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## Current Position

Professor of Anthropology-Sociology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey, since March 2022

## Previous Positions

Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany, from 2017– 2022

Associate Professor of Political Anthropology, Institute for Religion, Politics and Society, Australian Catholic University (ACU), Melbourne, from 2013 until 2017

Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Politics, Monash University, Melbourne – from 2009 until 2013

## Education

GCAP, Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice, 2012, Monash University, Australia [Compulsory Certificate for lecturers to teach, supervise & research in Australian universities]

Ph. D. (*Cum Laude*) in Anthropology (2005), University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

M. Phil. (Sociology): 1996 – 1999, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India

M. A. (Sociology): 1994 –1996, JNU, Delhi

B. A. Hons. (Sociology): 1991 – 1994, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi

## Publications (English)

### Monographs Published

1. Ahmad, Irfan. 2017. *Religion as Critique: Islamic Critical Thinking from Mecca to the Marketplace*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press. xxv + 270 pages.

   Asia Pacific edition published, in 2017, by Oxford University Press, New Delhi.

   Arabic edition forthcoming from Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Qatar.

2. Ahmad, Irfan. 2009. *Islamism and Democracy in India: The Transformation of Jamaat-e-Islami*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. xxii + 292 pages.

Short-listed for the International Convention of Asia Scholars, The Netherlands (2011) Book Prize for the best study in Social Sciences

South Asian English edition (2010) published by Permanent Black, India

Turkish edition (2015) *Hindistan'da İslamcılık Ve Demokrasi: Cemaat-i İslami'nin Dönüşümüand* published by Açilim Kitap: Istanbul

## Monograph Under Review

Ahmad, Irfan. 2024. *Terrorism in Question: Decolonizing Anthropology & the Study of Islam*.

## Edited Volumes

**a)** Ahmad, Irfan and Jie Kang (eds). 2022. *The Nation Form in the Global Age: Ethnographic Perspectives*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. 411 pages.

**b)** Ahmad, Irfan (ed.). 2021. *Anthropology and Ethnography Are Not Equivalent: Reorienting Anthropology for the Future*. New York: Berghahn. xi+166 pages.

**c)** Ahmad, Irfan and Pralay Kanungo (eds). 2019. *The Algebra of Warfare-Welfare: A Long View of India's 2014 Elections*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. xxiv + 378 pages.

**d)** Doyle, Natalie and Irfan Ahmad (eds) 2018. *(Il)liberal Europe: Islamophobia, Modernity and Radicalization*. London & New York: Routledge. x + 159 pages.

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Ahmad, Irfan. 2019c. "Reply to Almond, Iqtidar, Lumina, Sayyid and Sondy." *Politics, Religion & Ideology*. 20(3): 496–502.

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## Columnist for *Anthropology News*

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## Articles in Semi-Academic Journals and Other Platforms

Ahmad, Irfan. 2021. "Combat-concepts in Indian Politics: Understanding Democracy as Politics of Enmity." *The Polis Project*. 22 November

Ahmad, Irfan. 2021. "Islam and the Enlightenment" (an essay summarizing *Religion As Critique*) *Marginalia: Los Angeles Review of Books*. 15 January. Commissioned. Translated into German as "Islam als Kritik" and published in *Dis:Orient* 18 May (2001).

Ahmad, Irfan. 2008. "'The Society of Suspicion' and Anthropological Ethics." *Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth*, February 04. http://blog.theasa.org/?p=49

Ahmad, Irfan. 2001a. "Bhutan's Struggle for Democracy." *Radical Humanist*. 64 (10): 9–10.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2001b. "Communication." *Seminar*. 498: 59– 62.

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Ahmad, Irfan. 1997. "Emergence of Sociology and its Relationship with Social Sciences." *Employment News*. 22: 1–2.

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### Book Reviews

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Ahmad, Irfan. 2020. "How *A Burning* Grapples with India's Current Political Reality." *The Caravan*. 25 June.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2018. "Review of Ian Almond's The Thought of Nirad C. Chaudhuri: Islam, Empire and Loss." *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. 41(3): 696–698.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2017. "Review of Religion and Modernity in India edited by Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Aloka Parasher Sen." *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion website http://readingreligion.org/books/religion-and-modernity-india

Ahmad, Irfan. 2016. "The Mourning After (Review of Saeed Naqvi's Being the Other: The Muslim in India)." *India Today*. July 18: 50–51.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2011. "Haunting the West: Plural Narratives of a Singular Figure" (Review of The Cambridge Companion to Muhammad edited by J. Brockopp)." *Australian Book Review*. March. 56–57.

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### Publications (Urdu): Articles in Magazines and Newspapers

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Ahmad, Irfan. 1989. "Nehru avr qaumī yekjehtī." *C̲h̲āoñ* (New Delhi). November: 42– 44.

### Media Engagement (see Appendix)

I have written Op-eds for *The Age* (Melbourne), *Al-Jazeera*, *The Caravan*, *The Conversation* (Australia & global), *First Post*, *Maktoob*, *Middle East Eye*, *Open Democracy*, *Outlook, The Pioneer*, *The Polis Project* (New York), *The Times of India*, *TRT*, *The Wire* and others.

Among other media, *Al-Jazeera* (English), *Deutsche Welle*, DW (English) and *New York Times* have interviewed me. TV networks like *CNA* (Singapore), *Sky News* (Australia), *Media One TV* and *People's TV* (India), radio services such as *BBC*, *SBS* Australia, *Voice of Cape* (South Africa), *The Wire* (Brisbane), *Radio Student* (Slovenia) and newspapers and magazines such as *Frontline*, *The Hindu*, *Huff Post*, *Open Magazine, Outlook* and *Tehelka* have interviewed me.

In 2019, I gave a TED-x talk, "Twins Unknown: Islamophobia and Domophilia" at University of Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany.

**Distinguished Lecture**

Titled, "Drinking Secularism: A Critique of Shahab Ahmed's *What is Islam*," I delivered the Roy Rappaport distinguished lecture for the Society for the Anthropology of Religion (of American Anthropological Association) bi-annual conference held at the University of Victoria, Canada in the summer of 2023.

**Select Academic Presentations: Conference/Seminar/Workshop (Last 10 years)**

**November 18, 2023**
Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "How (not) to Write Muslim Thoughts Notes on Shahab Ahmed's *What is Islam*?" Paper for the Conference on *Contemporary Muslim Thought*. ISAM & İLKE Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey.

**January 8, 2023**
Discussant for session three of the symposium (Online) "*ReOrient* Special Issue: Hindutva and the Muslim Subject," *University of Leeds*, UK.

**December 9 – 10, 2022**
"Destroying the Babri Masjid: Departure from the Era of Secularism or Pretense to Pluralism Unmasked?" for the online symposium "Afterlives of Babri Masjid: Thirty Years Later," organized by South Asia Institute, Department of Religion & Department of History, *Columbia University*.

**October 25 , 2022**
Discussion on my coedited book *The Nation Form in the Global Age: Ethnographic Perspectives* (Palgrave, 2022); in Conversation with Political Scientist Dr. Heba Raouf Ezzat; department of Sociology, Ibn Haldun University.

**September 16 – 18, 2022**
"Five Theses On How Writing History Without Political Theory-Philosophy Is Boring," for the *Fourth International Süleymaniye Symposium* on "The Mughal Empire: New Sources, New Approaches," Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul

**July 30 – 31, 2022**
"Differentiated in 'Occident,' Integrated (Whole) in 'Orient:' Racist-Orientalist Tenets of 'Holism' in Anthropology and Elsewhere," for the Conference Towards A Multiplex Relational

Theory of Action: Why Do People Do What They Do" organized by *Ibn Haldun University*, Istanbul and *John Templeton Foundation*, Pennsylvania.

**July 14 – 16,  2022**
 What Might a Global Political Anthropology of Islamophobia Might Look Like: On Domophilia, Vacuum and Globalism," for the Inaugural Conference States of Islamophobia Studies, organized by *International Islamophobia Studies Research Association* (IISRA) and held at Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul

**July 5,  2022**
"Nationalism and Its Combat Concepts: Reflections on Violence and Indian Democracy,"  for the VI. Uluslararası 15 Temmuz Sempozyumu, held and organized by *Marmara University*, Istanbul.

**June 9,  2022**
Public Conversation on Twitter Space with Annie Zaidi, novelist-poet, about "How to Construct a Political Language in Times of Crisis, " moderated and organized by Francesca Recchia, editor of *The Polis Project* [due to sudden inaccessibility to Twitter space, Talal Asad, the key interlocutor, could not join]

**May 20 –22,  2022**
Keynote titled "Time in/of Modernity, Time in/of Islam" delivered at the sociology day symposium, department of sociology, Ibn Haldun University.

**November 17, 2021**
Presented paper titled "Anthropology is about the True and the Possible, Not Merely the Real" in the panel "The True, the Real, and the Possible: Truth in/of Anthropology," organized by Yunus Telliel and chaired by me at the *2021 AAA Conference* on Truth & Responsibility, Baltimore, USA, 17-21 November

**November 17, 2021**
Participated in the Roundtable on "Obeying God for the Nation: Religion, Citizenship and Struggles for Belonging," organized by David Henig and Joyce Dalsheim at the *2021 AAA Conference* on Truth & Responsibility, Baltimore, USA, 17-21 November

**January 26, 2021**
Paper titled "Recognizing Hindu Orientalism," Zoom seminar, Department of Indology, *University of Tübingen*, Germany

**July 03, 2020**
Paper titled "Are Anthropology and Ethnography Equivalent?" Zoom seminar at the *National Museum of Ethnology*, *Osaka*, Japan

**October 3 – 4, 2019**
"Beyond Mother Goddess: Imagining India as a Bouquet, Bride and Garden," paper for the conference on "Rethinking Public Religion: Time, Space, Memory," organized by the Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, *Columbia University*

**June 12, 2019**

"Another Genealogy of Critique: On Islam and Reason" Trinity Term Seminar Series, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, *Oxford University*

**March 28, 2019**
"Indian Democracy and the Algebra of Warfare-Welfare: An Anthropological Outline," CSSS (Sociology) colloquium, *JNU*, New Delhi

**January 17, 2019**
With Peter van der Veer, "Muslim Bare Life in India Today" for the Understanding New Hindutva workshop," organized by Centre for Modern Indian Studies, *University of Göttingen*

**November 17, 2018**
Author Meets Critics panel on "Religion As Critique" at the *American Academy of Religion* Conference, Denver, Participants: Ilyse Fuerst, Ebrahim Moosa, Peter Gottschalk, Marcia Hermansen, Teena Purohit, and SherAli Tareen

**November 16, 2018**
Roundtable on "Religion As Critique" at the *American Anthropological Association* Conference, San Jose, Participants: Mayanthi Fernando, Robert Hefner, Nada Moumtaz, Yunus Telliel, and Dina Siddiqi.

**November 12, 2018**
"Beyond the 'Secular/Enlightenment' Frame: Critique as an Everyday Practice among Muslims," Book Talk at Global Politics and Religion Research Group, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, *Northwestern University*, Evanston, Illinois, USA

**September 15, 2018**
"'Freeing Anthropology from Critique' or Critiquing Anthropology? On Critique and Islam," Pembroke College, *University of Cambridge*, the UK, for the Imaginative Landscapes of Islamic Politics: Aspirations, Dreams, and Critique Conference

**August 31, 2018**
Book release by the ex-Vice President of India and Symposium with four panelists on Religion as Critique, India International Centre, New Delhi, organized by *Oxford University Press*

**August 29, 2018**
"Re-Orientalism, Media and the Eclipse of the Sachar Report," Talk at Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, *Jamia Millia Islamia*, New Delhi

**August 24, 2018**
Symposium with four panelists-faculties of University of Hyderabad on "Religion As Critique," Centre for Comparative Literature, *University of Hyderabad*, India

**March 6, 2018**
Paper "Home, Homeland, Territorial Sacralization: Religion and Belonging across Europe and South Asia", at the seminar Sacrality acting up in Secular space: scope and limits of the South Asian Muslim Groups in Europe and in Homeland," *Vrije University*, Amsterdam

**February 2-3, 2018**

"Notes on Indian Populism," workshop organized by Georg Eckert Institute – Leibniz Institute for International Text Book Research, Leibniz–Zentrum Moderner Orient and Centre for Contemporary History (ZFF) at *Leibniz–Zentrum Moderner Orient*, Berlin

**November 23, 2018**
Book Talk "Religion As Critique," Centre for Global South Asian Studies, *University of Copenhagen*, Denmark

**November 13, 2017**
"Ethnic Democracy: An Ethnographic Account of Terror of India's Counter-terror Agencies," Religious Diversity Colloquium, *Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity*, Göttingen

**November 09, 2017**
Book Symposium on "Religion As Critique," with Armando Salvatore, Ruth Mas and Peter van der Veer, *Max Planck Institute*, Göttingen

**October 23, 2017**
Seminar "Democracy as Rumor," Institute for Ethnology, *Ludwig Maximilian University*, Munich

**October 17, 2017**
Book Talk "Religion As Critique," *Leipzig University*, Department of Ethnology, Winter Series

**September 14, 2017**
Organized workshop "Is 'That is Enough about Ethnography' Enough" on Tim Ingold's writings, *Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen* – My paper "Toward a Political Anthropology of Terrorism: An In-Disciplinary Approach"

**April 11-13, 2017**
Seminar titled "Inequality in the Era of 'War on Terror': On Underrepresentation of Minorities in Political Economy and Overrepresentation in Jail," *S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University*, Singapore

**February 24-25, 2017**
Paper "Turn to the Right? The Indian Left and the 'Muslim Question' in Post-1947 India," South Asia Conference: Inequality in South Asia, *New York University*, New York

**November 18, 2016**
Discussant for the panel "Being Muslim from South Asia," *American Anthropological Association Conference*, Minneapolis

**November 18, 2016**
Speaker in the Roundtable "Anthropological Publics, Public Anthropology," *American Anthropological Association Conference*, Minneapolis

**August 14-15, 2016**
"When Religion Becomes Something Else and Something Else Religion: Anthropology, Enlightenment, Religion and IR," paper at Symposium "The Politics of Religious Freedom in the Asia-Pacific," *University of Notre Dame*, Sydney

**December 03, 2015**
"Anthropology/Sociology and International Relations: The Importance of C. Wright Mills," paper at *Australian Anthropological Society Conference*, held at University of Melbourne

**July 07, 2015**
"Democracy as Rumor: Media, Religion and the 2014 Indian Elections," *International Convention of Asia Scholars, ICAS*, Conference in the panel "Acche din [Good Days]? Politics and Governance in India after One Year of the BJP"

**January 21, 2015**
"Rumor and Democratic Politics: Anthropological Notes on the 2014 Indian Elections," Department of Sociology Seminar Series, *Ambedkar University Delhi* (AUD), Delhi, India

**January 13, 2015**
"Democracy as Rumor: Media, Religion and the 2014 Indian Elections," Department of Political Science, *University of Delhi*, Delhi, India

**May 2, 2014**
"After Atrocity: Indian Democracy and Secularism in the Wake of the Gujarat Pogrom," talk at IILAH Melbourne Law School, *University of Melbourne*, Australia

**January 14, 2014**
"Margins of Knowledge: Nation-State, the "Other" and the Discplin(e)ing of Sociology/Anthropology," Department of Sociology, *University of Hyderabad*, India

**January 13, 2014**
"Theorizing Religion and Democracy: The Transformation of India's Jamaat-e-Islami," Public Talk at *University of Hyderabad*, India

**December 22, 2013**
"Islamic Reform", Keynote Address at the *Kerala Muslim Heritage Studies Conference*, Calicut, Kerala, India

**December 13-14, 2013**
"Propose and Oppose: Islam in Asia Over Longue Durée," paper for the workshop Reimagining Asia organized jointly by *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Sage and Teen Murti, New Delhi

**June 20-21, 2013**
"Bloody Democracy," paper at the Conference Future of Democracy: Europe and Islam in the Twenty First Century, *Monash University Centre at Prato*, Italy.

**April 19-21, 2013**
"Margins of Knowledge: Nation-State, 'the Other' and the Disciplin(e)ing of Sociology/Anthropology," key lecture for the conference "Questioning Marginality," *Brown University*, Providence, USA.

**November 29, 2012**
"Toward an Anthropology of Critique: Secular, Religious, Immanent, Transcendental..." South Asia Center, *University of Chicago*

**November 21, 2012**
"Toward an Anthropology of Critique: Secular, Religious, Immanent, Transcendental..."
Committee on Religion Seminar Series, *City University of New York*, The Graduate Center.

**July 11-13, 2012**
"Kafka in India: Terrorism, Media, Muslims," paper at the 9th Biennial Conference of *Asian Studies Association, University of Western Sydney*, presented in the Panel (convened by Irfan Ahmad) Leadership Matters: Elites, Media, Nationalism and Religion in South Asia

**July 7, 2012**
"One Movement, Three Countries, Seven Decades: The Trajectory of Jamaat-e-Islami in South Asia", paper at the Workshop "Following the Path of the Prophet Muhammad: Islamic Piety, Social Movements and Political Organization," *Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany*, Department of Anthropology, Cluster of Excellence, Normative Orders

## Teaching and Supervision

### List of Courses Taught

| Year | Level | Names of Courses | Institutions |
|------|-------|------------------|--------------|
| 2007/Sem1 | Bachelor's | Movement in Islam, Islam in Movement: Muslim Collective Actions in Modern South Asia | Utrecht University, The Netherlands |
| 2007/Sem2 | Master's | Social and Political Ideologies in Islam *Co-taught* with Michael Lazenberg | University of Amsterdam |
| 2008/Sem1 | Bachelor's | Culture and Power: The Anthropology of Politics | University of Amsterdam |
| 2008/Sem1 | Master's | Islam and Transnationalism *Co-taught* with Martin Van Bruinessen | Utrecht University with Amsterdam University |
| 2008/Sem2 | Bachelor's | Cultures | University College Utrecht |
| 2008/Sem2 | Bachelor's | Culture and Power: The Anthropology of Politics | University of Amsterdam |
| 2009/Sem1 | Bachelor's | Crisis Zone: The International Relations Of The Middle East *Co-taught* with Greg Barton | Monash University, Australia |
| 2009/Sem2 | Master's | Islam and Modernity | Monash University |
| 2009/Sem2 | Master's | Political Islam *Co-taught* with Greg Barton | Monash University |

| 2010/Sem1 | Bachelor's | Fanatics and Fundamentalists: The Global Politics of Violence *Co-taught* with Peter Lentini | Monash University |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2010/Sem1 | Master's | Political Islam | Monash University |
| 2010/Sem1 | Master's | Islam in South Asia | Monash University |
| 2010/Sem2 | Master's | Islam and Modernity | Monash University |
| 2010/Sem2 | Master's | Interfaith Relations in The 21st Century *Co-taught* with Greg Barton & Anna Halafoff | Monash University |
| 2011/Sem1 | Master's | Islam in South Asia | Monash University |
| 2011/Sem1 | Bachelor's | Fanatics and Fundamentalists: The Global Politics of Violence *Co-taught* with Peter Lentini | Monash University |
| 2011/Sem2 | Master's | Islam and Modernity | Monash University |
| 2012 Sem1 | Bachelor's | Fanatics and Fundamentalists: The Global Politics of Violence | Monash University |
| 2012 Sem1 | Master's | Islam in South Asia | Monash University |
| 2012 Sem1 | Master's | Political Islam | Monash University |
| 2012 Sem2 | | Sabbatical | |
| 2013 Sem1 | Bachelor's | Fanatics and Fundamentalists: The Global Politics of Violence | Monash University |
| 2013 Sem1 | Master's | Political Islam | Monash University |
| 2013 Sem2 | Bachelor's 2 & 3rd yr. | Political Anthropology: Ethnic and National Identities in the Modern World (at 2 campuses in the same semester) | Monash University |
| 2013 Sem2 | Master's | Islam and Modernity | Monash University |
| Between 2014 and 2021, I Held Research Position at Australian Catholic University & Max Planck Institute for Study of Religious & Ethnic Diversity, Gottingen, Germany | | | |
| 2022 Sem1 | Master's | Ethnography of the State | Ibn Haldun University |

| 2022 Sem1 | Ph.D. | PHD Seminar | Ibn Haldun University |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 Sem1 | Bachelor's | Contemporary Social Thought in the Muslim World | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2022 Sem2 | Master's | Social Theory | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2022 Sem2 | Ph.D. | Advanced Readings in Classical Sociological Theories | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2022 Sem2 | Ph.D. | PHD Seminar | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2023 Sem1 | Bachelor's | Social-Cultural Anthropology: An Introduction | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2023 Sem1 | Bachelor's | Contemporary Social Thought in the Muslim World | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2023 Sem2 | Master's | Social Theory | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2023 Sem2 | Ph.D. | Advanced Readings in Classical Sociological Theories | Ibn Haldun University |
| 2023 Sem2 | Master's | Anthropology of the Political | Ibn Haldun University |

## Supervisor of Theses

### Completed PhD Theses

Associate Supervisor, Amrah Majid's Thesis *The Practice of Faith and Personal Growth in Three Novels by Muslim Women Writers in the Western Diaspora*, 2015, Monash University

Associate Supervisor, Mahsheed Ansari's Thesis *The Rational and Metaphysical Notions of Prophethood and the Prophet Muhammad in the Thought of Said Nursi and Muhammad Iqbal*, 2015, Monash University.

Associate Supervisor, Ayse Guc Isik's Thesis *The Intercultural Engagement in Mardin: Religion, Culture and Identity*, 2014, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne.

### Incomplete PhD Thesis (due to change in employment)

Principal Supervisor: Nicholas Moriesen, *The Missing Link: Religion and the International Relations,* ACU, Melbourne, 2015–2017

Principal Supervisor: Kim Chan, *Contrasts in Development: China and India, 1950 – 1980*, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, 2012–2013

Associate Supervisor: Michele Huppert: *Religious Fundamentalisms in the 21ˢᵗ Century: Solutions to the Problems of Identity in a Globalized World*, Monash University, Australia, 2011–2013

Associate Supervisor: Cemen Polat: *The Gulen Movement's Educational Philanthropy: Schools as Social Business Enterprises*, Monash University, Australia, 2010–2013

Associate Supervisor: MR Mark Stone: *Neither Shall They Grieve: A Study of the Spiritual Basis of Islamic Pluralism*, Monash University, Australia, 2010–2013

Associate Supervisor: Usep A. Matin: *The Use of Hadith Literature by Traditional Islamic Intellectuals in Indonesia*, Monash University, Australia, 2010–2013

**Examiner of Theses**

Examined over 11 Honors Theses and and 12 number of Master's Theses from Monash University, Macquarie University, and University of Notre Dame, Sydney and Ibn Haldun University.

***External Examiner of Masters' & M.Phil. Theses* (since 2022)**

External examiner of the M. Phil. Thesis *A Historical Comparison of Maududi and Hallaq: Religion, State and Political Theology in Mughal India* (2022) University of Melbourne, Australia

External examiner of the Master Thesis *Print and Islamic Modernism in South Asia: An Investigation of the Urdu Print Sphere through Nigar Magazine, 1922-1947* (2023) Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey

*Doctoral Theses*

External Senior Discussant for the PhD Dissertation Design Seminar titled *Land Reform, Class Relations and Political Islam: Understanding the Rise of Jamaat-e-Islami in Kashmir*; candidate Haris Zargar, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague and Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 22 June 2021

*Critical Practice in Islamic Higher Education: Madrasas in Contemporary Kerala*, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India, 2020

*Citizenship and Belonging: A Socio-Historical Analysis of Muslim Engagement with Kerala Public Sphere*, The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India, 2019

*Islamicate Mediations: Pleasure, Autonomy, and Aesthetics among Young Women in Mumbai*, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 2019

*Ideas of Homeland and Politics of Space: A Study of Muslim Localities of Delhi*, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, 2016

*Allah's Community: The Interplay of Islam and Everyday Life in Pakistan*, Anthropology Department, Macquarie University, Sydney, 2014

## Research Grants

- Awarded $6,000,000 Australian Dollars for research project "Violence and Peacemaking: Religious and Ethical Perspectives" by ACU, Melbourne as one of the Chief Investigators of a multi-disciplinary research team, 2014 (ACU Project code: 2013000523)

- Co-awarded (with Greg Barton) *Monash University*'s School of Political Social Inquiry Research Committee Grant and Dean's Grant for Conference, 2013

- Awarded *Monash University*'s Faculty of Arts Conference Travel Grant, 2012

- Awarded *Monash University*'s School of Political Social Inquiry Travel Grant, 2012

- Awarded travel grant by *School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, USA* to participate in its advanced seminar " The 9/11 Generation: Young Muslims in New World Order" 2011

- Awarded *New Appointees* Grant by the School of Social and Political Inquiry, *Monash University*, Melbourne, Australia, 2010

- Awarded the *New Field of Research* Grant by the School of Social and Political Inquiry, *Monash University*, Melbourne, Australia, 2009

- Co-awarded (with Martin Van Bruinessen) conference grants by the *Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences***, *Forum*, a Dutch NGO, and *Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development*, a key Dutch society for intercultural exchange, 2008

- Awarded Rubicon Postdoctoral Rubicon Grant (55,000 Euro) by *The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research* for Postdoctoral Research, 2006

- Awarded *Travel Grant* by *Association of Asian Studies, Inc.*, Ann Arbor, to present paper in its 58th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2006
- Awarded *Travel Grant* by *University of Texas at Austin* for the Conference "Contemporary Islamic Movements: Ideology, Aesthetics, Politics", 2006

## Awards, Distinctions and Fellowships

- Visiting Associate Professor, The Watson Institute for International Affairs, Brown University, the USA, 2014

- Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Center, The City University of New York, 2012
- Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Study of Religious & Ethnic Diversity, Gottingen, Germany, 2011
- Islamism and Democracy in India short-listed for the *International Convention of Asia Scholars (2011) Book Prize* for the best study in the field of Social Sciences
- My essay "Shared Horizon" long-listed for Australia's *Calibre Prize* Competition, 2010
- Finalist for the Smuts Research Fellowship 2006, University of Cambridge, UK
- Awarded Fellowship for the European and American Young Scholars' Summer Institute by *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*, Berlin, 2001
- Awarded Full Doctoral Scholarship by University of Amsterdam in 2000
- Awarded *Commonwealth Scholarship for Doctorate* by the Government of India, 2000
- Awarded National Merit Scholarship by Government of India, for Master's, 1994 –96
- Secured First Position with First Division in B.A (Hons.) in 1994

## Administrative and Professional Services

Member of the Scientific Committee of Scientific Studies Association (ILEM), Istanbul for its International Summer School 7, 2021

Colloquium Convener, Max Planck Institute for Study of Religious & Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany, 2017 – 2018

Member, Faculty Promotion Committee, ACU 2014 –2017
Member, Postgraduate Scholarship Awards Ranking Panel, Faculty of Arts, ACU, 2015
Member, Faculty of Arts, Graduate Research Committee, Monash University, 2013
Seminar Convener, Monash University, 2013, Semester 1

## Members of Tenure/ Promotion Panels

Northwestern University, USA, 2020
Ashoka University, India, 2020
University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2018
Brown University, USA, 2018

**Manuscript Reviewers for Journals**

American Ethnologist;
American Journal of Islam and Society;
American Political Science Review;
Anthropological Quarterly;
Anthropological Theory;
Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology;
British Journal of Political Science;
Critical Sociology;
Critical Studies on Terrorism;
Critical Research on Religion;
Current Anthropology;
Ethnography;
HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory;
Citizenship Studies;

Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa & Middle East;
Cultural Dynamics;
India Review;
History of Religions;
Asia Pacific Journal of Education;
Politics, Religion, & Ideology;
Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs;
Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations;
Journal for Islamic Studies;
Religion;
Sage Open;
South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies;
Journal of Religious and Political Practice;
Political Theology;
Political Theory (and others I may not quite remember)

**Manuscript Reviewers for Books**

Bloomsbury Academic (New York), Oxford University Press

**Reviewers for Research Grants**

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG, Germany
Economic and Social Research Council, UK
European Research Council, Brussels
NWO (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek), Dutch Research Council

**Editorial Roles**

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Public Anthropologist* * (Brill)
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *International Journal of Islam in Asia* * (Brill)
Founding Co-Editor, *Journal of Religious and Political Practice* (2015 – 2017)
Member, Editorial Committee, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* (since 2009)
Reviews Editor, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* (2009 – 2012)
Associate Editor, *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* (2011 – 2014)

[*All journals except those with sign * published by Taylor & Francis]

**Professional Associations**

Member, *American Anthropological Association*

Member, Australia's *South Asian Studies Association*

Chair, *Anthropology Club*, University of Amsterdam (2004 – 2005)

Secretary, *Sociology Association*, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (1993 – 1994)

**Languages**

English, Hindi and Urdu (advanced level: spoken & written); Persian (advanced level written & intermediate level spoken, mostly textual), Arabic (basic reading and writing); knowledge of north Indian dialects

*Irfan Ahmad*

Istanbul, 8 January 2024

## Appendix

**Activities under the Category of Public Anthropology-Sociology/Scholarship**

***Essays, Articles & Op-eds***

Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "Israel's Settler Colonialism And The Depravity Of Habermas' Philosophy." *Outlook*. 5 December.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "If Warsaw Ghetto in 1943 Enacted an Uprising and not Terrorism, so did Gaza in 2023." *TRT World*. November 8.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "From Voting to Victory: A Visual Essay on the Turkish Elections." *Maktoob*. May 31.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "The Many Silences and Problems in the BBC Documentary on Modi." *Maktoob Media*. February 14.  Republished by *AMUST*, Australia

Ahmad, Irfan. 2022. "Destruction of Babri Masjid and phantom of Nehruvian Secularism." *Maktoob Media*. December 6. Translated into Malayalam by Expat Live.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2022. "Maududi at AMU: The Difference Between Debate and Humbug, or the Etiquette of Healthy Discussion." *The Wire*. 19 October.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2022. "Shun the Hate Letter Signed by 25 'Academics' – Not Books by Maududi." *The Wire*. 17 August

Ahmad, Irfan. 2021. "Combat-Concepts in Indian Politics: Understanding Democracy as Politics of Enmity." *The Polis Project*. 22 November.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2021. "How Western Islamophobia Works in the Global South." *Middle East Eye*. 15 April. Republished in Arabic by *Al-Ghad*.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2021. "Shaheen Bagh; An Interrupted Future: Irfan Ahmad's Essay- Part II." *Maktoobmedia.com* 13 March.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2021. "Shaheen Bagh is not an Event of the Past, it is an Interrupted Future – Part I." *Maktoobmedia.com* 12 March.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2021. "Nation, Poetry, Criticism: A Critical Tribute to Shamsur Rahman Faruqi." *Café Dissensus*. 9 January.

Ahmad, Irfan.2020. "Coronavirus, Naked Life and the Importance of Giorgio Agamben." *The Polis Project*.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2020. "A Critical Tribute to Sociologist Yogendra Singh (1932–2020) — As a Teacher, and His Thoughts as a Scholar." *First Post*. May 21.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2020. "Violence After Violence: The Politics of Narratives Over the Delhi Pogrom." *The Polis Project*. 28 March.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2020. "Citizen Amendment Act is Confirmation of India as a Hindu Nation-State." *Berkeley Center for Peace, Religion and World Affairs*, Georgetown University. 9 March.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2020. "Shaheen Bagh Protest Challenges BJP Govt's Brand of Populism, Is Generative of New Vision of Democracy." *First Post*. 30 January

Ahmad, Irfan. 2019. "The Majoritarian Assumptions That Birthed a Populist Verdict." *The Wire*. 21 November.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2019. "Under Modi Govt, India Has Turned Into a 'Designer Democracy.'" *The Wire* 19 April.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2017a. "Modi's Polarizing Populism Makes a Fiction of a Secular, Democratic India." *The Conversation*. 12 July. Republished by *Business Standard* (India).

Ahmad, Irfan. 2017b. "Adieu, Zygmunt Bauman! " *Al-Jazeera*. 13 January.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2016. "Politics of Sedition: The JNU Affair." *Tehelka.* 18 February.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2015d. "Mohamed Mursi Death Sentence Puts Western Democracies on Notice." *The Age* (Melbourne). June 9.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2014a. "Gandhi, Palestine and Israel." 2 August. *Kafila.org*.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2014b. "Are India's Muslims a Minority?" *Al-Jazeera English*. 5 June. Translated into Malayalam and published in *Utharakalam* and *Partidhara E-Journal*

Ahmad, Irfan. 2014. "Welcome to Pseudo-democracy: Unpacking the BJP Victory." May 25. *Kafila.org*.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2014. "Democracy as Permanent Advertising – Indian Media and Elections." May 08. *Kafila.org*.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2014. "Manifestos and Indian Elections." *Al-Jazeera.* 15 April.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2013a. "Modi as Future Indian PM? Development, Camp and the 'Muslim Vote.'" *OpenDemocracy*. 30 November.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2013a. "El-Sisi's Reign of Terror and the Propaganda of 'Fascism.'" *Al-Jazeera*. Reproduced in *The Sunday Time, Colombo* p. 12. Print and online editions.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2013b. "Egypt, De-democratized." *Al-Jazeera.* 8 July.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2013c. "Life Imitating Bollywood: Love, Murder, Suicide." *Al-Jazeera.* 6 August.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2013d. "Bin Laden's Killing: National Sovereignty as Notional Fraud." *Al-Jazeera.* 18 July.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2012a. "Legitimizing the Killings in the Name of 'Just War.'" *Al-Jazeera*. 15 September.

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Ahmad, Irfan. 2011. "The (In)visible in Indian Terrorism." *Al-Jazeera* (English) 16 September.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2006a. "Don't Blame SIMI." *The Times of India*. Edit Page. Delhi. September 25.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2006b. "Freedom from Bigotry." *The Times of India*. Edit Page. Delhi. Feb. 21.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2000. "Mera India/ Bharat Mahaan." *Business Today*. January 7: 30–31.

Ahmad, Irfan. 1999. "Private Armies Ruling the Roost." *The Pioneer.* February 1.

Ahmad, Irfan. 1998a. "Global Bully in Washington." *The Pioneer.* New Delhi. September 6.

Ahmad, Irfan. 1998b. "Only the Legacy Remains." *Himal: South Asian Magazine*. 11(2): 31–33.

Ahmad, Irfan. 1998c. "Muslim Votes and BJP's Dilemma." *The Pioneer*. Delhi. February 20.

Ahmad, Irfan. 1997. "A New Agenda for Muslim Radicals." *The Times of India*. Edit Page. Delhi. April 1.

Ahmad, Irfan. 1996a. "Cricket and Suicide." *The Times of India*. Edit Page. New Delhi. April 9.

Ahmad, Irfan. 1996b. "The Ethics of a Beauty Contest." *The Pioneer*. Delhi. November 6.


### *Interviews –TV, Radio and Newspapers/Weeklies*

Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "Siyonistler ve Hindutva gruplar, Nazilerden ilham alıyor." *Anadolu Agency* (YouTube). November 27.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "Podcast: Is a Genocide of Muslims Underway in Modi's India." *The Thinking Muslim* (YouTube). September 13.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2023. "'Word of God': Why Muslims are Opposed to the Burning of the Quran." *Al Jazeera*. July 31. [Only quotes].

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Ahmad, Irfan. 2022. "Modi's India Furthering Colonial Legacy, Say Historians from South Asia." Interviewed by *TRT World* (website). 20 September.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2022. "How did the Mughals/Baburids rule India?" Video Interview (along with Michael Fischer & Amita Paliwal) with *TRT World*. Translated into Arabic.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2022. "Hindu Radicalisation the Lethal Challenge: Interview With Abhish K Bose." *Frontline*. 26 June.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2020. "Clip of Interview for a Documentary about the First Anniversary of the Anti-CAA Movement." *MediaOne TV*. 18 December [Watch].

Ahmad, Irfan. 2020. "Anti-CAA Movement was a Symbol of a Possible Politics: A Politics to Come: Irfan Ahmad." *Maktoob*. 12 December.

Ahmad, Irfan and Pralay Kanungo. 2019. "Q & A: 'India is Heading Towards a Full Ethnic Democracy [Interview, along with co-editor Pralay Kanungo, about *The Algebra of Warfare-Welfare: A Long View of India's 2014 Election*]." *Al-Jazeera*. 3 May.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2019. "The Emerging Interface of Politics, Academics and Culture: A Conversation with Prof. Irfan Ahmad." *The New Leam*. 20 May

Ahmad, Irfan with SherAli Tareen. 2018. "Podcast Interview about *Religion as Critique*" with *New Books Network*. 1 October.

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Ahmad, Irfan. 2018. "From The Ku Klux Klan To Cow Vigilantes: A Scholar Explains Why Lynching is Terrorism." *Huffingtonpost.in*. 29 June. Translated into Gujarati, Malayalam, Tamil and Urdu.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2017. "Please Explain: Sharia Law." 8 Minutes Interview with *2 SER*, a Sydney-based Community Radio. 17 February [*Listen*].

Ahmad, Irfan. 2016. "When the Journey is Not a Cakewalk..." *The Hindu*. 20 January.

Ahmad, Irfan. "The Truth About SIMI." Interview with *Open Magazine*, Delhi, November 2016

Ahmad, Irfan. 2015a. "Interview about Reclaim Australia Rally." *Radio Adelaide*. 21 July. Live. 7.45 AM. 7.5 Minutes.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2015b. "Interview about Reclaim Australia Rally." *Sky News Australia*. 20 July. 6.30 PM Live.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2015c. "Interview about Indian Muslims, Their Marginalization and Alleged Link with ISIS." *Radio Student*. Ljubljana, Slovenia. 25 November. 30 Minutes (with a co-Panelist).

Ahmad, Irfan. 2015d. "Interview about Democracy and New Anti-Terror Law in Egypt". *The Voice of the Cape* (South Africa). 18 August. 9.30 Minutes.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2015e."Interview about Reclaim Australia Rally". Community Radio Network News Program, *The Wire* (Brisbane-based). With co-panelist Jess Payne. 17 July. 4.45 Minutes.

Ahmad, Irfan 2015g. "'It is Premature to Say that These Movements Have Failed': Irfan Ahmad". *Tehelka Magazine*. Volume 12, Issue 24. June 13.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2015h. "Civil Liberties Being Curtailed in the Name of Security". Interview with *SBS Radio* Australia. February 26.

Ahmad, Irfan. 2014a. "Interview with SBS Urdu about Israeli Violence in Ghaza." 3 August. *SBS Radio* Australia [*Listen*].

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**February 25, 2021**
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**February 3, 2021**
"Shaheen Bagh Is Not An Event of the Past, It Is An Interrupted Future," valedictory talk for the Online lecture series On Anti-CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) Uprising, organized by [Fraternity Movement, Hyderabad Central University](), India [[Watch]()]

**January 18, 2020**
"Undoing Indian Populism," for the workshop on "India's Transformation," organized by *Hans Böckler Stiftung*, Berlin, Germany

**December 27, 2019**
Keynote Address on for "Festival of Ideas and Resistance" conference, Kozhikode, Kerala, India

**November 16, 2019**
TED Talk titled "Twins Unknown: Islamophobia and Domophilia," *Ted-X, University of Göttingen*, Germany ([YouTube]()) [[Watch]()]

**August 31, 2018**
Book release by the ex-Vice President of India and Symposium with four panelists on *Religion as Critique*, India International Centre, New Delhi, organized by Oxford University Press

**August 14, 2018**
"Re-Orientalism and the Eclipse of the Sachar Report," Justice Rajinder Sachar Memorial Public Talk at Aliah University, Kolkata, India

**April 11-13, 2017**
Seminar titled "Inequality in the Era of 'War on Terror': On Underrepresentation of Minorities in Political Economy and Overrepresentation in Jail," S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

**March 14 -16, 2016**
"Religion and Violent Extremism: An Anthropological Perspective from India," Paper at Workshop "Preventing Violent Extremism by Promoting Inclusive Development, Tolerance and Respect for Diversity" organized by *UNDP*, *Oslo*, Norway [[Watch]()].

**December 22, 2013**
"Islamic Reform", Keynote Address at the Kerala Muslim Heritage Studies Conference, Calicut, Kerala, India

**April 19-21, 2013**
"Margins of Knowledge: Nation-State, 'the Other' and the Disciplin(e)ing of Sociology/Anthropology," keynote lecture for the conference "Questioning Marginality," Brown University, Providence, USA.