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Research Interests: South Asian Economic History, Precolonial and Early Modern, State Capacity and Conflict in long run development, Comparative Economic History.

Current Employment

LSE Fellow in Economic History 2022-Current

Education (Recent)

PhD in Economic History 2018- 2022
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

MSc in Economic History 2016-2017
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

Publications

“State of Forgiveness: Cooperation, Conciliation and State Capacity in Mughal South Asia (1556-1707).” *Economic History Review* (Accepted pending minor revisions)

Conference Papers

“Conflict, Climate and State Capacity: New Evidence on the Seventeenth Century Crisis in Mughal South Asia”

“Paper Tigers and Leviathans: The Role of Intermediaries in the Fiscal Development of Mughal India (1556-1707) and Qing China (1644-1911) Compared”

“Merciful Tyrants? Explaining Rebel Forgiveness and State Capacity in Mughal South Asia (1556-1707).”

Awards & Funding

LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund (2022)
Teaching Award, LSE Economic History dept. (2022)
EHS Bursary (for Conference Attendance) (2022)
EHS Research Fund for Graduate Students (2021)
EHS Conference Poster Prize (2021)
Radwan Travel and Discovery Fund (2021)
EHS Bursary (2020)
LSE Research Festival Poster Competition Finalist (2020)
Awarded Student Advisor of the Year, City University London Student Union (2016)

Invited Talks and Presentations

Historical Political Economy Series – Political Science Dept., Kings College London (2023)
upcoming
Economic and Social History of the Premodern World Seminar Series at the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) (2022)
Rural and Environmental History Seminar, Wageningen University (2022)
Economic History of Developing Regions Virtual Seminar (2022)
Talk on ‘Conflict and State Development’ for the LSESU EH Society (2021)

Conferences and Seminars

Asia Historical Economics Conference – Chulalongkorn University (2022)
XIX World Economic History Congress, Paris (Two panels) (2022)
EHS Conference New Researcher Session, Cambridge University (2022)
Oxford Graduate Seminar in Economic and Social History, Oxford University (2021)
LSE Graduate Economic History Seminar (2021)
Social Science History Association Conference (Two papers), Philadelphia (2021)
Indian Business and Economic History Conference, IMM Ahmadabad (2021)
CAGE Summer School - Economic Growth and Development, Warwick University (2021)
Sowing the Seeds Workshop, LSE (2021)
EHS Conference Poster Presentation, Warwick University (2021)
LSE Graduate Seminar series, LSE (2020)
EHS Residential Training Course, Economic History Society (2020)
South Asia Network seminar series, LSE (2018)

Conferences and Seminar Organiser

Asia Economic History Seminar series, LSE (Co-founded and Organised) (2018-2023)
LSE Graduate Economic History Seminar (Co-organised) (Lent & Summer Term 2022)
South Asia Through A Global Lens Workshop, LSE (Co-organised) (2021)

Teaching Experience

MSc Courses

EH401	‘Historical Analysis of Economic Change’, Prof. Leigh Gardner and Dr. Anne Rudderman Teaching three classes on the compulsory introductory MSc course in economic history. The course provides a survey of themes and methods in Economic history.	2022
EH483	‘The Development and Integration of the World Economy in the 19th and 20th Centuries’ by Professors Joan Roses and Albrecht Ritschel Teaching two classes on a year-long survey course on economic history from 1800 to the present period. The course covers themes in global economic history.	2022-2023

Undergraduate Courses

EH237	'Theories and Evidence in Economic History' by Patrick Wallis and Eric Schneider This course teaches students how to conduct, evaluate and interpret research in economic history. Students are expected to undertake three small research projects.	2022-2023
EH211	Africa and the World Economy' Prof. Leigh Gardner Teaching three classes on the Economic history of African states between 1500-200 A.D, including a focus on North, South and Sub-Saharan African economic history.	2019-2022
EH102	'Pre-industrial Economic History' Dr. Jordan Claridge, LSE Taught two classes for a compulsory survey course for first-year students on Pre-industrial Economic History of Europe between 1000-1850 A.D	2020-2021

Dissertation Supervision

EH498/9	Supervising eight MSc dissertations where students are expected to conduct and write an independent research project in economic history.	2022-2023
EH390	Supervising two BSc dissertations where students are expected to conduct and write up and independent research project in economic history.	2022-2023

Additional Teaching Experience

Mentor for GTA Training Scheme programme, Professor Patrick Wallis, LSE Mentored three incoming GTAs on class teaching for the department.	2020-2022
Digital Disciplinary GTA (Assisted in coordinating Online Teaching), LSE Provided digital support for online teaching during lockdown.	2020-2021

Professional Qualifications & Memberships

Fellow Higher Education Academy (FHEA), LSE Eden Centre	2020-2021
Associate Fellow Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), LSE Eden Centre	2019-2020
Economic History Society Membership	2018- 2022
Social Science History Association Membership	2021-2022

Reviewer for Journal

Economics of Transitions and Institutional Change (2022)

Other Work & Volunteer Experience

- Research Assistant – EH237 Learning, Technology and Innovation Grant 2018-2018
Completed a grant evaluation report on the new teaching methods for a course on theories and methods in Economic History.
- Student Union Advisor, City University London 2015-2016

Public Engagement Blog Posts

“What Rebel Forgiveness in the Mughal State teaches us about State Capacity” published in the EHS Blog, The Long Run: <https://ehs.org.uk/what-rebel-forgiveness-in-the-mughal-state-teaches-us-about-state-capacity/>

“Climate Change and Rebellion in Mughal India” published in the LSE Economic History Blog (2022) <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/economichistory/2022/03/16/climate-change-and-rebellion-in-mughal-india/>

“Paper Tigers and Leviathans: The Role of Intermediaries in the Fiscal Development of the Mughal Empire (1574-1658) and the Qing empire (1644-1911) Compared” Soon to be published in the EHS Blog, The Long Run (2022).

Skills and Languages

STATA, QGIS, OpenRefine, ABBYFineReader and MS Access.

Languages include English (fluent), Urdu (fluent), Farsi (intermediate reading), French (intermediate reading).and Hindi (proficient in speaking)

Education (Older)

- Graduate Diploma in Law, London, UK 2015-2016
City University London
- McGill University, Montreal, Canada 2011-2014
BA in Economics with a Minor in Political Science,