

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Chicago
PhD Department of History, 1994
Dissertation: *Muslim Nationalism: Founding Identity in Colonial India*

MA Department of History, 1987

University of California at Berkeley
Visiting Scholar at the Department of History, 1988

University of British Columbia
BA (Double Honors) Departments of Anthropology and History, 1986

Positions Held

Associate Professor of History, The New School, 2006-9

Assistant Professor of History, The New School, 2005-6

Singh Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, Yale University, 2003-5

Head of Graduate Studies, Institute of Ismaili Studies, 1999-2003

Lecturer and Research Associate, Institute of Ismaili Studies, 1997-9

Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, University of Chicago, 1996-7

Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University, 1993-6

Books

Muslim Zion: Jinnah and the Making of Pakistan, work in progress under contract to Hurst and Co. and scheduled to appear in 2010

The Terrorist in Search of Humanity: Militant Islam and Global Politics, Hurst and Co. and Columbia University Press, 2008

Landscapes of the Jihad: Militancy, Morality, Modernity, Hurst and Co. and Cornell University Press, 2005
Spanish translation by Edicions Bellaterra, Barcelona, 2007

Scholarly articles

“The Mountain Comes to Muhammad: Global Islam in Provincial Europe”, in Chris Rumford (ed.), *The Sage Handbook of European Studies*, 2008 (forthcoming)

“The Human Factor”, in Bruce Kapferer (ed.), *Vital Matters*, Berghahn Books, 2008 (forthcoming)

“Illiberal Islam”, in Saurabh Dube (ed.), *Enchantments of Modernity*, Routledge, 2008

“The ‘Arab’ in Global Militancy”, in Madawi al-Rasheed (ed.), *Kingdom Without Borders: Saudi Expansion in the World*, Hurst and Co., 2008

“Red Mosque”, *Public Culture*, vol. 20 no. 1, winter 2008

“A Demilitarised War”, *Soundings*, issue 36, “Politics and Markets”, summer 2007

“The Minority as Political Form”, in Dipesh Chakrabarty, Rochona Majumdar and Andrew Sartori (eds.), *From the Colonial to the Postcolonial: South Asia in Transition*, Oxford University Press, 2007

“Apologetic Modernity”, *Modern Intellectual History*, vol. 4, no. 1, April 2007

“Comments on Rajeev Bhargava’s ‘The Distinctiveness of Indian Secularism’”, in T.N. Srinivasan (ed.), *The Future of Secularism*, Oxford University Press, 2007

“A Shadow Nation: The Making of Muslim India”, in Kevin Grant, Philippa Levine and Frank Trentmann (eds.), *Beyond Sovereignty: Britain, Empire and Transnationalism, 1860-1950*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007

Review of D. Reetz, *Islam in the Public Sphere* and Y. Sikand, *The Origins and Development of the Tablighi Jamaat*, in *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, vol. 44, no. 4, 2007

“Global War on Terror as De-Militarization”, *ISIM Review*, issue 18, autumn 2006

Reprinted in *Current*, no. 493, June 2007

“Portrait of a Remarkable Community”, review of Mark-Anthony Falzon’s *Cosmopolitan Connections: The Sindhi Diaspora, 1860-2000*, in the *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. XLI, no. 42, October 21-27, 2006

“Al-Qaeda, Spectre of Globalisation”, *Soundings*, issue 32, “Bare Life”, spring 2006

Reprinted in *Journal of Religion and Society*, Supplement Series 2 (2007)

Review of Muzaffar Alam’s *The Languages of Political Islam*, in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, vol. 38, no.1, February 2006

“A Practice of Prejudice: Gandhi’s Politics of Friendship”, *Subaltern Studies XI*, 2005

“Imitatio Muhammadi: Khomeini and the Mystery of Citizenship”, *Cultural Dynamics* vol. 13, no. 3: November 2001

Editor’s introduction, *Cultural Dynamics* (special issue on Islamic Epistemologies) vol. 13, no. 1: November 2001

"Subject to Translation: Shakespeare, Swahili, Socialism," *Postcolonial Studies* vol. 3, no. 2: Fall 2000

“Translated Pleasures”, *Shahzia Sikander*, The Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago, 1999

“Hindu/Muslim/Indian”, *Public Culture* vol. 5, no.1: fall 1992
Bengali translation in *Baromash* (Calcutta, 1993)
Reprinted in *Seminar* (New Delhi, 1996)

“Gender and the Politics of Space”, *South Asia* vol.14, no. 1: June 1991.
Reprinted in *Forging Identities* (New Delhi: Kali, 1993)

Print Journalism

“Cruelty and Silence”, *The Review*, *The National*, Abu Dhabi, December 5, 2008

“Blood Brothers: Militant Islam and the West”, *The World Today*, December 2008

“Pakistan’s False Alternatives”, *The Yale Politic*, winter 2008

“Labor eines grenzenlosen Kapitalismus”, *Financial Times Deutschland*, September 18, 2007

“Al-Qaeda: A Brand Name Now Being Franchised Globally”, *The Daily Star*, Beirut, April 13, 2007

“Welcome to Dubai, the Society that Capitalism Built”, *Financial Times*, January 5, 2007

“A Muslim Militancy Born in Modernity Not Mosques”, *Financial Times*, August 28, 2006

“Two Parallel Wars”, *Times of India*, August 3, 2006

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Reprinted in *Pausing to Reflect: On Europe’s Culture Wars*, British Council, 2006

“Why Liberal Islam is not the Solution”, *Financial Times*, November 9, 2005

“Our Suicide Pact with Al Qaeda”, *Los Angeles Times*, September 11, 2005

“A War Fought for Impersonal Passions”, *Financial Times*, July 25, 2005

“Globalization and Apocalypse”, *The Yale Politic*, February 21, 2005

Electronic Publications

“Attacking Mumbai”, The Immanent Frame, *Social Sciences Research Council* (http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2008/12/12/attacking-mumbai/), December 12, 2008

“De-militarization”, The Minerva Controversy, *Social Sciences Research Council* (www.ssrc.org), October 15, 2008

“Competing in Goodness: Khalid Sheikh Mohammed’s Testimony at Guantanamo”, *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* (www.jcrt.org), October 6, 2008

“Politics of the Borderland”, *Bitterlemons* (www.bitterlemons-international.org), ed. 45, vol. 5, December 6, 2007

“The Ventriloquist”, *Spiked Online* (www.spiked-online.com), October 19, 2007

“Muslim Liberals: Epistles of Moderation”, *Open Democracy* (www.opendemocracy.net), October 18, 2007

“White Lies in the Red Mosque”, *Bitterlemons* (www.bitterlemons-international.org), ed. 29, vol. 5, July 26, 2007

“Christendom’s Muslim Midwife”, *Britannica Blog* (www.blogs.britannica.com), May 14-15, 2007

“Dubai Cosmopolis”, *Open Democracy* (www.opendemocracy.net), April 19, 2007

“Terrorist Democracy: The ‘Islam Roadshow’”, *Britannica Blog* (www.blogs.britannica.com), April 17, 2007

“The Globalization of Militancy”, *Britannica Blog* (www.blogs.britannica.com), April 10, 2007

“The Globalization of Islam”, *Bitterlemons* (www.bitterlemons-international.org), ed. 13, vol. 5, March 29, 2007

“Between Pope and Prophet”, *Open Democracy* (www.opendemocracy.net), September 25, 2006

“Back to the Future: The Cartoons, Liberalism and Global Islam”, *Open Democracy* (www.opendemocracy.net), April 13, 2006

“Osama bin Laden’s Message to the World”, *Open Democracy* (www.opendemocracy.net), December 21, 2005

“Spectral Brothers: Al-Qaeda’s World-Wide Web,” *Open Democracy* (www.opendemocracy.net), August 19, 2005

Grants and Honors

Junior Fellowship, Society of Fellows, Harvard University, 1993-6

Von Holst Prize, University of Chicago Department of History, 1993

Andrew Mellon Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1991-2

Junior Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, 1990-1

Grant from the Committee on African Studies, University of Chicago, 1989

Unendowed Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1986-90

Aga Khan Foundation International Scholarship, 1986-9

Conferences Organized

Politics in Action: the Bhagavad Gita in Modern Times, The New School, June 6-7, 2008

Non-Violence: The Social Life of a Concept, The New School, May 5, 2006

Gandhi: The Politics of Modernity, Whitney Humanities Centre, Yale University, April 5, 2004

Perspectives in Islamic Studies, Institute of Ismaili Studies, August 22-4, 1998

The First Annual W.E.B. Du Bois Graduate Society Spring Conference, *A Contemporary Notion of Citizenship: Race, Class, and Gender in American Life*, Harvard University, April 8, 1995

The War Within: A One-Day Symposium on Religious Violence in India, University of Chicago, January 30, 1992

Recent Talks

“The Terrorist in Search of Humanity”, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge, November 27, 2008

“Intimate Enemies: Osama bin Laden’s Vision of the West”, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, November 26, 2008

“The Mutiny’s Future” Southern Asia Institute, Columbia University, November 17, 2008

“Between Gandhi and Bin Laden: the Caliphate in Modern Politics”, The Kevorkian Center, New York University, November 6, 2008

“The Death of Nonviolence”, *The Bhagavad Gita and Modern Indian Thought*, Cambridge University, June 6-7, 2008

“A Conversation on New Industries of Spirituality and Violence”, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, June 5, 2008

“Minority Politics in India”, *A Panel Discussion on Democracy in Asia*, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, April 25, 2008

“The Militant and the Mahatma”, Institute of Contemporary Art, London, February 11, 2008

“The Terrorist in Search of Humanity”, Centre for Transnational and Global Studies, Royal Holloway, February 7, 2008

“The ‘Arab’ in Global Militancy”, *Kingdom Without Borders: Saudi Expansion in the World*, King’s College London, September 6, 2007

“What Would Governance in the Name of Islam Look Like Today?” *The Struggle for Unity and Authority in Islam: Reviving the Caliphate?* Wilton Park, May 3-5, 2007

“Media and Martyrdom”, The Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, April 4, 2007

“Insulting the Prophet”, keynote address, *The Politics of Faith*, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, November 7, 2006

“The Terrorist in Search of Humanity”, keynote address, *Vital Matters*, the University of Bergen, November 4, 2006

“The Ethics of Al-Qaeda”, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, July 26, 2006

“Faisal Devji on the Ethic of Al-Qaeda”, Institute of Contemporary Art, London, July 24, 2006

“Media and Martyrdom,” *Martyrdom in an Age of Terror*, Humanities Center, Harvard University, March 9, 2006

“Who Needs Victims?” Pembroke Center, Brown University, March 3, 2006

“Landscapes of the Jihad,” Center on Terrorism, John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York, February 10, 2006

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