

# Sohaib I. Khan

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## EDUCATION

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### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY**

- 2020 *Ph.D.* in Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies (MESAAS)  
Graduate Certificate in Comparative Literature and Society  
Dissertation Title: “Translating Capital: Islamic Law and the Making of Shari‘a Compliance in Pakistan”  
Fields of Specialization: Islamic Legal Studies; Anthropology of Religion; History of Capitalism; Postcolonial Studies  
Committee: Wael Hallaq, Brinkley Messick, Sudipta Kaviraj, Gil Anidjar, and Katherine Ewing

- 2016 *M.Phil.* in Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Comparative Literature

### **DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, NC**

- 2011 *M.A.* in Religion

### **LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES (LUMS), Pakistan**

- 2009 *B.Sc. (Honors)* in Economics

## EMPLOYMENT

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### **OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, Los Angeles, CA**

- 2023- Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow/Assistant Professor in Islam, Department of Religious Studies

### **POMONA COLLEGE, Claremont, CA**

- 2022-23 Visiting Assistant Professor in Islam, Department of Religious Studies

### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, MA**

- 2022-23 Faculty Fellow at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History

### **YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT**

- 2021-22 Postdoctoral Resident Fellow at the Kamel Center for the Study of Islamic Law and Civilization

### **WILLIAMS COLLEGE, Williamstown, MA**

- 2020-21 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Study of Islam, Department of Religion

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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- 2022 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Postdoctoral Fellowship  
2022 American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) Senior Research Fellowship  
2022 Dean’s Scholarship for the NCFDD Faculty Success Program, Pomona College  
2021 Dean’s Creative Writing Roundtable Grant, Williams College  
2016 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant  
2015 Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life (IRCPL) Graduate Fellowship  
2018 American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) Short-Term Research Grant  
2013/2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, Jordan  
2012 Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Fellowship  
2010 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship, Duke University

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

- Khan, Sohaib, and Ahmed Taha. 2018. “Charity Disparity: The Challenge of Applying Religious Law on *Zakāt* in the United States.” *Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy* 14, no. 1 (Fall): 1-36

## Book Chapters

- Khan, Sohaib. 2021. "Making Islamic Finance in South Asia: The State, the Seminary, and the Business Corporation." In *Routledge Handbook of Islam in Asia*, edited by Chiara Formichi. NY: Routledge
- Ahmed, Mahmood, and Sohaib Khan. 2020. "Juristic Authority and Financial Expertise: Politics of Translation between Shari'ah Scholars and Finance Professionals in Pakistan's Islamic Banks." In *The Edinburgh Companion to Shari'ah Governance in Islamic Finance*, edited by S. Nazim Ali, 397-411. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

## Book Reviews

- Khan, Sohaib. 2023. "The Fragile Sovereign: Gender and Affect in the Making of Political Authority." Review of *Sovereign Attachments: Masculinity, Muslimness, and Affective Politics in Pakistan*, by Shenila Khoja-Moolji. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 91 (2): 516-518
- Khan, Sohaib. 2022. "Minding the Gap: Why Epistemological Rectitude Doesn't Lead to Political Emancipation." Review of *Metamodernism: The Future of Theory*, by Jason Josephson Storm. *Religious Studies Review* 48 (4): 505-508.
- Khan, Sohaib. 2017. "Imagining Pakistan: Religion at the Origins of Nationalism." Review of *Creating a New Medina: State Power, Islam, and the Quest for Pakistan in Late Colonial North India*, by Venkat Dhulipala. *Marginalia Review of Books*, July 18, 2017.  
<https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/imagining-pakistan-religion-origins-nationalism/>

## Public Facing Scholarship

- Khan, Sohaib. 2022. "Market-Friendly Muslims: Cultivating Piety without Sacrificing Capitalism." *Islamic Moral Theology and the Future* (IMTF): <https://themaydan.com/2022/01/market-friendly-muslims-cultivating-piety-without-sacrificing-capitalism/>
- Khan, Sohaib. 2022. "How We Survive: Muslim Piety and Pragmatism in an Age of Finance." *Islamic Moral Theology in and the Future* (IMTF): <https://themaydan.com/2022/10/imtf-how-we-survive-muslim-piety-and-pragmatism-in-an-age-of-finance/>

## Manuscripts under Review

- Khan, Sohaib. Nd. "Sharī'a Incorporated: Contesting the Corporate Form in Muslim South Asia." Invited to revise and resubmit for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (JAAR)
- Khan, Sohaib. Nd. *Translating Capitalism: How Muslim Jurists and Bankers Invented Sharī'a Compliance*. Book proposal under review with the *Class 200* series at the University of Chicago Press.

## TEACHING

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### OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, Department of Religious Studies

- 2024-25 "God and Money: Religion in the Marketplace" (seminar); What is the Sharī'a? Justice, Law, and Ethics in Islam" (seminar)
- 2023-24 "Islam on the Move" (lecture); "Islam and Capitalism" (seminar)
- Senior Theses Supervised:*
- 2024-25 "Manufacturing Martyrdom: How the Military Industrial Complex Instrumentalized Jihad" (Claire Kosek, Religious Studies)
- 2023-24 "Mystical Medicine: American Spirituality in Psychedelic Research and Commercialization" (Jay Corrigan, Religious Studies)

### POMONA COLLEGE, Department of Religious Studies

- 2022-23 "Islamic Law" (lecture); "Islam and Capitalism" (seminar)
- Senior Theses Supervised:*
- 2022-23 "Consonances in the Narratives of Apocalypse and Conspiracy Theory" (Camille Simmons, Religious Studies); "How to Have Habits of Healing and Hope" (Lucas Hackett-

Provenzano, Religious Studies); “Conquering Binaries: Conceptualizing Reproductive Justice from Muslim Eyes” (Anahita Farishta, Asian American Studies)

**WILLIAMS COLLEGE, Department of Religion**

2020-21 “What is the Sharī‘a?” (seminar); “Islam and Capitalism” (seminar); “Islam and the Critical Study of Secularism” (seminar cross-listed with Anthropology)

**LAHORE UNIV. OF MANGEMENT SCIENCES, Gurmani School of Humanities**

Fall 2011 “Critical Genealogies of Religion and Secularity” (seminar); “Islamic Studies” (lecture)

**PRESENTATIONS**

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**Academic Conferences and Workshops**

- 11/2023 “The Sharī‘a Compliant Muslim: Religious but not Racial,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Antonio
- 02/2023 “Secularizing the Sharī‘a? Deobandī-Muslims and the Making of an Islamic Corporation,” *Capitalism’s Hardwiring* Workshop at the Warren Center, Harvard University, Cambridge
- 11/2022 “Contesting Capitalism: How Deobandī-Muslim Jurists Authorized the Limited Liability Corporation,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Denver
- 10/2021 “Sharī‘a Incorporated: Authorizing Corporate Personhood and Limited Liability in Islamic Law,” Kamel Center Research Forum, Yale Law School, New Haven
- 10/2021 “Translating Capitalism: How Muslim Jurists and Bankers Invented Sharī‘a Compliant Finance,” American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Dissertation-to-Book Workshop, Virtual
- 02/2020 “Let the Beard Grow and Trim the Moustache: Muslim Ethics between Symbolism and Subjectivation,” Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University, New Haven
- 01/2020 “Social Solidarity as Commercial Insurance: Reviving the Charitable Endowment in Muslim South Asia,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), NYC
- 11/2018 “The Compensatory Logic of Gift-Exchange in Pakistan’s Islamic Insurance Industry,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), San Jose
- 11/2018 “Gift Exchange and Relations of Debt in South Asian Hanafite Jurisprudence and Islamic Finance,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), San Antonio
- 10/2018 “‘Let the Beard Grow and Trim the Mustache’: Muslim Ethics between Mimesis and Embodiment,” Annual Conference on South Asia Conference, Madison
- 07/2018 “From Fatwās to Sharī‘a Compliance: Muftīs Operating under Jurisdictions of Madrasas and the State Bank of Pakistan, World Congress for Middle East Studies (WOCMES), Seville, Spain
- 10/2017 “Juristic Authority and Financial Expertise: Politics of Translation in Islamic Banks,” Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) Conference on Sharī‘a Governance, Doha, Qatar
- 11/2015 “HomoIslamicus: Disciplines and Lives of the Islamic Man,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Denver
- 05/2015 “Disembodied Exchange: Towards a Theory of Corporate Personhood in South Asian Hanafi Fiqh,” 7<sup>th</sup> Islamic Law and Society Workshop, New York University
- 11/2014 “Efficiency Matters: Neoliberal Critiques of Legal Formalism in Islamic Finance,” 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington, DC

**Invited Talks**

- 01/2024 “Rethinking Connected Histories of Islamic Banking in South Asia,” GIFT University, Pakistan
- 04/2022 “Contesting Capitalism: How Muslim Jurists and Bankers Invented an Islamic Corporation,” Islamic Studies Lecture Series, Pomona College
- 02/2022 “Questioning the ‘Divergence’ Paradigm in Histories of Islam and Capitalism,” Madrasa Discourses: Contending Modernities Project, The University of Notre Dame

- 01/2022 “Law and the Humanities: The Perils and Possibilities of Interdisciplinary Scholarship,” Legal Studies Program, UC Santa Cruz
- 10/2021 “Why do Secular States Ban the *Hijāb*? Islam, Gender, and Patriarchy,” Guest Lecture at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Towson University, Towson, MD
- 07/2021 “Imitation and the Making of Muslim Piety in South Asia,” Public Lecture at *Hast-o-Neest* Institute of Traditional Arts and Studies, Lahore
- 04/2021 “Ordinary Ethics and Extraordinary Muslims: Re-evaluating the Ethical Turn in the Anthropology of Islam,” Anthropology/Sociology (ANSO) Colloquium, Williams College
- 03/2020 “Translating Capitalism: Legal Texts and Financial Instruments in *madrasas* and Islamic Banks,” School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, Arizona State University
- 04/2019 “Religious Belief and Secular Power: Is Tolerance Reducible to Rules of Conversation?” Department of Religion, Williams College
- 03/2019 “From *Fatwās* to Finance: An Ethnography of Sharī‘a Compliance in Pakistan,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Alberta
- 10/2018 “Islamic Law, the Nation State, and the Case of Pakistan,” The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC
- 03/2017 “Gifts, Reciprocity, and Oblation in the Sharī‘a,” School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES SERVICES (TCCS), Claremont**
- 2022-23 Member of the Muslim Chaplaincy Search Committee
- SHARĪ‘A WORKSHOP, Middle East Institute (MEI), Columbia University**
- 2021/2016 Co-Convener and Discussant with Brinkley Messick
- MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ASSOCIATION**
- 2018 Panel Chair and Organizer, “Challenging Borders: Politics and Genealogies of Debt”
- AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**
- 2018/2015 Panel Chair and Organizer; Member of the Society for Economic Anthropology
- HEYMAN CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES, Columbia University**
- 2016 Curriculum Development for Program in World Philology with Sheldon Pollock
- MOUSEION PROFESSORS Ltd.**
- 2014 Writing Associate in Anthropology
- DIVINITY SCHOOL LIBRARY, Duke University, South Asian Studies Cataloguer**
- 2010 Digital Archivist for Urdu, Arabic, and Persian manuscripts
- NORTH CAROLINA CONSORTIUM FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES, Duke University**
- 2009 Graduate Research Assistant and Title VI Grant Writer

#### LANGUAGES AND PHILOLOGICAL TRAINING

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**Arabic** – *Advanced literacy*

**Urdu** – *Advanced literacy and native fluency*

**Sindhi** – *Intermediate literacy*

**Persian** – *Elementary literacy*

**German** – *Elementary literacy*

References available upon request.