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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.  
(Expected) 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. 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.

### Revise and Resubmit

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

### In Preparation

"Gender and Class Ambiguity in Pakistan's New Service Economy."

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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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

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### Lewis & Clark College

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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2022	Guest Lecture in Gender and the City. <b>Brandeis University</b> . Online. November.
2022	Competing Femininities: Distinct Forms of Embodiment in a Department Store in Karachi, Pakistan. <b>Annual Conference on South Asia</b> . Madison, Wisconsin. October.
2022	From New Womanhood to New Working Class. <b>Emerging Scholars of Pakistan Studies Symposium</b> . Madison, Wisconsin. October.
2022	Panelist. #ViralPotentials: How South Asian Women Use TikTok. Starr Forum. <b>MIT Center for International Studies</b> . July. Online.
2022	How TikTok is Transforming the Digital Public Sphere in Pakistan: Gender Transgressions, Social Class, and Digital Purdah. <b>New Directions in Feminism and Media: Research in Times of Crisis and Change</b> . 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.

## **RESEARCH**

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

## **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.  
Reviewer for Gender & Society  
Reviewer for South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies
- 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.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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

## **LANGUAGES**

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