papers and Book Chapters

Books

Market-Augmenting Government: The Institutional Foundations for Prosperity, with Charles Cadwell, *University of Michigan Press*, 2003.

Papers in Journals

Votes are cheap but talk is free. A simple test of instrumental versus expressive reasons for voting, *co-authored with William Robert Nelson* 2004, *presented at the Economics Science Association meetings in 2003. Forthcoming in the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

Transparency, wages and the separation of powers: An experimental analysis of corruption, *co-authored with William Robert Nelson, forthcoming, Public Choice*.

Market-mobilized capital, *co-authored with Thornton Matheson, Public Choice* 2003.

Trade intensity, country size and corruption *co-authored with Steve Knack, Economics of Governance, February* 2003.

The natural advantage of dictatorship over democracy: A “Gresham’s Law” of Governance *co-authored with Martin McGuire, International Tax and Public Finance* August 2002.

Profit sharing, employment stability and wage growth, *co-authored with Stephan Danninger, April* 2001, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*.

Gender and corruption, *co-authored with Steve Knack, Young Lee and Anand Swamy, February* 2001, *Journal of Development Economics*.

The causes and consequences of corruption, *co-authored with Young Lee and Anand Swamy, February* 2001, *Annals of the American Association of the Advancement of Political and Social Science*.

Innovation in labor contracts: On the adoption of profit sharing in Canadian labor contracts, *Industrial Relations, March* 2000.

Rationalizing hyperbolic discounting, *The Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, February* 1999.

Book chapters

Market Augmenting Government: How, why and when states support markets, *co-authored with Charles Cadwell, in Market Augmenting Government: The Institutional Foundations for Prosperity, Azfar and Cadwell eds., Michigan University press, 2003..*

Corruption and the delivery of health and education services, *Pervasive Corruption: Strategies for Prevention in Developing and Transitional Countries, Bertram Spector ed., Kumarian Press 2004.*

Decentralization in Uganda, *co-authored with Jeffrey Livingston and Patrick Meagher forthcoming in Decentralization and Development, Pranab Bardhan and Dilip Mookherjee eds., forthcoming, MIT Press 2006*

The impact of decentralization on governance, *co-authored with Satu Kähkönen, Anthony Lanyi, Patrick Meagher, and Diana Rutherford, forthcoming in "Improving Governance and Controlling Corruption" Daniel Kaufmann, Maria Gonzalez de Asis and Phyllis Dininio, eds., The World Bank.*

Political disciplines on local government: evidence from the Philippines, *co-authored with Tugrul Gurgur and Patrick Meagher, in "Devolution and Development, Governance Prospects in Decentralizing States", Mwangi S. Kimenyi and Patrick Meagher eds., UK Ashgate, 2004.*

Corruption, *The Encyclopedia of Public Choice, Charles Rowley and Friedrich Schneider eds., Kluwer Academic, 2004.*

The logic of collective action, *Elgar Handbook on Public Choice, William Shughart and Laura Razzolini eds., 2001.*

Reviews, Comments and Research Summaries

The failure of governance and the dominion of markets: Comments on McGuire, in *Azfar and Cadwell eds. Market Augmenting Government: The Institutional Foundations of Prosperity, University of Michigan Press, 2003.*

A review of "International environmental economics", *Public Choice, 2004.*

Gender and corruption, *co-authored with Steve Knack, Transparency International Global Corruption Report, 2003*

Transparency, wages and the separation of powers: An experimental analysis of the causes of corruption, *co-authored with William Robert Nelson, Transparency International Global Corruption Report, 2004.*

Corruption and crime, *Transparency International Global Corruption Report*, 2005.

Local-level corruption undermines health service delivery in the Philippines *forthcoming Transparency International Global Corruption Report*, 2006, co-authored with Tugrul Gurgur.

Papers under Review

Identifying reticent respondents: Assessing the quality of survey data on corruption and values, with Peter Murrell, *in progress*, presented at the *Economics Science Association meetings*, 2005.

Retirement, human capital and the value of life span extension. *Presented at the European Economic Association Meetings in 1997.*

Does corruption delay trade reform? co-authored with Young Lee, *Presented at Public Choice meetings, San Diego 2001.*

Does corruption effect health and education outcomes in the Philippines? co-authored with Tugrul Gurgur presented at the *NEUDC meetings in 2002.*

Which incentives work? An experimental analysis of trainers in the Philippines, co-authored with Clifford Zinnes, 2004, *Presented at the Economics Science Association meetings 2004.*

Women's political representation and the quality of governance, co-authored with Steve Knack 2003.

Government effectiveness and homicides 2004. *Paper presented at the Eastern Economic Association meeting in 2005*

Work in Progress

"Trade" among agents and the linearity of incentives. *Presented at the Atlantic Economic Association Meetings in 1997.*

On the difficulty of profit maximization: Project selection with unknown agents, with Malgosia Madajewicz *in progress.*

Corruption and human trafficking, *joint with Young Lee, 2004*

Objective proxies for governance, *joint with Steve Knack, 2004*

Social capital, governance and growth: results from a Cross-Country Panel Dataset on Six Dimensions of Social Capital, *joint with Robert Subrik, 2004.*

The New Institutional Economics Approach to Economic Development: An Analytical Primer, *2004.*

Designing and Testing Culturally Compatible Reforms, A TCAR application to Financial Obstacles of Philippine SMEs, *with Clifford Zinnes 2004.*

Competitive Grants and Contracts Received

Teaching Microeconomics with Policy Applications, World Bank, \$209,000

Decentralization, corruption and governance, World Bank, Dutch Trust Fund, \$500,000

Research Paper on gender and corruption, World Bank \$ 5,000

Review article on corruption and service delivery, USAID \$34,000

Analysis of human and social capital in the post-communist countries, USAID, \$68,000

Developing Objective Governance Indicators, World Bank \$75,000

Developing Poverty Assessment Tools, USAID, \$1,300,000

Institutions and poverty reduction, World Bank, \$25,000

Randomized evaluation of participation across local governments in Russia, World Bank, \$24,000

Books, Papers and Grants Reviewed

Grants reviewed: EAGER (Equity and Growth Through Economic Research, USAID grants for research on Africa). USAID-CERGE-EI Grants for economics research in East Europe.

Papers Reviewed: The World Bank's Social Capital Initiative

Book Reviewed: Issues in Pakistan's Economy, by Akbar Zaidi. *Oxford University Press 1998.*

Journals Reviewed: American Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Economica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of

African Economics, Journal of International and Development Economics, Journal of Management Studies, Social Science Quarterly.

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Birthday: November 19, 1968,

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