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Citizenship: Pakistan

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Fields: Comparative Politics, Contemporary Political Theory 2014 – 2020 (expected)

Dissertation: "Precarious Pipes: Governance, Informality and the Politics of Access in Karachi, Pakistan"

M.Sc. Political Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science 2012

MA (Hons.) Economics and Business Studies, University of Edinburgh 2011

Research Specialization

Comparative Politics, South Asian Politics, Urban Politics, Urban Infrastructure and Planning,

Scholarship

Working Papers

"Politics of Neutrality: Urban Knowledge Practices and Everyday Formalization in Karachi's Waterscape", revise and resubmit with *Urban Studies*

"A Persistent Ideal: Popular Politics and the Promise of Infrastructure", in progress.

Book Reviews

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

Public-facing Publications

Blogs

"Where is the Water Crisis?" *London School of Economics International Development Blog* April 2017.
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/internationaldevelopment/2017/04/24/where-is-the-water-crisis/>

Journalism

"The Journey from Piped Water to Piped Dream" *Daily Times*, July 2018.
<https://dailytimes.com.pk/writer/usmaan-m-farooqui/>

Grants and Awards

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship American Council for Learned Societies (\$38,000)	2019-2020
Travel Award (\$600) American Institute of Pakistan Studies	Spring 2019
Travel Award (\$300) Department of Political Science University of Massachusetts Amherst	Fall 2018
Short-term Research Grant (\$3,000) American Institute of Pakistan Studies	Spring 2018
Summer Research and Writing Grant (\$2,500) Department of Political Science University of Massachusetts Amherst	Spring 2018
Travel Award (\$300) Department of Political Science University of Massachusetts Amherst	Spring 2018
Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$2,500) University of Massachusetts Amherst	Fall 2017
Summer Research and Writing Grant (\$2,500) Department of Political Science University of Massachusetts Amherst	Spring 2017
Department Distinction, Contemporary Social and Political Thought University of Massachusetts Amherst	Spring 2017
Department Distinction, Comparative Politics Comprehensive Exam, University of Massachusetts Amherst	Fall 2016

Conferences and Paper Presentations

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

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

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

Research Skills and Experience

Languages: Urdu (native), Hindi (native), Sindhi (fluent)

Fieldwork: Pakistan

Applications: Nvivo and mapping in R

Methods Training: Qualitative Research Methods, Political Ethnography

Selected Teaching University of Massachusetts Amherst

Teaching Associate, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Government and Politics of South Asian (POLISCI 391)

Fall 2018

Corporate Lobbying in the Global Economy (POLISCI 388)

Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLISCI 111)

Spring 2019

Spring 2018

Fall 2016

Professional Affiliations

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

References

Regine Spector, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Timothy Pachirat, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Lisa Björkman, Assistant Professor of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Louisville