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Conflicts Forum

Taliban Sources Project Nominating Committee member of the Haring Fellowship in Art and Activism, Bard College

Grants and scholarships

Co-investigator (with Adrian Gregory) for an £850,000 AHRC grant on religion and the First World War, including conferences, two post-doctoral fellowships and a co-authored book, 2016-19

£20,000 from the Fell Fund, The Marchioness of Winchester Trust, TORCH, and the Radhakrishnan Bequest for a two-day conference and art exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum and Courtauld Institute of Art to mark the $70^{\rm th}$ anniversary of India and Pakistan's independence, Oct 12-13, 2017

£10,000 from the Marchioness of Winchester Trust for a conference on free expression in India at St. Antony's College, May 31, 2013

Von Holst Prize, University of Chicago Department of History, 1993

Andrew Mellon Fellow, University of Chicago, 1991-2

Junior Fellow, American Institute of Indian Studies, 1990-1

Unendowed Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1986-90

Aga Khan Foundation International Scholar, 1986-9

Conferences organized

The Art of Independence: Visions of the Future in India and Pakistan, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, and Courtauld Institute of Art, London, October 12-13, 2017

An Intellectual History for Pakistan, St. Antony's College, Oxford, March 1, 2016

Benares, Bayly and the Making of World History, Jnana-Pravaha, Varanasi, January 7-8, 2015

A Symposium on India's Politics of Free Expression, The Marchioness of Winchester Lectures, St. Antony's College, Oxford, May 31, 2013

Migrants in and After Empire: India, Africa and the Middle East, Commonwealth History Conference, St. Antony's College, Oxford, May 14, 2010

Hind Swaraj: A Transnational History, University of the Witwatersrand, August 16-17, 2009

Politics in Action: the Bhagavad Gita in Modern Times, The New School, June 6-7, 2008

Non-Violence: The Social Life of a Concept, The New School, May 5, 2006

Gandhi: The Politics of Modernity, Whitney Humanities Centre, Yale University, April 5, 2004

Perspectives in Islamic Studies, Institute of Ismaili Studies, August 22-4, 1998

The First Annual W.E.B. Du Bois Graduate Society Spring Conference, *A Contemporary Notion of Citizenship: Race, Class, and Gender in American Life,* Harvard University, April 8, 1995

The War Within: A One-Day Symposium on Religious Violence in India, University of Chicago, January 30, 1992

Named lectures and keynote addresses

"Gandhi, Hinduism and Humanity," Contributions to Contemporary Knowledge Lecture, Faculty of Social Sciences and Department of Sociology, South Asian University, Delhi, October 26, 2017

"Barrister Gandhi Takes the Stand," special lecture commemorating the $70^{\rm th}$ anniversary of India's independence and the UK-India Year of Culture, The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, October 2, 2017

"The Dynastic Idea and Critique of Politics in Modern Islam," keynote address at a conference on The Modern Invention of 'Dynasty': A Global Intellectual History, 1500-2000, Birmingham Research Institute for History and Cultures at the University of Birmingham, September 22, 2017

"Gandhi's Great War," The Tiwari Annual Lecture, The University of Indiana, Bloomington, September 12, 2017

"Iqbal as a Critic of Secularism," Dr. and Mrs. Ookerjee Memorial Lecture, The Wilson College, Mumbai, December 19, 2016

"Ambedkar's Politics and the Idea of Democracy without Nationalism," keynote address at the conference on Democracy Against Civility? Majoritarian Politeness and Subaltern Dissent in Contemporary India, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, December 15, 2016

"The Mahatma at War: How India Redefined the First Global Conflict." The 5th Professor Dhirendra Narain Endowment Lecture, The Asiatic Society of Mumbai, December 14, 2016

"The Inheritance of ISIS," Balvant Parekh Distinguished Lecture, Balvant Parekh Centre for General Semantics and Other Human Sciences, Vadodara, December 6, 2016

"Fatal Love: Intimacy and Violence in Indian Political Thought," Parekh Lecture, School of Politics, Philosophy and International Studies, University of Hull, November 13, 2015

"Catching up with Oneself: Islam and the Representation of Humanity," keynote address at the conference on *Wild Spaces and Islamic Cosmopolitanism in Asia*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, January 14, 2015

"Politics in Action: Gandhi, the *Gita* and Modern Times," the Majewski Lecture, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, November 4, 2013

"Muslim Zion," The Carol A. Breckenridge Memorial Lecture, Department of History, The New School for Social Research, New York, October 7, 2013

"Europe's Muslim Passions," Europaeum Lecture, the Graduate Institute, Geneva, May 27, 2013

"Pakistan as a Political Idea," keynote lecture at the *Worlds of South Asia* conference, Centre for Global South Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, September 17, 2012

"Gandhi on the Virtues of Civil War," the Mary Keatinge Das Lecture, Southern Asia Institute, Columbia University, April 9, 2012 "Jinnah and the Making of Pakistan," the Virani Lectures in Islamic Studies, University of British Columbia, March 28, 2012

"Islam, Politics and the Making of Pakistan," John Park Young Distinguished Speaker, Occidental College, March 14, 2011

"El Futur de l'Islam", *Pensar el Futur*, Centre for Contemporary Culture, Barcelona, February 1, 2010

"The Guilt of Being Still Alive", keynote address at the Annual Conference of the Global Studies Association, Royal Holloway, September 2, 2009

"Muslim Zion: Jinnah and the Making of Pakistan", Kingsley Martin Memorial Lecture, University of Cambridge, May 27, 2009

"Intimate Enemies: Osama bin Laden's Vision of the West", Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, November 26, 2008

"The Militant and the Mahatma", Institute of Contemporary Art, London, February 11, 2008

"Insulting the Prophet", keynote address at a conference on *The Politics of Faith*, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, November 7, 2006

"The Terrorist in Search of Humanity", keynote address at a conference on *Vital Matters*, the University of Bergen, November 4, 2006

"The Ethics of Al-Qaeda", Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, July 26, 2006

"Faisal Devji on the Ethic of Al-Qaeda", Institute of Contemporary Art, London, July 24, 2006

Recent interviews and broadcasts

25 October 2017, interview with CTV Canada on protests in Pakistan (http://www.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1270746).

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