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EDUCATION

- THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** **Chicago, IL**
Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, August 2020
Dissertation: *Empire, Law, and Order Making after the Abolition of Slavery: Three Laboring Figures in India*
Special Fields: Empire and Social Change, Global Slavery and Abolition, Historical Sociology
Master of Arts, Sociology, 2015
- MACALESTER COLLEGE** **Saint Paul, MN**
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies and Political Science, 2010
Graduated magna cum laude
- UNIVERSITY OF MAASTRICHT** **Maastricht, The Netherlands**
Study Abroad, Globalization in Comparative Perspective Program, 2009

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

- THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, HASTINGS COLLEGE OF LAW** **San Francisco, CA**
Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford University
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, May 2022-date
- THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW AUSTIN** **Austin, TX**
Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice
Postdoctoral Fellow, August 2020-June 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Khan, Mishal. "Abolition as a Racial Project: Erasures and Racializations on the Borders of British India." *Political Power and Social Theory* 38 (2021): 77-104.
Winner of 2021 Best Scholarly Article Award, Global and Transnational Sociology Section at the American Sociological Association.

Khan, Mishal. "After the Railways are Built: *Makrani* Labor and Illegible Claims to Land and Belonging in Sindh." *Journal of Sindh Studies* 3, no.1 (February 2023): 1-27.

Chapters and Essays

- Khan, Mishal. "The Indebted Among the "Free": Producing Indian Labor through the Layers of Racial Capitalism." In *Histories of Racial Capitalism*, edited by Destin Jenkins and Justin LeRoy. New York: Columbia University Press, 2021.
- Khan, Mishal. "Imperial Anti-Trafficking: Producing Racialized Knowledge Regimes over the Longue Durée." In *White Supremacy, Racism, and the Coloniality of Anti-Trafficking*, edited by Kamala Kempadoo and Elena Shih. Routledge, 2022.
- Baber, Zahra R. and Mishal Khan. "The Paradox of Technical Education and the Pakistani Migrant in the Gulf." In *The Gospel of Work and Money: Global Histories of Industrial Education*, edited by Karine Walther and Oliver Charbonneau (Under Review).

Book Reviews and Smaller Pieces

Khan, Mishal. Review of "Combatting Modern Slavery: Why Labour Governance is Failing and what we can do about it." By Genevieve LeBaron. *American Journal of Sociology* 126, no. 3 (November 2020): 739-41.

Khan, Mishal. Review of "Indentured Servitude: Unfree Labour and Citizenship in the British Colonies." By Anna Suranyi. *American Historical Review* 127, no. 3 (September 2022): 1567-1568.

Khan, Mishal. "Foreword." Translation from Sindhi to Urdu of *Ghulami Ain Azadi* (From Slavery to Freedom) by Muhammad Siddiq Mussafir. Karachi: Kitaab Publishers, 2021.

Manuscripts in Progress

Khan, Mishal, *Afterlives of Abolition: Rethinking Slavery, Labor, and Freedom in British India and Beyond*, Book manuscript.

Khan, Mishal. "How to Extract "Labor" from the Colony: Fictions of Governance in British India." (In progress).

Gazdar, Haris and Mishal Khan. "Kinship Groups and Marginalization: Thematic Trends Across Pakistan." *Collective for Social Science Research* (ongoing).

Blogs, Op-Eds, and Public Engagement

World Business Report Segment on the Great Resignation, [BBC World Radio](#), December 3rd 2021

Great Resignation Segment, [WCPT 820 Radio](#), December 2nd 2021

Behind the "Great Resignation" Television Segment, [WTTW Chicago Live](#), November 15th 2021

Khan, Mishal, "Is the Great Resignation a Global Opportunity or a Siren Song?" [Chicago Tribune](#), October 25th 2021

Khan, Mishal, "Can you 'see' slavery? Black Skins, Brown Skins, and the Price of In/visibility in Colonial India." [OpenDemocracy, Beyond Trafficking and Slavery](#), November 11, 2019.

Khan, Mishal, "'Slaves" and 'Bondsmen' after Abolition." [Collective for Social Science Research Blog](#), July, 2018.

TEACHING

- 2020 **Inequality, Labor, and Human Rights: The Future of Work in the Age of Pandemic (Co-teacher)**, University of Texas School of Law at Austin.
- 2018 **Reading Cultures Teaching and Writing Assistant**, Humanities Core, University of Chicago.
- 2017 **Human Being and Citizen Teaching and Writing Assistant**, Humanities Core, University of Chicago.
- 2017 **Writing for Research Seminar Leader**, Summer Session with Undergraduate Mellon Fellows, University of Chicago.
- 2016 **Human Rights and World Civilizations Intern**, Civilizations Core, University of Chicago.
- 2016 **Political Sociology Teaching Assistant**, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.
- 2015 **Urban Policy Teaching Assistant**, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.

INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 **Seminar on Comparative-Historical Methods with Erik Larson**, Department of Sociology, Macalester College, invited to speak to seminar on transnational sociology and methods.
- 2022 **Histories of Race and Capitalism Workshop**, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Invited speaker.
- 2022 **Whiteness in South Asia Conference**, Habib University Pakistan, Invited speaker.
- 2022 **Comparative Historical Analysis and Theory (CHAT)**, Flash Panel on the Global Historical Sociology of Race and Racism, speaker.
- 2021 **Seminar on Slavery & South Asian history with Indrani Chatterjee**, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, invited to speak to seminar on slavery and abolition in India.
- 2021 **Seminar on Empire and Resistance in the Caribbean with Westenley Alcenat**, Department of African American Studies, Princeton University, invited to speak to seminar on session on Indian indenture.

- 2021 **Politics, History, and Society**, Department of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin, "The Colonial Origins of Global Labor Governance Regimes," invited speaker.
- 2020 **South Asian Legal Studies Workshop**, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin, invited respondent.
- 2020 **South Asia Institute**, Seminar Series, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas: "Neither 'Slaves' nor 'Unfree' Labor - Thinking through Abolition in India over the Longue-Durée," invited speaker.
- 2018 **Sindh Archives**, Karachi, Pakistan: "The Role of Archives in Research," invited speaker.
- 2018 **Collective for Social Science Research**, Karachi, Pakistan: "Bonded Labour, Slavery, and the Legal Labour Regime in Sindh," invited presenter.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

- "How to Extract "Labor" from the Colony: Fictions of Governance in British India," panelist, Politics across Time and Space, CHS Paper Session, *American Sociological Association*, August 7th, 2022.
- "The Familiar and the Unfamiliar: The Underpinnings of Imperial Labor Regulation in India and Beyond (1860-1930)" Empire, Sovereignty, and labor in the Age of Global Abolition, *The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania*, February 26th, 2021.
- "Bonded labor is not a 'Labor' issue": Understanding "Modern Slavery" through the Il/Logics of Colonial Labor Regulation in India," panelist, The Business of Human Rights session, *Law and Society Annual Meeting*, May 30th, 2020.
- "Race Making and Making States on the Borders of British India," Race and Capitalism Defined Graduate Symposium, *Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, The University of Chicago*, February 28th, 2020.
- "Neither Slave, nor (Forced) Laborer: Residual Categories of Non-Intervention at the League and the ILO," panelist, Labor and Foreign Policy Session, *Annual Social Science History Association Conference*, November 21st, 2019.
- "Colonial Law and Imperial Order Making: Defining Free and Unfree Labour in Sindh after Abolition," British International Studies Association, Historical Sociology and International Relations Annual Workshop, *University of Sussex*, United Kingdom, November 2019.
- "The Hari Movement in Sindh: Anatomy, Failure, and Legacy," panelist, Caste & Capital Redux: Hierarchies of Labor & Property in South Asia session, *South Asian Studies Annual Conference in Madison*, October 2019.
- "After Abolition in India: Defining "Unfree" Labour under the Law in Colonial Sindh (1843-1930)," *South Asia Legal Studies Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School*, presenter, October 2018.
- "Diverse Mindscapes and Imperial Networks: Examining Islamic Notions of Time," panel member, *Ways of Knowing, Graduate Conference on Science and Religion, Harvard University*, November 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTION)

- 2022 Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University
Residential Fellowship awarded but unable to take up due to COVID-19 related delays in immigration documents
- 2019 Social Science Division Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago
Awarded fellowship for final year of dissertation writing
- 2019 Committee for Southern Asian Studies, Dissertation Write-up Fellowship, University of Chicago
Fellowship to support dissertation writing during winter, spring, and summer quarters
- 2018 Nicholson Center for British Studies, Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Chicago
Fellowship for dissertation research in the India Office Records at the British Library
- 2018 Center for International Social Science Research, Lloyd and Suzanne Rudolph Field Research Award,
Dissertation fieldwork grant for research in Sindh, Pakistan on colonial records related to labor and slavery
- 2018 American Institute for Pakistan Studies, Short-term Research Grant
Award to collect legal materials on cases related to slavery in Karachi, Pakistan.

- 2017 Pozen Center for Human Rights, PhD Research Grant, University of Chicago
Award for research with a human rights emphasis, conducted in the India Office Records at the British Library
- 2016 Graduate Global Impact Internship Award, University of Chicago
Award to explore the professional applications of doctoral research at the University of Chicago Press
- 2010 Dorothy Dodge Women in Political Science Scholar, Macalester College
Endowed scholarship for achievement in political science awarded during senior year
- 2006 Kofi Annan International Scholar, Macalester College '06 – '10
Merit based tuition scholarship awarded to international students

WORK/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (SELECTION)

VERITÉ, INC, 2020 & 2021

Amherst, MA

Research Intern and Consultant

Consulted for US Department of Labor funded Supply Chain Traceability project focusing on labor issues
Researched India's apparel supply chain exploring the social context and effects of liberalization policies

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS, 2015-2016

Chicago, IL

Acquisitions Assistant

Assisted editor with daily tasks, proofread draft materials, evaluated the market for out of print books
Successfully researched and submitted application for grant opportunities for new 'Silk Roads' book series

COLLECTIVE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH, 2011-2012

Karachi, Pakistan

Research Analyst

Examined colonial policies and cultural norms enabling servitude, attached, and bonded labor regimes
Report editing and writing, questionnaire design, summarizing fieldnotes, and final data analysis

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION 2011

Washington, DC

Research Intern

Research support for *Shooting for a Century* (2013) manuscript on Indo-Pak relations by Dr. Stephen Cohen

APPOINTMENTS AND SERVICE

Theories and Practices of Racial Capitalism Mini-Conference Co-convener, SASE (2022-2023)
Barrington Moore Book Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association (2022-2023)
GATS Best Scholarly Article Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association (2022-2023)
Comparative Historical Sociology ASA Section Annual Mini-Conference Organizing Committee (2021-2022)
South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin, Faculty Affiliate (2020-2021)
University of Sydney, Laureate Program in International History, Research Affiliate, Sydney, Australia (2019)
Habib University, Visiting Scholar, Karachi, Pakistan (2018)
Collective for Social Science Research, Visiting Researcher, Karachi, Pakistan (2018)
Professional Association Membership: American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, South Asian Studies Association, Law and Society Association, American Political Science Association, American Institute for Pakistan Studies

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English (native), Urdu (native), Persian (basic)