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CURRENT POSITION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW AUSTIN
Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice
Postdoctoral Fellow, August 2020

Austin, TX

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Doctor of Philosophy, August 2020

Chicago, IL

Dissertation: *Empire, Law, and Order Making after the Abolition of Slavery: Three Laboring Figures in India*
Special Fields: Empire and Social Change, Labor and Slavery, Global and Transnational Sociology
Master of Arts, Sociology, 2015

MACALESTER COLLEGE

Saint Paul, MN

Bachelor of Arts, May 2010
International Studies and Political Science, May 2010
Graduated magna cum laude

UNIVERSITY OF MAASTRICHT

Maastricht, The Netherlands

Study Abroad, Globalization in Comparative Perspective Program, 2009

AWARDS (SELECTED)

- 2019 Social Science Division Dissertation Completion Fellowship, '19– '20
Awarded fellowship for final year of dissertation writing
- 2019 Committee for Southern Asian Studies, Dissertation Write-up Fellowship
Fellowship to support dissertation writing during winter, spring, and summer quarters
- 2018 Nicholson Center for British Studies, Graduate Research Fellowship
Fellowship for Dissertation Research in the India Office Records at the British Library
- 2018 American Institute for Pakistan Studies, Conference Travel Grant
Awarded travel grant to promote research about Pakistan at the annual Social Science History Association
- 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 Overseas Dissertation Research Grant
Awarded grant for dissertation research to be carried out in Pakistan by the Social Sciences Division
- 2018 Charles R. Henderson Fund, Dissertation Research Grant
Dissertation grant for collecting vernacular writings by Sindhi intellectuals, activists, and religious scholars
- 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
Award for research with a human rights emphasis, conducted in the India Office Records at the British Library
- 2016 Graduate Global Impact Internship Award
Award to explore the professional applications of doctoral research at the University of Chicago Press

- 2013 Social Science Doctoral Fellowship, '13 – '18
Tuition and stipend support for graduate students in Sociology
- 2010 Dorothy Dodge Women in Political Science Scholar
Endowed scholarship for achievement in political science awarded during senior year
- 2006 Kofi Annan International Scholar, '06 – '10
Merit based tuition scholarship awarded to international students

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 **South Asian Legal Studies Workshop**, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin: Invited to comment on workshop paper.
- 2020 **South Asia Institute**, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas: Seminar Series, "Neither 'Slaves' nor 'Unfree' Labor - Thinking through Abolition in India over the Longue-Durée."
- 2020 **Law and Society Annual Meeting**, Denver, Colorado: 'The Business of Human Rights,' panel member.
- 2020 **Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture**, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois: 'Race, Capitalism, and the International,' panel member.
- 2019 **Theory and Practice in South Asia (TAPSA)**, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois: "Neither 'Slaves' nor 'Unfree Labor:' The Hari Movement and the Failure of Language and Analogy."
- 2019 **Social Science History Association Annual Conference**, Chicago, Illinois: 'Race and Power in Transoceanic Circuits,' panel member.
- 2019 **Social Science History Association Annual Conference**, Chicago, Illinois: 'Labor and Foreign Policy,' panel member.
- 2019 **South Asian Studies Annual Conference, Madison, Wisconsin**: 'Caste & Capital Redux: Hierarchies of Labor & Property in South Asia,' panel member.
- 2018 **Sindh Archives**, Karachi, Pakistan: 'The role of Archives in Research,' invited speaker.
- 2018 **Historical Sociology and International Relations Annual Workshop**, University of Sussex, United Kingdom: Presenter and Participant with support from the British International Studies Association.
- 2018 **Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference**, San Antonio, Texas: 'Religious Minorities, Race, and Identity,' panel member.
- 2018 **Social Science History Association Annual Conference**, Phoenix, Arizona: 'Imperial Constructs and Difference: Contestations and Durabilities,' panel member.
- 2018 **Annual South Asian Studies Conference**, Madison, Wisconsin: 'Technology, Subversion, and the Colonial Experience,' panel member.
- 2018 **South Asia Legal Studies Workshop**, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin: 'Defining "Unfree" Labor Under the Law in Colonial India,' presenter and participant.
- 2016 **Ways of Knowing**, Graduate Conference on Science and Religion, Harvard University: 'Diverse Mindscapes and Imperial Networks: Examining Islamic Notions of Time,' panel member.
- 2015 **Spring Institute**, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL: International Sociology Panel, moderator.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS/IN PRINT

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).

Khan, Mishal. “The Indebted amongst the “Free”: Empire, Indian Labor, and 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. “The Long Shadow of Colonial Anti-Trafficking: Blackness and the Imprint of “Freedom” in India.” In *The Race and Racism of Anti-Trafficking*, edited by Kamala Kempadoo and Elena Shih. London: Routledge (Forthcoming 2021).

Khan, Mishal. “Abolition as a Racial Project: Erasures and Racializations on the Borders of British India.” *Political Power and Social Theory* (Forthcoming 2021).

Khan, Mishal et al. “Between the UAE and Pakistan – Migrant Construction Workers Walk a Tightrope during COVID-19: A Snapshot.” *The Persistence of Inequality: ‘Essential’ Work and COVID-19 Project*, July 2020.
https://law.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2020/11/Pak_Construction_Website-1.pdf.

Khan, Mishal. “Can you ‘see’ slavery? Black skins, brown skins, and the price of in/visibility in colonial India.” *OpenDemocracy, Beyond Slavery and Trafficking*, November 11, 2019.
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/beyond-trafficking-and-slavery/can-you-see-slavery-black-skins-brown-skins-and-the-price-of-invisibility-in-colonial-india/>.

Khan, Mishal. “No. 82: Submission to the NSW Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues.” *Inquiry into Modern Slavery Act (NSW)*, October 4, 2019.
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/submissions/66175/0082%20Ms%20Mishal%20Khan.pdf>.

Khan, Mishal, ““Slaves” and ‘Bondsmen’ after Abolition.” *Collective for Social Science Research Blog* July, 2018.
<http://researchcollective.blogspot.com/2018/07/slaves-and-bondsmen-after-abolition.html>.

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

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.

WORK/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (SELECTION)

RAPOPORT CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE, 2020

Austin, TX

Postdoctoral Fellow

Coordinate Pop-Up Institute on the “Future of Work” exploring historical and emerging global labor issues
Created public facing resource exhibiting research project on COVID-19 ‘hotspots’ across different industries
Work with co-directors to plan and strategize high-level events, research projects, and grant applications
Manage interns and law fellows, handle center outreach, facilitate and edit beyond inequality book project

VERITÉ, INC, 2020

Amherst, MA

Research Intern

Worked with monitoring and evaluation team to compile metrics for measuring organizational impact
Reviewed social auditing, consulting, and training programs focusing on human rights and labor
Researched global ethical recruitment initiatives and analyzed worker empowerment programs

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
Worked with acquiring editor on peer review process for potential manuscripts in Anthropology
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

Researched processes of caste, kinship and ethnicity based social exclusion in rural areas in Pakistan
Compiled evaluations of United Nations and governmental development programs in marginalized areas

JINNAH INSTITUTE, 2011

Karachi, Pakistan

Policy Research Assistant

Collected and analyzed newspaper coverage on religious extremism, wrote on violence against women
Edited content to be circulated among international stakeholders, prepared final annual report

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, 2011

Washington, DC

Research Intern

Research support for *Shooting for a Century* (2013) manuscript on Indo-Pak relations by Dr. Stephen Cohen
Researched South Asian informal trade networks and cross-border disputes over Indus water
Analyzed polls, media, and ethnographic accounts on Indian and Pakistani perceptions of each other

PAULSON & NACE, PLLC 2010-2011

Washington, DC

Paralegal

Liaised with witnesses, clients, court reporters and defense counsel to set up depositions and meetings
Edited briefs and pleadings, managed calendar, answered interrogatories and prepared trial exhibits

PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION

Association Membership:

American Sociological Association
Social Science History Association
British International Studies Association
South Asian Studies Association
American Historical Association
Law and Society Association

Affiliations:

South Asia Institute at University of Texas at Austin, Faculty Affiliate (2020-date)
University of Sydney, Department of History, Research Affiliate, Sydney, Australia (2019)
Habib University, Visiting Scholar, Karachi, Pakistan, (2018)
Collective for Social Science Research, Visiting Researcher, Karachi, Pakistan, (2018)

INTERNSHIPS/VOLUNTEERING

World Federalist Movement, New York (2010) | Legal Aid Society Of Minneapolis (2009) | International Institute of Minnesota (2008) | AID/WATCH Australia (2007) | SPARC, Children Rights in Pakistan (2007)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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