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EMPLOYMENT

University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)

2024-present **Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science
2018-2024 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science
2017-2018 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Department of Political Science

OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024-2025 **Visiting Fellow**, Juan March Institute of Social Sciences, Carlos III University, Madrid.
2020-present **Non-Resident Fellow**, Stimson Center, Washington, D.C.
2021-present **Non-Resident Fellow**, Mahbub ul Haq Research Center, LUMS, Pakistan

EDUCATION

2011-2017 **Yale University**
Ph.D. Political Science
Committee: Steven Wilkinson, Elisabeth Wood, Tariq Thachil, & Jason Lyall
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Quantitative Methods

2007-2009 **Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies**
M.A., International Relations with Distinction

2001-2005 **Haverford College**
B.A., English with Honors, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Under the Gun: Political Parties and Violence in Pakistan. 2022. Cambridge University Press.
Robert Dahl Award for scholarship of the highest quality on the subject of democracy, APSA

Leon Epstein Award for best book on political organizations and parties, APSA

Francine Frankel Prize for best book on South Asian politics, APSA

Reviews & Media Coverage: *Contemporary South Asia, International Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Perspectives on Politics, Political Science Quarterly, Bloomsbury Pakistan, UC-Berkeley South Asia Reading Group, The Friday Times (Pakistan), Dawn Newspaper (Pakistan), Daily Times (Pakistan), The Spokesman (Pakistan).*

Pakistan's Political Parties: Surviving Between Dictatorship and Democracy. 2020. Edited Volume, co-edited with Mariam Mufti and Sahar Shafqat. Georgetown University Press.

Reviews & Media Coverage: *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, *Survival*, *Bloomsbury Pakistan*, *UC-Berkeley South Asia Reading Group*, *Dawn Newspaper* (Pakistan), *The News* (Pakistan), *Daily Times* (Pakistan), *Naya Daur* (Pakistan), *Samaa TV*.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Rosenzweig, Steven & **Niloufer Siddiqui**. Forthcoming. "Conceptualizing Election-Related Violence." *Terrorism & Political Violence*.

Badrinathan, Sumitra, Simon Chauchard, & **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2025. "Misinformation and Anti-Minority Vigilantism: An Experiment in India and Pakistan." *American Political Science Review* 119 (2): 947-965.

Featured in *The Hindu*, *Scroll*, *Political Science Now*.

Winner of the Rajni Kothari Award for best paper on South Asian Politics, American Political Science Association 2025.

Christopher Clary, Sameer Lalwani, **Niloufer Siddiqui**, & Neelanjan Sircar. 2025. "Does Interstate Conflict Affect Attitudes Towards Domestic Minorities? Evidence from India." *Political Science Research & Methods* 13(3): 772-779.

Haider, Erum & **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2025. "Votes for Water: Hybrid Water Provision and Ethnic Politics in Karachi, Pakistan." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 60: 1-42.

Mir, Asfandiyar & **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2024. "Nationalism, Status, and Conspiracy Theories: Evidence from Pakistan." *British Journal of Political Science* 54(4): 1159-1179.

Winner of the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration ISA (ENMISA) Section Outstanding Paper Award 2023.

Siddiqui, Niloufer & Megan Turnbull. 2024. "Elites and Arbitrary Power: Ethical Challenges and Guiding Principles for Research with Violent Political Actors." *Conflict, Security, and Development* 24(6): 599-619.

Siddiqui, Niloufer, Drew Stommes, & Zoha Waseem. 2024. "Illicit Gains and State Capture: Political Party Extortion in India and Pakistan." *World Development* 183.

Malik, Mashail & **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2024. "Third Party Presence & the Political Salience of Ethnicity in Survey Data." *Journal of Politics* 86(1): 364-368.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2023. "Under the Gun: Explaining Party Violence in Karachi, Pakistan." *Comparative Political Studies*. 56(5): 726-756.

Grossman, Allison, William Nomikos, and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2022. "Can Appeals for Peace Promote Tolerance and Mitigate Support for Extremism? Evidence from an Experiment with Adolescents in Burkina Faso." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 10(1): 124-136.

Clary, Christopher, Sameer Lalwani, and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2021. "Public Opinion and Crisis Behavior in a Nuclearized South Asia." *International Studies Quarterly* 65 (4): 1064-1076.

Clary, Christopher and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2021. "Voters and Foreign Policy: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Pakistan." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 17(2).

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2020. "Who Do You Believe? Political Parties and Conspiracy Theories in Pakistan." *Party Politics* 26(2): 107-119.

Kalin, Michael and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2020. "National Identity, Religious Tolerance, and Group Conflict: Insights from a Survey Experiment in Pakistan." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 37(1): 58-82.

Winner of the Palmer Prize for best article published in *CMPS* in 2020.

Nellis, Gareth and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2018. "Secular Party Rule and Religious Violence in Pakistan." *American Political Science Review* 112 (1): 49-67, with Gareth Nellis.

Featured in *The Hindu*.

Kalin, Michael and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2016. "Islam's Political Disadvantage: Corruption and Religiosity in Quetta, Pakistan." *Politics & Religion* 9 (3): 456-480.

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

Siddiqui, Niloufer, Mariam Mufti, and Sahar Shafqat. "Introduction: Pakistan's Political Parties in an Era of Transitions." 2020. In *Pakistan's Political Parties: Surviving Between Dictatorship and Democracy*. Georgetown University Press.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. "Strategic Violence Among Religious Parties in Pakistan." 2019. *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics & Religion*.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS, and INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2025. Review of *The Ritual of Elections in Pakistan (1970-2018): A Process without a Product* by Ijaz Shafi Gilani. *Bloomsbury Pakistan*. <https://bloomsburypakistan.org/book-review-the-ritual-of-elections-in-pakistan-1970-2018/>

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2024. Review of *Insecure Guardians: Enforcement, Encounters and Everyday Policing in Postcolonial Karachi* by Zoha Waseem. *The Journal of Development Studies* Online First.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2024. "The Limits of Generalizability: Why Context Still Matters in Comparative Politics." *APSA – Comparative Politics Newsletter* (June 2024).

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2024. Review of *Patchwork States: The Historical Roots of Subnational Conflict and Competition in South Asia* by Adnan Naseemullah. Cambridge University Press 2022. *Perspectives on Politics* 22(3): 916-917.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. “Religiosity & Political Behavior in Pakistan.” 2020. *Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*, eds. Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Clary, Christopher and **Niloufer Siddiqui.** “Obama and the U.S.-Pakistan Marriage of Convenience.” 2017. *The World Views of the Obama Era*, ed. Matthias Maass. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan.

White, Joshua and **Niloufer Siddiqui.** “Mawlana Mawdudi and the Development of Islamic Political Discourse.” 2013. *Oxford Handbook on Islam and Politics*, ed. John Esposito. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. “Gender Ideology and the Jamaat-e-Islami.” 2010. *Current Trends in Islamist Ideology*. Hudson Institute, Vol. 10.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. “Of Note: Extraordinary Rendition and Transatlantic Intelligence Cooperation.” 2008. *SAIS Review* 28 (1).

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Constructing the Enemy: Nationalism, Conspiracies, and Minority Rights in Pakistan (book project).

Seeds of Discord: How Misinformation Erodes Democratic Norms in South Asia (book project), with Sumitra Badrinathan and Simon Chauchard.

“Nuclear Rallies around the Flag: Evidence from the 2025 India-Pakistan Conflict,” with Christopher Clary and Saad Gulzar.

“How does Coethnicity with Refugees Shape their Reception? Evidence from Afghan Refugees in Pakistan,” with Mashail Malik and Yang-Yang Zhou.

“Deconstructing Rumors to Counter Anti-Minority Prejudice in India,” with Sumitra Badrinathan, Simon Chauchard, and Abhyudaya Tyagi.

“Prudence, Bluster, and Indian Crisis-Management,” with Christopher Clary, Sameer Lalwani, and Neelanjan Sircar.

“Political Violence and Extortion in Urban South Asia,” with Drew Stommes and Zoha Waseem (for Oxford Handbook on Urban Violence).

OTHER WRITINGS

Siddiqui, Niloufer and Erum Haider. 2023. “Political Links to the Water Mafia in Karachi.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, March 23.

Mir, Asfandiyar and **Niloufer Siddiqui.** 2022. “Losing Facts to Fiction: Nationalism, Misinformation, and Conspiracy Theories in Pakistan.” *United States Institute of Peace* Special Report.

Haider, Erum and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2022. "Line, tanker, tube well: Water and the politics of hybrid service delivery in Karachi." *International Growth Center* blog post, September 20.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2022. "Conspiracy Theories, Foreign Policy, and Voting Behavior in Pakistan." *Mabbub ul Haq Research Center at LUMS, Pakistan Dialogues Blog*, September 2.

Clary, Christopher, Sameer Lalwani, **Niloufer Siddiqui**, and Neelanjan Sircar. 2022. "How Confident are Indians in Modi's India?" *Hindustan Times*, August 26.

Clary, Christopher, Sameer Lalwani, **Niloufer Siddiqui**, and Neelanjan Sircar. 2022. "Confidence and Nationalism in Modi's India." *Stimson Center Policy Memo*, August 17.

Malik, Mashail and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2019. "Exposure to Violence and Voting in Karachi, Pakistan," *United States Institute of Peace* Special Report no. 450, June.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2019. "How to Handle Pakistan's New Hardliners." 2019. Pakistan Policy Symposium Policy Brief Series, *Wilson Center*, February.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2018. "Pakistan's Electoral Outlook." *Asia Dialogue*, University of Nottingham Asia Research Institute, July 22.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2018. "Will Pakistan's Elections be Free and Fair?" *BBC Hindi*, July 24 (translated into Hindi).

Biberman, Yelena and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2018. "Pakistani Militants have Created their Own Political Party. Can it Actually Win Votes?" *Monkey Cage*, Washington Post, May 7.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. "What's Behind the Islamist Protests in Pakistan?" 2017. *Monkey Cage*, Washington Post, December 8.

Kalin, Michael and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. 2016. "A New Survey Shows that Pakistanis Penalize Candidates for Religious Piety," *Monkey Cage*, Washington Post, August 19.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2015. "Sectarian Violence and Intolerance." *Middle East Institute*, May 27.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. 2014. "The Politics and Economics of Pakistan's Youth." Think piece for *UNDP Human Development Report Pakistan 2015* as contributing author. December.

Kalin, Michael and **Niloufer Siddiqui**. "Religious Authority and the Promotion of Sectarian Tolerance in Pakistan." 2014. *United States Institute of Peace* Special Report, October 2014, with Michael Kalin.

Siddiqui, Niloufer and Joshua T. White. "Pakistan-U.S. Trust Deficit," *Dawn Newspaper*, June 19, 2011.

Siddiqui, Niloufer. "Broken Justice," *ForeignPolicy.com*, February 1, 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Rajni Kothari Award for best paper on South Asian Politics, APSA, 2025.
Robert Dahl Award for scholarship of the highest quality on the subject of democracy, APSA, 2024
Leon Epstein Award for best book on political organizations and parties, APSA, 2024
Francine Frankel Prize for best book on South Asian politics, APSA, 2024
Nominee, Torch Faculty/Student Engagement Award, University at Albany, 2023
Outstanding Paper Award, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section, International Studies Association, 2023.
Emerging Scholar Award, Political Organizations and Parties section, American Political Science Association, 2022
Emerging Scholar, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, 2022
Palmer Prize, Peace Science Society, for best article published in *Conflict Management and Peace Science* in 2020
Martin Edelman Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, University at Albany, 2020
Yale University Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2014-2015
Yale MacMillan Dissertation Award, Fall 2014-Summer 2015
Christian A. Herter Award for highest GPA in graduating class, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2009
John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Starr Foundation Fellowship, 2007-2009
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies U.S.-Pakistan Relations Fund, 2008-2009
Phi Beta Kappa, Haverford College, 2005
Haverford College Fellowship, 2001-2005

GRANTS

United States Institute of Peace Grant on Afghan Refugees (co-PI), 2023 (\$25,003)
Innovations for Poverty Action, Peace & Recovery Program, Exploratory Grant (co-PI), 2022 (\$10,000)
Facebook Foundational Integrity & Impact Research: Misinformation and Polarization (co-PI), 2021 (\$99,599)
United States Institute of Peace Grant on Misinformation (co-PI), 2020 (\$45,650)
University at Albany Faculty Research Award Program, 2019 (\$4000)
International Growth Center (co-PI), 2020 (\$26,098)
Innovations for Poverty Action, Peace & Recovery Program, Pilot Grant (co-PI), 2019 (\$51,944)
Innovations for Poverty Action, Peace & Recovery Program, Exploratory Grant (co-PI), 2018 (\$9,993)
US Institute of Peace Grant on 2018 Pakistan Elections (co-PI), 2017 (\$27,500)
Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives (co-PI), PhD Field Research Fund, 2015 (\$5000)
US Institute of Peace Research Grant (co-PI), 2013 (\$24,600)
Yale Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, 2013 (\$4,000) & 2015 (\$3000)
Yale MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant, 2012 (\$4,000)
Yale South Asia Center Summer Research Award, 2012 (\$2,600), 2013 (\$4,000) & 2015 (\$4,000)
American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) Travel Grant, 2008
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Summer Award, 2008
Haverford College Center for Peace and Global Citizenship Internship Grant, 2004

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

2025: Georgetown University Qatar; Sciences Po, Paris; European Meeting on the Political Economy of South Asia (EMPESA); Seoul National University, Korea; Book workshop discussant for Drew Stommes, NYU; Book workshop discussant for Lauren Young (scheduled); Political Parties & Governance Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden (scheduled).

2024: U.S. Institute of Peace, Islamabad; Book workshop discussant for Justin Gest, Aspen Institute Espana; IE University, Madrid; European University Institute (EUI), Florence; Keynote Speaker at Madrid Empirical Social Sciences Workshop keynote speaker; Stimson Center; Cornell University (PSAC series); Yale University (South Asia Council); Carlos III-Juan March Institute of Social Sciences; Book workshop discussant for Erum Haider, Wooster College.

2023: Atlantic Council/Johns Hopkins SAIS; Brown University; Ministry of Planning, Islamabad; University of Amsterdam; CUNY Graduate Center; Georgetown University (Speakers Series); Uppsala University (Speakers Series); Syracuse University (CP/IR Seminar Series); LUMS (Pakistan conference); Yale (CP Workshop); United States Institute of Peace; USAID; Dartmouth College (IR Seminar Series); Council on Foreign Relations.

2022: University of Louisville; Smith College; Ohio State University; Vanderbilt University; Colgate University (International Relations and Foreign Policy Speakers Series); University of Texas-Austin; Stimson Center; The Diplomat; Yale University (Conference on Democracy, Violence, and Constitutional Order in South Asia); Yale University (Roundtable on Parliament, Politics, and Possibilities in Pakistan); Lahore University of Management Sciences (Humanities & Social Sciences Department); Haverford College (Young Alumni Lecture Series); Georgetown University (Security Studies Workshop).

2021: NYU-Abu Dhabi (Virtual Conference on Global Political Violence); Islamabad Policy Research Institute (Roundtable on Nationalism); Yale University (Roundtable on Pakistan's Hybrid Regime); Brown University (Book Adda discussant); Stimson Center (Roundtable on *Pakistan's Political Parties*).

2020: Islamabad Policy Research Institute (Roundtable on Populism); St. Mary's College of Maryland (Roundtable on *Pakistan's Political Parties*); Brown University (Centre for Contemporary South Asia).

2019: NYU-Abu Dhabi; Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Yale University (Federalism in South Asia Conference); Wilson Center; United States Institute of Peace.

2018: University at Albany (Center for International Development University).

2017: University at Albany, SUNY; Boston College; Gallup Pakistan; United Nations Development Program in Islamabad & Peshawar.

CONFERENCE (Selected)

2025: European Political Science Association (Presenter, Discussant, Chair), International Political Science Association (P).

2024: Pathways to Development, LUMS, Lahore (P).

2023: European Peace Science Conference (P); American Political Science Association (P, Organizer)

2022: UC-San Diego (Illicit Economies and Informal Actors Conference); University of Amsterdam, Political Violence and Electoral Politics; APSA (P, O, D); Midwest Political Science Association Conference (D); International Studies Association (P, O, C)

2021: University of Amsterdam, Elections and Violence (P, D); APSA (P).

2020: (cancelled) Conference on Islamic Parties, Lavash University, Quebec (P); ISA (P, O)

2018: APSA (P); ISA (P)
2017: Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University (P); Politics and History Workshop, University at Albany (P); ISA (P, O),
2016: Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, Yale University (P, D); ISA (P)
2015: South Asia Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (P); APSA (P); ISA (P, O); MPSA (P)

TEACHING

2020	University at Albany-SUNY Department of Political Science, <i>Instructor</i> Ethnic Politics (graduate/PhD course)
2019, 2021, 2023	University at Albany-SUNY Department of Political Science, <i>Instructor</i> Political Violence, Insurgency, and Terrorism (grad course)
2018, 2022, 2024, 2025	University at Albany-SUNY Department of Political Science, <i>Instructor</i> International Development in Conflict Settings (grad-undergrad)
2018-2023	University at Albany-SUNY Department of Political Science, <i>Instructor</i> Introduction to Quantitative Methods (graduate/MIA course)
2017-18, 2022-24	University at Albany-SUNY Department of Political Science, <i>Instructor</i> Politics of South Asia (undergraduate course)
2018, 2020, 2022	University at Albany-SUNY Department of Political Science, <i>Instructor</i> Violent Political Conflict (undergrad course)
2016	Yale University Department of Political Science, <i>Teaching Fellow</i> Development Under Fire
2015	Yale University Department of Political Science, <i>Teaching Fellow</i> Gandhi, King, and the Politics of Nonviolence
2013	Yale University Department of Political Science, <i>Teaching Fellow</i> Introduction to International Relations

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Georgetown University Press, National Science Foundation, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asia Policy*, *Asian Survey*, *Asian Security*, *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*, *Contemporary South Asia*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Migration*, *International Security*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics & Religion*, *Political Science Research & Methods*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Regional & Federal Studies*, *SAGE Open*, *Security Studies*, *Social Identities*, *Social Science Review*, *World Politics*.

Track Chair, Conflict & Violence Section, European Political Science Association (2025)
 APSA Award Committee Member, Best Article Award, South Asian Politics Section (2024)
 Section Head, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, American Political Science Association (2024)
 APSA Award Committee Member, Parties & Political Organizations Section (2023)
 Section Head, Politics of South Asia, Midwest Political Science Association (2022)
 Expert Advisory Board Member, Islamabad Policy Research Institute (2020-2022)

Country Anchor (Pakistan), Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project (Duke University)
Expert Testimony, political asylum cases
Participant at consultative sessions with UN agencies

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024, 2025	Course Coordinator , McColm & Company, Pakistan Familiarization, U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute
2023	Team Lead , Management Systems International (MSI), Democracy, Rights, & Governance Assessment for Pakistan, USAID.
2021-2023	Guest lecturer , McColm & Company, Pakistan Familiarization, U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute
2015-2017	Consultant , United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
2014	Graduate Program Summer Associate , RAND Corporation
2011	Consultant , International Crisis Group
2009-2011	Associate Program Officer , International Organization for Migration
2006-2007	Legal Assistant , American Civil Liberties Union
2005-2006	Legal Assistant , Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Quoted in or appeared on *Al Jazeera*, *BBC Urdu*, *BBC Hindi*, *Dawn*, *Deutsche Welle*, *Hindustan Times*, *Times of India*, *Voice of America*, and *Vox*.