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## Research

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**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 which factors affect long term economic growth by bringing in a region and time-period which has yet to be explored completely in the comparative literature. By constructing a new conflict database for the precolonial state, my thesis aims to better understand the role of 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

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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
McGill University, Montreal, Canada BA in Economics with a Minor in Political Science,	2011-2014
British School Al-Khubairat, Abu Dhabi, UAE High School and Primary Education	2000-2011

## Papers and Chapters in Progress

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

This paper won the 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: Was there a Seventeenth century Crisis in the Mughal Empire?”

“Evolutionary Empire: Demystifying State Development in Mughal India”

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

## Teaching Experience

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

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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

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

## Conferences, Seminars & Invited Talks

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XIX World Economic History Congress, Paris (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:

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

Cofounded and organised the Asia Economic History Seminar series, LSE (2018-2021)

## Awards & Funding

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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

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STATA and QGIS

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