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EDUCATION

2014-2020 University of Massachusetts Amherst
PhD Political Science (expected May 2020)

Dissertation: “Precarious Pipes: Governance, Informality, and the Politics of Access in Karachi”

Committee: Regine Spector (chair), Timothy Pachirat (political science), Lisa Björkman (public and urban affairs, University of Louisville)

Fields: Comparative Politics (with distinction), Contemporary Theory (with distinction)

2012 London School of Economics and Political Science
MSc Political Theory

2011 University of Edinburgh
MA (Hons.) Economics

RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALIZATION

Comparative Politics

South Asian Politics

Political Economy of Development

State-society Relations

Comparative Urbanization

Urban Planning and Governance

Politics of Urban Water

Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2019. “Politics of Neutrality: Urban Knowledge Practices and Everyday Formalisation in Karachi’s Waterscape”. *Urban Studies*, October <https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098019872703>

In Progress

“Governing Scarcity: From Postcolonial Planning to Urban Crisis” under review at *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*

“A Persistent Ideal: Voting and the Promise of Infrastructure” for *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (January 2020 submission)

“Hydraulic Labors: Uncertainty, Scarcity and Gendering Access” for *Gender and Development* (March 2020 submission)

“Non-Payment Politics: Financial Citizenship and the Politicization of Water” for *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (May 2020 submission)

Book Reviews

2017. Anand, N. (2017) Hydraulic City: Water and the Infrastructures of Citizenship in Mumbai. *Urban Studies*, 54 (2), pp. 2910-2912

Public-Facing Research

Farooqui, Usmaan M. “The journey from piped water to piped dream” *Daily Times*, July 2018.
<https://dailytimes.com.pk/writer/usmaan-m-farooqui/>

Farooqui, Usmaan M. “Where is the water crisis?” *London School of Economics Blog*, June 8th, 2017
<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/internationaldevelopment/2017/04/24/where-is-the-water-crisis/>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

2019-2020 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$38,000)
2019 American Institute of Pakistan Studies Travel Award (\$600)
2018 American Institute of Pakistan Studies Research Grant (\$3,000)

Internal

2019 UMass Department of Political Science Travel Award (\$300)
2018 UMass Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant (\$2,500)
2018 UMass Department of Political Science Travel Award (\$300)
2017 UMass Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$2,500)
2017 UMass Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant (\$2,500)

PRESENTATIONS

2019 “The Neutral State: Political Performances and Knowledge Practices in Karachi’s Waterscape” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April

2018 “The Water Phenomenon: Global Epistemes of Water Management.” *International Studies Association*, San Francisco, April

2017 “Piped Dream: Water and the Infrastructure of Access in Karachi” *Political Economy Working Group*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, September

TEACHING

Teaching Associate, University of Massachusetts Amherst

- 2018 Government and Politics of South Asian (Fall)
2017 Corporate Lobbying in the Global Economy (Spring)

Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst

- 2019 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring)
2018 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring)
2017 Comparative Political Economy (Fall)
2016 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall)
2015 International Political Economy (Fall)

LANGUAGES

- Urdu: native reading and spoken
Hindi: native spoken
Sindhi: advanced spoken

FIELDWORK

- 2018 Karachi, Pakistan (May – August)
2017 Karachi, Pakistan (December)
2017 Karachi, Pakistan: (June – July)
2016 Karachi, Pakistan: (December)

APPLICATIONS

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UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019 – Present Referee for *Urban Studies*
2019 Panel discussant “Navigating U.S. Culture”, UMass Graduate School Orientation
2019 Panel discussant “Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship”, UMass Graduate School
2016 – 2017 Graduate peer mentor, UMass Department of Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – 2014 Sub-editor: *The Express Tribune* (Karachi, Pakistan)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

REFERENCES

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