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## EMPLOYMENT

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2022- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lewis & Clark College.

## EDUCATION

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2022 **Ph.D.** Sociology, New School for Social Research.  
Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Dissertation: Work, Class Ambiguity, and Multiple Femininities: Women Beauty and Retail Workers in Pakistan's New Service Economy.

Committee: Rachel Sherman (Chair), Robin Wagner-Pacifici, Benoit Challand, Smitha Radhakrishnan, and Miriam Ticktin.

2015 **M.A.** Sociology, New School for Social Research.

2011 **B.Sc. Honors**, Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Gender and Sexuality, Sociology and Anthropology of Work, Social Class, Ethnography, Qualitative Methods, Feminist Geography, Digital Culture, Feminist Theory, South Asia.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Kamran, Sidra. 2023. "The Thermometer Broke! Digital Purdah, Class, and Gender Transgressions on Pakistani TikTok." *Social Media + Society* 9(2):20563051231182360. doi: [10.1177/20563051231182359](https://doi.org/10.1177/20563051231182359).

Kamran, Sidra. 2022. "Experiencing the City as Workers: The Spatial Practices of Beauty and Retail Workers in Pakistan." *Sociology of South Asia: Postcolonial Legacies, Global Imaginaries*. Eds. Smitha Radhakrishnan and Gowri Vijayakumar. Palgrave Macmillan.

Kamran, Sidra. 2021. "A Patchwork of Femininities: Working-Class Women's Fluctuating Gender Performances in a Pakistani Market." *Gender & Society*. 35(6):971-94.

\*Honorable Mention. 2021 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award, Sociologists for Women in Society.

\*Included in the Gender, Work, and Embodiment [Teaching Module](#) at Gender & Society.

## Article In Preparation

“Love or Compulsion: How Beauty Workers Negotiate Gendered Occupational Stigma”

“Gender and Class Ambiguity in Pakistan’s New Service Economy”

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2023	Alfred Schutz Memorial Award in Philosophy and Sociology, The New School.
2022	American Institute of Pakistan Studies Conference Travel Grant
2021-2022	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2020-2021	New School Student Research Award for Digital Culture on Pakistani TikTok
2019-2020	Graduate Fellowship, Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies, The New School
2019-2020	NSSR Dissertation Fellowship, The New School
2019	Feminist Explorations of Urban Futures Conference Travel Grant
2018-2019	Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2018	Junior Fellowship, American Institute of Pakistan Studies
2017	Summer Research Grant, American Institute of Pakistan Studies
2015-2018	Prize Fellowship, The New School
2015	High Pass in MA Exam
2013-2015	NSSR Provost Scholarship
2013-2015	Fulbright Scholar

## TEACHING

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### Lewis & Clark College

2023	Gender and Sexuality in South Asia
2023	Research Theory and Design
2022	Introduction to Sociology
2022	Labors of Love

### The New School

2019	For Love or Money? Global Markets for Intimate Labor.
2017	Logic of Inquiry (Teaching Assistant).
2016	Logic of Inquiry (Teaching Assistant).

### Habib University

2019	Social Theory.
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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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2023	Love or Compulsion? How Pakistani Beauty Workers Manage Stigma in a Working-Class Occupation. Regular Session on Gender and Work. <b>Annual American Sociological Association Meeting</b> . Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August.
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- 2023 Moderator, Zhina's Revolution. **Lewis & Clark Law School**. Portland, Oregon. March.
- 2022 Guest Lecture in Gender and the City. **Brandeis University**. Online. November.
- 2022 Competing Femininities: Distinct Forms of Embodiment in a Department Store in Karachi, Pakistan. **Annual Conference on South Asia**. Madison, Wisconsin. October.
- 2022 From New Womanhood to New Working Class. **Emerging Scholars of Pakistan Studies Symposium**. Madison, Wisconsin. October.
- 2022 Panelist. #ViralPotentials: How South Asian Women Use TikTok. Starr Forum. **MIT Center for International Studies**. July. Online.
- 2022 How TikTok is Transforming the Digital Public Sphere in Pakistan: Gender Transgressions, Social Class, and Digital Purdah. **New Directions in Feminism and Media: Research in Times of Crisis and Change**. May. Online.
- 2021 Panelist, (Re)Production in Motion. Symposium: South Asia in Motion. **Annual Conference on South Asia**. Madison, Wisconsin. October. Online
- 2021 Guest Lecture in Gender and Globalization. **Colby College**. Online. October.
- 2021 How Gender Dynamics Produce Class Ambiguity: The Case of Beauty and Retail Work in Pakistan. Roundtable on Labor, Legitimacy, and Sexualities. **Annual American Sociological Association Meeting**. Online. August.
- 2021 Guest Lecture in Digital Lives, Virtual Selves: Studying Online Cultures Ethnographically. **University of Chicago**. Online. March.
- 2021 Understanding Non-Kin Intimacies: The Social Lives of Working-Class Women in Pakistan. **Winter Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society**. Online. January.
- 2020 "TikTok Didn't Die, it Merely Fainted!" Gender, Class and Digital Culture in Pakistan. **Cultures of TikTok in the Asia-Pacific**. Online. December.
- 2020 Patchwork Femininity: Fluctuating Gender Performances in a Women-Only Marketplace in Pakistan. Regular Session on Gender and Work. **Annual American Sociological Association Meeting**. Online. August.
- 2019 Infrastructures of Intimacy: Social Reproduction in Interactive Service Workplaces in Karachi. **Feminist Explorations of Urban Futures**. York University, Toronto. September.
- 2019 The Workplace as Public Space: The Social Ties of Female Beauty and Retail Workers in Pakistan. Section on Urban and Community Sociology. **Annual American Sociological Association Meeting**. New York. August.

- 2019 State and Society: The Changing Faces of Patriarchy in Pakistan. **Women Democratic Front Feminist Political School**. Islamabad. June.
- 2019 Gendered Labors of Thinking and Making. Roundtable. **Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture**. Karachi. May.
- 2018 Who Gets to Talk about Whom? Gender Politics and Mobility on Site. Roundtable, **Gandhara Art Gallery**. Karachi. July.
- 2017 Intimacy in the Respectability Economy. **Annual Conference on South Asia**. Madison, Wisconsin. October.
- 2017 Desiring and Resisting the Zenana: Thinking through “Public” and “Pleasure”. **Feminist Geography Conference 2017: Insides and Outsides of Feminism**. University of North-Carolina, Chapel Hill. May.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

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2023. [Podcast](#) for Failed Architecture. On Discomfort.
2022. [Blog post](#). Gender Performances in the Context of Class Stratification for the Gender & Society Blog,
2019. State and Society: The Changing Faces of Patriarchy. Nariwad. (Urdu)

## **PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- 2022 Co-organizer (w/ Asiya Islam), Panel on Gender, Embodiment, and Work in South Asia’s New Service Economy. Annual Conference on South Asia.
- 2021 Organizing Committee, Student Employees at The New School-UAW (since 2015) Student Representative, Student Employees at The New School-UAW.
- 2020 Member, New School Labor Coalition.
- 2016 Organizing Committee, NSSR Sociology Graduate Conference, The New School.
- Reviewer for Gender & Society, South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies, Security Studies, and Dialectical Anthropology

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association, Sociologists for Women in Society, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, and the American Association for University Professor