

Safya Morshed

Department of Economic History
4th Floor Sardinia House
London School of Economics
Houghton Street
London WC2A

Email: s.morshed@lse.ac.uk
<https://www.safyamorshed.com/>

Research

Research Interests: Economic History of Developing Regions; Comparative historical Development; Pre-Colonial State development; Asian, Middle Eastern and African economic history.

Doctoral Thesis Summary:

My research explores how internal conflicts affected state capacity development within Mughal South Asia (1556-1707). It contributes to a global debate on historical state development which asks how conflicts affect long term economic growth by bringing in a developing region and time-period which has yet to be explored in the comparative literature. By constructing a new conflict database for the precolonial state, my thesis aims to better understand the role of tax intermediaries in determining the long-term historical development of a region where time-series data has been difficult to come by.

Supervisors: Professor Tirthankar Roy (LSE) and Dr. Jordan Claridge (LSE)

Expected Submission Date: 01 July 2021

Education

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK Ph.D. in Economic History	2018- 2022
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK MSc in Economic History,	2016-2017
Graduate Diploma in Law, London, UK City University London	2015-2016
McGill University, Montreal, Canada BA in Economics with a Minor in Political Science,	2011-2014
British School Al-Khubairat, Abu Dhabi, UAE A Levels, GCSEs	2000-2011

Publications and Chapters in Progress

“Merciful Tyrants? Explaining Rebel Forgiveness and State Capacity in Mughal South Asia (1556-1707).” *Revise & Resubmit - Economic History Review*

This paper won a Best Poster prize at the EHS conference 2021.

A summary of this work is published in the EHS Blog, The Long Run:
<https://ehs.org.uk/what-rebel-forgiveness-in-the-mughal-state-teaches-us-about-state-capacity/>

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

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

“Evolutionary Empire: Demystifying State Development in Mughal India”

“The Mughal Conflict Database: A Guide to Compilation and Usage”

Teaching Experience

GTA ‘EH211: Africa and the World Economy’ Dr. Leigh Gardner, LSE 2019-2022
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.

GTA ‘EH102: Pre-industrial Economic History’ Dr. Jordan Claridge, LSE 2020-2021
Taught two classes for a compulsory survey course for first-year students on Pre-industrial Economic History of Europe between 1000-1850 A.D.

Mentor for GTA Training Scheme programme, Professor Patrick Wallis, LSE 2020-2022
Mentored three incoming GTAs on class teaching for the department.

Digital Disciplinary GTA (Assisted in coordinating Online Teaching), LSE 2020-2021
Provided digital support for online teaching during lockdown.

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

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
Advised students with extenuating circumstances navigate them.

Conferences, Seminars & Invited Talks

XIX World Economic History Congress, Paris (2022) *upcoming*

Invited to present at the Rural and Environmental History Seminar, Wageningen University (2022) *upcoming*

EHS Conference New Researcher Session, Cambridge University (2022) *upcoming*

Oxford Graduate Seminar in Economic and Social History, Oxford University (2021)

Asia Economic History Seminar Series, LSE (2021)

Social Science History Association Conference, Philadelphia (2021)

Invited to talk on 'Conflict and State Development' by the LSESU EH Society (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)

Conference and Seminar Organiser:

Cofounded and organised the Asia Economic History Seminar series, LSE (2018-2022)

Co-organised the LSE Graduate Economic History Seminar (Lent Term 2022)

Co-organised the South Asia Through A Global Lens Workshop, LSE (2021)

Awards & Funding

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)

Skills and Languages

STATA and QGIS

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