

# Syeda Quratulain Masood

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Sociology  
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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2023 (expected)

Dissertation: *Self-Making under U.S. Occupation in Afghanistan: Literary Kabul's engagement with Segregation, Surveillance and Withdrawal*

Committee: José Itzigsohn (Chair), Michael Kennedy, Josh Pacewicz, Paget Henry, Julian Go (University of Chicago) and Wazhmah Osman (Temple University)

M.A. Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2016

M.P.A. Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2008

M.B.A. Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan, 2001

B.B.A. Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan, 2000

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Publications

2013 Masood, S. "I am born on the land of Pakistan. I am Pakistani.": Terric nationalism among Hindu Pakistanis, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2023.2185101

### Manuscripts Under Review

Centering Empire and Global Whiteness: Internalization of Racialized Colonial Difference in Afghanistan (Submitted to *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*)

### Manuscripts Under Preparation

Self-Making under Imperial Materiality (to be submitted to *American Journal of Sociology*)

### Book Chapters

2020 Masood, S. "He Takes Care of Me: Inter-Faith Romantic Relations Between Hindus and Muslims in a Karachi Neighborhood." in *Pakistan: Parallel Narratives*, edited by Ayesha Asif and Jürgen Schaflechner. Karachi: Oxford University Press.

### Web-Based Publications

- 2018 “Initial Ideas on DuBois as a Cultural Sociologist of Empire” in American Sociological Association (ASA) Sociology of Culture Section Newsletter, Volume 30, Issue 2
- 2017 “XQs IX – A Conversation with Julie Billaud” in Chapati Mystery – A blog on South Asia, March 30
- 2016 “On Being Non-White and Non-Neutral: Fieldwork of a Racialized Researcher” in Sectors: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Development, Volume 3, Issue 2

### **Policy Reports**

- 2014 Masood, S. “Landscape of Modern Slavery in Pakistan.” *Walk Free Foundation*.
- 2013 Gazdar, H., Masood, S. and Naqvi, H. “Bottom Up or Top Down? Exclusion and Citizenship in Pakistan.” *Overseas Development Institute*.
- 2012 Gazdar, H. and Masood, “Impact Assessment: Improving Citizen’s Empowerment through Devolution Program.” *Department for International Development, UKAID*
- 2011 Leete, R., Masood, S. and Muzi, S. 2011. “Labor Market Sector Strategy 2011-2016.” *General Secretariat for Development Planning, Government of Qatar*

### **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- 2022 Junior Fellowship, Global Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University
- 2017 GPD Summer Research Fellowship, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
- 2017 Brown in the World International Research Travel Award, Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University
- 2017 Field Research Grant, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin Und Gerd Bucerius
- 2016 Alden Speare Jr. Award for Superior Achievement in the Master of Arts Thesis from the Department of Sociology, Brown University
- 2016-9 Trajectories of Change Scholarship, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin Und Gerd Bucerius
- 2016 GPD/IGERT Summer Research Funding, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
- 2015 GPD/IGERT Fellowship, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
- 2015 South Asia Studies Fellowship, Center for the Study of South Asia, Brown University
- 2014-5 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University
- 2006-8 Fulbright Scholarship, Institute of International Education

### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2023 What is Muslim? A postcolonial sociological perspective. Presentation made to the course Gender and Religion, Central European University, March 13.
- 2022 The Internalization of Racialized Colonial Difference in Afghanistan. Ethnographies of Empire, School of International Studies, American University, November 8.

- 2021 Being a Problem: The Internalization of Racialized Colonial Difference. Critical Conversations on Afghanistan, Wellesley College, October 19.
- 2021 Discontents of Change for the post 9/11 Kabuli Literati, Afghanistan: Reflections on Taliban, Afghan state-building, and political and social change, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin Und Gerd Bucerius, September 22.
- 2020 Racialization/Colonization in the Global Context (and what does it have to do with development). Presentation made to a special session of the course Getting Things Done: Management in a Development Context, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, November 4.
- 2020 Literary Reception as a Medium to Study Double Consciousness under Colonization. Virtual Coffee Hour Chat with American Sociological Association Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict, June 12.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Papers

- 2023 Muslim: Racialization or a Faith Category? A Comparative Study of Standpoints. British Sociological Association, Manchester, UK, April 12-14
- 2022 Racialized Consciousness and Kabul's post 9/11 Youth. Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 17-20
- 2022 Afghan-Khariji: Racialized Consciousness Among Kabul's Young Literati. American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 5-9
- 2022 Racialized Colonial Difference in Afghanistan. Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 10-13
- 2021 Reading the Global Color Line: Book Interpretations as Insight Into Transnational Social Structures. American Sociological Association, held virtually, August 6-10
- 2020 Reflecting on Reflexivity with W.E.B. DuBois: A Critique of Bourdieu's Reflexive Knowledge. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (cancelled due to COVID-19), August 8-11
- 2018 "Let the Trump Era Commence....America is Ours": The Appeal of Donald J. Trump for the Alt-Right. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14 (co-authored with Michael Nguyen)
- 2017 Where We are Born and the Soil from Where We Eat: The Idea of Terric Nationhood. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 18-21
- 2017 Terric Nationhood: Connection with Time and Space." Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, November 2-5
- 2017 Where We are Born and the Soil from Where We Eat: The Idea of Terric Nationhood. Sociology of Development Section Conference, Detroit, MI, October 5-7

- 2017 Where We are Born and the Soil from Where We Eat: The Idea of Terric Nationhood. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 12-15
- 2016 Decays and Regenerations of a Diasporic Family between India and Pakistan: Migration as Ontology. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 20-23
- 2016 Negotiations in the Zones of Intimacy: Inter-faith Romantic Relations and Culture Work in a Pakistani Neighbourhood.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 20-23
- 2016 Conflicts of imagination: A Cross-class Analysis of Nationness among Pakistani Hindus. State, Society and Democracy in the Postcolony Conference, Lahore, Pakistan, August 5-6
- 2015 Conflicts of Imagination: A Cross-Class study of Hindus in Pakistan. Religious Diversity: Conflict, Cooperation and Creolization Conference, Boston, MA, November 14
- 2015 Local Participatory Development and Social Exclusion: A Study of The Citizens Community Boards Program. Sociology of Development Conference, Providence, RI, March 13-15

### **Panels Chaired**

- 2022 Panel on “The Poisoned Chalice: The Potential and Paradoxes of anti-Colonial Knowledge Production”, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17-20
- 2020 Panel on “Evaluating Qualitative Methods”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (held online), August 8-11

### **CAMPUS TALKS**

- 2017 The Case for a DuBoisian ethic in Postcolonial Theory using the Histories of The Bookseller of Kabul/Once Upon a Time There was a Bookseller in Kabul. Constellations of Empire, Nationalism & Revolution in 1917 and 2017, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Brown University, Teaching Assistant**

Foundations of Security (spring 2022)  
Race, Class, and Ethnicity (fall 2021)  
Senior Capstone Seminar (spring 2021)  
Market Research Methods (fall 2020)

#### **Brown University, Teaching Practicum**

Solidarity and Social Change (fall 2016)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### To Profession

Organizer, Panel on *Decolonizing the Sociology of Peace, and War: Exigency and Future Directions* for the ASA Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict 2023

Member, *Graduate Student Paper Award Committee*, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class, 2022

Organizer, *Roundtable Sessions* for ASA Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict, 2022

Student Representative, ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Council, 2016-17

### To The University

Founding member Elevate MPAID, a group of Harvard University alumni

Organizer, Panel on *Colonialism and Development* at Center for International Development, Harvard University, 2022

Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2016-17

Graduate Representative, Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2015-16

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association, 2015-present

Association for Asian Studies, 2021-present

Middle East Studies Association, 2017- 2020

Social Science History Association, 2017, 2022-present

Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2022-present

## LANGUAGES

Urdu (Native)

English (Native)

Persian/Dari (Fluent)

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interviewed for “Afghan reader circles offer us a lot to know about Afghanistan” Fatema Hosseini. Kabul Now. Jan 24th, 2020. <https://kabulnow.af/2020/01/afghan-reader-circle-offers-us-a-lot-to-know-about-afghanistan/>

Interviewed on Newsday. “Book Clubs in Afghanistan”, BBC World Service. May 9th, 2019

Interviewed for “When I get tired of it all, I escape into poetry: book clubs bloom in Afghanistan” Stephanie Glinksy. The Guardian. May 7th, 2019 <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/may/07/when-i-get-tired-of-it-all-i-escape-into-poetry-book-clubs-bloom-in-afghanistan>

## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

2014                      The World Bank, Washington D.C., USA

Short Term Consultant, Social Protection

2013-4      Walk Free Foundation, New York, USA  
Project Researcher

2012-3      Collective for Social Science Research, Karachi, Pakistan  
Research Associate

2008-11     The Boston Consulting Group, Dubai, UAE  
Consultant, Public Sector Practice

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