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EDUCATION

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

Dissertation: The (In)Visible Workers: Gender, Space, and Status Ambiguity in Pakistan's New Service Economy.

Committee: Rachel Sherman (Chair), Robin Wagner-Pacifici, Benoit Challand, Smitha Radhakrishnan (Wellesley College), and Miriam Ticktin (The Graduate Center, CUNY).

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

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

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality
Social Inequality
South Asia

Sociology of Work
Ethnography
Digital Culture

Global and Transnational Sociology
Qualitative Methods
Economic Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Kamran, Sidra. 2021. "A Patchwork of Femininities: Working-Class Women's Fluctuating Gender Performances in a Pakistani Market." *Gender & Society*. Online First.

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

Kamran, Sidra. 2021. Forthcoming. "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.

Articles In Preparation

"How TikTok Challenges the Digital Divide: Social Class, Gender Transgressions, and Digital Purdah in Pakistan."

"Gender and Class Ambiguity in the New Service Economy in Pakistan."

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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
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

Instructor of Record (Undergraduate)

2019	For Love or Money? Global Markets for Intimate Labor. Eugene Lang College for Liberal Arts, The New School. New York.
2019	Social Theory. Habib University. Karachi.

Teaching Assistant (Graduate)

2016-2017	Logic of Inquiry. New School for Social Research. New York.
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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.

RESEARCH

- 2020 Research Assistant to Dr. Rachel Sherman, The New School. New York.
- 2015-2018 Student Assistant, New School Career Services, New York.
- 2017 Research Assistant to Dr. Julia Sonnevend, The New School. New York.
- 2011-2013 Research Assistant, Collective for Social Science Research, Karachi.

SERVICE

- 2015-Present Organizing Committee, Student Employees at The New School-UAW.
- 2021 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.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
 Sociologists for Women in Society
 American Institute of Pakistan Studies

LANGUAGES

Urdu (Native)
English (Fluent)
Spanish (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

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