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## Education

**Ph.D. Sociology**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2023 (expected).

**M.A. Sociology**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2020.

Thesis: "Conceptualizing Narratives of Religious Generational Gap between Muslim Immigrants and their French-Born Descendants."

Committee: Prof. Charles Kurzman (chair), Prof. Jacqueline Hagan, and Prof. Rahsaan Maxwell.

**M.Res. Economics**, Sciences Po Paris, 2015.

Thesis: "Sanskritization and Gender: Discrimination in Labor Market at the Intersections of Religion and Caste in India."

Committee: Prof. Etienne Wasmer (chair), Prof. Denis Fougere.

**B.A. Social Sciences**, Sciences Po Paris - Campus of Menton, 2013.

Undergraduate exchange, American University of Beirut, 2012–2013.

## Research and Teaching Interests

Religion, Race, (Im)migration, Social and Political Theory.

## Book chapter

Parikh, Shreya. 2013. "Policies and Politics of Teaching Religion in India." *Policies and Politics of Teaching Religion*. Ed. by Karim El Mufti and Theodor Hanf. Baden Baden: Nomos. 145-152.

## Reviews

Parikh, Shreya. 2019. "Muslim Women in French Cinema: Voices of Maghrebi Migrants in France by Leslie Kealhofer-Kemp." *Journal of Religion and Film*. 23(2): Article 10.

Parikh, Shreya. 2019. "Europe, India, and the Limits of Secularism by Jakob de Roover." *Reading Religion*.

Parikh, Shreya. 2018. "[Book Review] Jocelyne Cesari, What is Political Islam?" *The Maydan*.

## Media and Public Policy

Parikh, Shreya. 2020 (March 23). "By Hanging the Nirbhaya Case Convicts, Did India Kill Patriarchy?" *The Wire*.

Parikh, Shreya. 2019 (October 27). "No Country Needs a Burqa Ban" *The Wire*.

Parikh, Shreya. 2019 (September 21). "Not just Mexicans, more and more Indians are entering Donald Trump's US illegally." *ThePrint*.

Parikh, Shreya. 2019 (August 18). "Not just Sanskrit, Gujarati owes a lot to Arabic and Persian languages too." *ThePrint*.

Reprinted in *Dawn (Pakistan)*

Interviewed on *SBS Gujarati radio (Australia)*

Parikh, Shreya. 2019 (April 15). "Immigration: The Elephant in the Room Troubling Gilets Jaunes (Yellow Vests) in France." *The Maydan*.

Martin, Michaela and Shreya Parikh. 2017. *Quality management in higher education: Developments and Drivers*. Paris, France: IIEP-UNESCO.

## Presentations and Invited lectures

"Islam/ophobia is for the Arabs": The non-comprehensibility of Black Muslims by the State." Religions and Public Life conference on "Church and State," Duke University, April 2020.

"Europe Changing the *Deen*? (Im)migrating, Integrating, and Interrogating Islam," in *Sociology of Islam* taught by Prof. Charles Kurzman, UNC-CH, April 2020.

"Gender and religion in the film *Wadjda*," in *Women/Gender/Islam* taught by Samah Choudhury, UNC-CH, April 2020.

"Making Muslims speak in the age of the 'veil debates' in France." 17th Annual Duke-UNC Middle East and Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference, UNC-CH, February 2020.

"Being and the Body: Facing 'self' on the field." Ethical Concerns and Global Research: Contemporary Europe in Focus, Center for European Studies, UNC-CH, January 2020.

"Conceptualizing Generational difference in religion among Muslim immigrants in France."

1. Culture and Politics Workshop, Department of Sociology, November 2019.
2. North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS) 48th Annual Conference, Boston University, September 2019.
3. IRES Graduate Student Workshop, Chapman University (California), June 2019

"Kashmir: From Partition to Present," in *Cracking India: Partition and Its Legacy in South Asia* taught by Dr. Afroz Taj, UNC-Chapel Hill, November 2019.

"Church-state relations and pluralistic values in the Middle East and North Africa region," Annual meeting, Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio (Texas), November 2018.

"Gender Wage Discrimination in Indian Labor Market," Gender Gaps Conference, Institute for Structural Research, Poland, July 2016.

"Hindi language," Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2014.

"Policies and Politics of Teaching Religion in India," Teaching Religion: Policy and Practice Conference (symposium), American University of Beirut, Lebanon, November 2012.

## Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

Global Religion Research Initiative (GRR) Project Launch Grant (for research in Tunisia), University of Notre Dame, 2020-21.

Humanities for the Public Good Initiative Award, UNC-CH, Summer 2020.

Pre-Dissertation Exploration Award, Carolina Global Initiative, UNC-CH, Summer 2020. (*Awarded without funds because of travel restrictions related to COVID-19*)

Religions and Public Life Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, 2019–20.

Maynard Adams Fellowship, Carolina Public Humanities, UNC-CH, 2019–20.

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation Travel Grant, UNC-CH, 2019.

Ruth Mitchell-Pitts START Fellowship, Center for European Studies, UNC-CH, 2018.

Pilot Research Grant, Department of Sociology, UNC-CH, 2018.

Emile Boutmy Scholarship, Sciences Po Paris, 2010–2015.

Babel Initiative Grant (Morocco), Sciences Po Paris, 2012.

AFS-JENESYS Scholarship, Government of Japan, 2007.

Kennedy-Lugar AFS–YES Scholarship, U.S. Department of State, 2006–2007.

## Teaching and Research Experience

### University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Sociology of Islam, Spring 2020.

Data Analysis, Fall 2019.

Sex and Gender in Society, Fall 2018.

Sociological Theory, Spring 2018.

Health and Society, Fall 2017.

### Sciences Po Paris

#### *Research*

Research Assistant (to Nadia Marzouki), Sciences Po Paris, July 2019–present

Research Assistant (to Etienne Wasmer), LIEPP–Sciences Po Paris, 2014–2016.

#### *Teaching*

Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2017 (as TA).

Advanced Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences, Fall 2016 (as instructor of record).  
International Finance, Fall 2015 (as TA).

### Parsons Paris - The New School

#### *Teaching*

Quantitative Reasoning I & II, Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 (as instructor of record).  
Introduction to Political Economy, Spring 2016, 2017 (as instructor of record).

## Professional Associations

American Institute for Maghreb Studies  
American Sociological Association  
Middle East Studies Association

## Academic Services

Organizing member, Islamicate Graduate Student Association, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2017–present.  
Co-founder and President, Namaste India Association, Sciences Po Paris, 2013–2015.  
Volunteer English teacher, Migrant Workers' Task Force, Lebanon, 2012–2013.  
Student Council representative, Sciences Po Paris (Menton), 2011–2012.  
President, Bureau of Arts (BDA), Sciences Po Paris (Menton), 2010–2011.

## Professional Experience

IIEP–UNESCO (Paris): Research Consultant, 2016.  
OECD (Paris): Policy Analyst Trainee, Summer 2015.  
Arab Council Supporting Fair Trials (Cairo): Refugee resettlement trainee, Summer 2013.  
Grameen Bank (Bangladesh): Research Intern, Summer 2012.

## Skills

*Languages:* Trilingual in Hindi, Gujarati, and English; Advanced skills in French and Urdu; Upper intermediate level skills in Arabic; Basic skills in Persian, Russian and Spanish.  
*Programming Languages:* Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.