

Shrey Kapoor Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

- 2025–Present Senior Postdoctoral Researcher (Oberassistent) (*joint appointment*)
- Department of Modern South Asian Studies, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zürich
 - Department of Political Sciences & Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel
- 2019–2024 Lecturer and Associated Researcher, Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel

EDUCATION

- 2025 Ph.D., Development Sociology, Cornell University
Dissertation: *From Riots to Dispossession: The Travels and Transformations of Hindu Nationalist Violence in Ahmedabad*
Committee: Fouad Makki (chair), Lori Leonard, Philip McMichael, Christophe Jaffrelot
- 2015 M.A., International Affairs and Governance, University of St. Gallen
Thesis: *Rural Collective Action Organizations in India: Sustainability and Social Impact*
- 2013 M.A., International Development (South Asia concentration), Sciences Po Paris
Cum Laude Distinction – graduated in top 10% of Master’s program
- 2012 B.A., International Affairs, University of St. Gallen
Thesis: *Decoding Representations of the ‘West’ in English-language Arab Newspapers*

PUBLICATIONS

Special Issues

- Kapoor, S. & Susewind, R. (Eds.). (under review). Communal Capitalism: Muslims and Urban Segregation in the Hindu Rashtra [Symposium]. *Antipode*.
— Kapoor, S. & Susewind, R. (under review). Introduction. *Antipode*.

Journal Articles

- Bakonyi, J. & Kapoor, S. (in press). From Positive Peace to Negative Dialectics: About the Local, the Incommensurable, and the Non-Identical. *Civil Wars*.
- Kapoor, S. (2026). Hindu-Muslim Alliances at Ahmedabad’s Double Frontier. *Antipode* 58(1), 1–16. <https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.70130> (part of forthcoming special issue, *Communal Capitalism*, co-edited with R. Susewind)
- Bakonyi, J., Giraud, M. E., Kapoor, S., & Langenohl, A. (2025). Infrastructures and Capitalist World Ordering. *International Political Sociology*, 19(3), 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ips/olaf028>
- Zinda, J. A., & Kapoor, S. (2019). Metabolic Fractures: How Household Livelihood Practices Differentiate Agricultural Input Use in Southwest China. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 71, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2019.09.008>

Journal Articles under review

- Kapoor, S. (under review). Differential Incorporation: Muslim Political Life and Authoritarian Violence in India. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- Kapoor, S. & Weber, R. (under review). Silenced from Within: Transnational Repression and the Fracturing of Exile Politics. *Globalizations*.
- Kapoor, S. & Weber, R. (under review). Aporias of Interdisciplinarity: Disciplinary Instability and the Politics of Knowledge. *Thesis Eleven*.

Book Chapters

- Kapoor, S. & Susewind, R. (in press). The Ghettoization Process. In C. Jaffrelot (Ed.), *Muslims in Modi's India: A Minority in an Era of Hindu Nationalism*. Hurst.
- Kapoor, S. (in press). Differential Incorporation and the Spatial Politics of Violence in Ahmedabad. In C. Jaffrelot (Ed.), *Muslims in Modi's India: A Minority in an Era of Hindu Nationalism*. Hurst.
- Kapoor, S. (in press). Pluralism with a Violent Supplement: Reframing Religious Difference under Hindu Nationalist Urbanism. In A. Mertens (Ed.), *Plurality in South Asia: Festschrift for Angelika Malinar*. Heidelberg: Heidelberg Asian Studies Publishing.
- Kapoor, S. (2026). Infrastructural Violence and the Politics of Erasure. In S. Curtis, M. Acuto, I. Klaus, & G. Morales (Eds.), *Handbook on Cities, Infrastructure and International Relations*. De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111405087-008>
- Kapoor, S. (2023). Resisting a Hegemonic Spatiotemporal Order: Hindu Nationalist Violence and Subterranean Agency in Ahmedabad. In A. Jenss and M. Albrecht (Eds.), *The Spatiality and Temporality of Urban Violence: Histories, Rhythms and Ruptures*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 81–108.

Commissioned Research Reports

- Weber, R., Kapoor, S., Morell, S., & von Rütte, B. (2025). *The Situation of the Tibetan and Uyghur Communities in Switzerland: Actual and Perceived Exertions of Pressure*. Research report commissioned by Switzerland's Federal Office of Justice (FOJ) and State Secretariat for Migration (SEM), 1–40.
- Ghosh, S., Kapoor, S., & Ranjan, K. (2013). *Assessment of SHG and SHG Mahasanghas formed under SGSY*. Research report on Women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) commissioned by the Government of West Bengal and the World Bank.

Book Reviews

- Kapoor, S. & Lietha, V. (2011). Crouching Dragon, Hidden Tiger: Can China and India Dominate the West?, by Prem Shankar Jha [review in German]. *Aussenwirtschaft*, 66(1), 217–221.
- Kapoor, S. & Lietha, V. (2010). Serving Whose Interests? The Political Economy of Trade in Services Agreements, by Jane Kelsey [review in German]. *Aussenwirtschaft*, 65(2), 133–137.

Policy & Media Contributions

- Weber, R. & Kapoor, S. (2025). Grenzenlose Kontrolle: Chinas Repression im Ausland [Article published in German]. *Brennpunkt Tibet*, Issue 03/2025, 7–13.
- Kapoor, S. (2024). Zwischen Ost und West: Indiens geopolitischer Spagat / Entre l'Est et l'Ouest: le grand écart géopolitique de l'Inde [Article published in French and German]. *Die Volkswirtschaft / La Vie Économique*, September 2024, 20–23.

Book Manuscripts

Kapoor, S. (invited for review, Stanford University Press, South Asia in Motion series). *From Riots to Dispossession: The Travels and Transformations of Hindu Nationalist Violence in Ahmedabad*.

Weber, R. & Kapoor, S. (drafting stage, under consideration by sui generis Verlag). *“Like a Horse Running Towards a Cliff”: Switzerland’s Tibetan and Uyghur Communities and Transnational Repression*.

PRESENTATIONS

Panels and workshops organized

Bakonyi, J. & Kapoor, S. (2026). *Capitalism and Global Ordering: Resisting and Reconfiguring Power* [Regular section]. European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA PEC).

Bakonyi, J. & Kapoor, S. (2022–2024). *Infrastructure and Global Order* [Standing section]. European International Studies Association Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA PEC).

Kapoor, S. & Susewind, R. (2023, July 27). *Muslim Agency Within and Against India’s Regimes of Urban Segregation* [Conference panel]. European Conference for South Asian Studies (ECSAS), University of Turin, Italy.

Susewind, R., Tejani, S. & Kapoor, S. (2023, May 25). *India’s Regimes of Urban Segregation Workshop*, King’s College London, United Kingdom.

Invited Talks

Kapoor, S. (2026, May 12). *Infrastructures and Capitalist World Ordering* [Lecture]. *Contested Governance Cluster*, Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut, Freiburg, Germany.

Kapoor, S. (2026, March 5). *Communal Capitalism: Development, Violence, and Spatial Order in Modi’s India* [Lecture]. *Human Geography Seminar Series*, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

Kapoor, S. (2023, October 31). *The ‘World’s Largest Democracy’ as a Node of Transnational Repression? Exploring the Dynamics of India’s Hindu Nationalist State Formation across Borders* [Lecture]. In R. Weber & S. Kapoor (Chairs), *European Global Studies: Transnational Repression Lecture Series*, University of Basel, Switzerland.

Kapoor, S. (2020, February 27). *Contesting the Violent Hegemony of Neoliberal Nationalism: India’s BJP in a Global Context* [Lecture]. In J. Bakonyi (Chair), *Durham Global Security Institute Public Lecture Series*, University of Durham, United Kingdom.

Contributions to conferences and workshops

Kapoor, S. (2026, June 3). *IPS@20: Contesting Big Tech, Digital Transformation, and Infrastructures* [Roundtable]. In K. Grayson (Chair), *British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference*, Brighton, United Kingdom.

Kapoor, S. (2025, July 21). *The “World’s Largest Democracy” as a Node of Transnational Repression?* [Paper presentation]. In N. Kaul (Chair), *Scholarship and Policy towards Transnational Repression: Freedom, Mobility, and Family (TNR-FMF) Workshop*, Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom, online.

Kapoor, S. (2025, July 3). *Racial Capitalism Between Conjunctural and Global Analysis: A Materialist and Relational Approach* [Paper presentation]. In A. Lazzarini & M. Akhter

- (Chairs) *Racial Capitalism and Uneven Development in Afro-Asia*, 12th EWIS, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.
- Kapoor, S. (2025, April 9). A Brittle Rubber Band: Hindu Nationalist Violence and Muslim Agency in Modi's India [Paper presentation]. In G. Van Den Bossche (Chair) *MUBIT Colloquium Islamic Studies*, University of Zürich, Switzerland.
- Kapoor, S. (2024, September 6). Communal-Capitalist Double Frontiers [Roundtable talk]. In J. Sarma & A. Regassa Debelo (Chairs) *Reimagining the 'Frontier' Workshop*, Political Geography Unit, University of Zürich, Switzerland.
- Kapoor, S. (2024, August 29). Indian Diasporas and the Remaking of Transnational Racial Capitalism in Urban South Africa [Paper presentation]. In J. Bakonyi & S. Kapoor (Chairs) *Infrastructural Spaces and Disruptions of the Global Order: Crises of Circulation and Circulating Crises*, 17th EISA PEC, Université Catholique de Lille, France.
- Kapoor, S. (2024, July 4). Indian Diasporas and the Remaking of Transnational Racial Capitalism in Urban South Africa [Paper presentation]. In J. Bakonyi & J. Bachmann (Chairs) *Connectivity Projects in Global Politics: Engineering Futures by Mobilizing the Past*, 11th EWIS, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Kapoor, S. (2024, June 8). Constructing a Global Hindu Rashtra: Transnational Infrastructures of Religious Violence [Paper presentation]. In D. Nidhin, J. Levesque & J. Buehler (Chairs) *The Trouble with Religion? Navigating Discourses, Practices, and Politics*, Swiss Anthropological Association (SAA) Annual Meeting, University of Luzern, Switzerland.
- Kapoor, S. (2024, May 23). The 'World's Largest Democracy' as a Node of Transnational Repression? [Paper presentation]. In A. Stuzer & U. Matter (Chairs) *The Political Economics of Democratic Freedom Workshop*, University of Basel, Switzerland.
- Kapoor, S. (2023, June 30). Authoritarian Transformation and Agrarian Populism [Invited discussant]. In K. Dietz & B. Engels (Chairs) *Radical Transformation in the Global Countryside Workshop*, FU Berlin, Germany.
- Kapoor, S. (2023, April 18–20). Competing Land Futures at Ahmedabad's Double Frontier [Paper presentation]. In H. Faxon & C. Lund (Chairs), *Land Futures: Grounds for Concern in Global Development Workshop*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Kapoor, S. (2022, October 22). Neoliberal Exclusion and Communal Segregation in Ahmedabad [Paper presentation]. In C. Jaffrelot & B. Haykel (Chairs), *Indian Muslims Today Workshop*, Sciences Po Paris, France.
- Kapoor, S. (2022, September 4). Resisting a Hegemonic Spatiotemporal Order: Hindu Nationalist Violence and Subterranean Agency in Ahmedabad [Paper Presentation]. In J. Bakonyi & S. Kapoor (Chairs), *Infrastructural Spaces and Disruptions of the Global Order: Crises of Circulation and Circulating Crises*, 15th EISA PEC, Panteion University, Athens, Greece.
- Kapoor, S., Manchanda, N., Sarma, J., Plonski, S. (2022, September 3). Global Infrastructural (B)ordering [Roundtable]. In J. Bakonyi & S. Kapoor (Chairs), *Infrastructural Spaces and Disruptions of the Global Order: Crises of Circulation and Circulating Crises*, 15th EISA PEC, Panteion University, Athens, Greece.
- Kapoor, S. (2022, July 11–12). An Act of Violence?: Anti-Conversion Laws in India [Invited discussant]. In R. Susewind & S. Selvaraj (Chairs), *Hindutva and the Rule(s) of Law Workshop*, King's College London, United Kingdom.

- Kapoor, S. (2021, April 21). Resistance or Cooption? Tracing the Politics of Authoritarian Hindu Nationalism and "Illicit" Muslim Agency from Ahmedabad's Margins [Paper presentation], *Institute for European Global Studies Working Lunch*, University of Basel, online.
- Kapoor, S. (2021, February 23). Governing India's Outbreaks: The BJP's Authoritarian Populism Refracted through the Covid-19 Pandemic in Ahmedabad [Paper presentation]. In A. Jenss (Chair), *Authoritarian Urban Practices Series*, Arnold Bergstrasser Institute Freiburg, online.
- Kapoor, S. (2020, July 10). Development Infrastructures and Their Violent 'Others:' A Relational Approach to Urban Dispossession and Resettlement in India [Paper presentation]. In J. Bakonyi & M. Darwich (Chairs), *Contested Connections*, online/originally scheduled for 7th European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Kapoor, S. (2019, September 13). Hegemony and Violence in India: Calling for a Gestalt Shift [Paper presentation]. In J. Bakonyi & K. Stuvoy (Chairs), *Violence, Security, Capitalism: Global Perspectives on the City*, 13th EISA PEC, University of Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Zinda, J. A. & Kapoor, S. (2019, August 11). Metabolic Fractures: How Household Livelihood Practices Differentiate Agricultural Input Use in Southwest China [Paper presentation]. In J. L. Harrison (Session Organizer), *Environmental Sociology Roundtables*, 114th ASA Annual Meeting, New York, USA.
- Zinda, J. A. & Kapoor, S. (2018, October 20). Metabolic Fractures: How Household Livelihood Practices Differentiate Agricultural Input Use in Southwest China [Paper presentation]. *7th Annual Sociology of Development Conference*, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA.
- Kapoor, S. (2018, September 14). The Frontiers of Gujarat's Regime of Dispossession: Revisiting the Story of the Sabarmati Riverfront [Paper presentation]. In J. Bakonyi & K. Stuvoy (Chairs), *Capitalism and Violence in the City*, 12th EISA PEC, University of Economics (VŠE), Prague, Czechia.

TEACHING

University of Zürich

Spring 2026 *Mixed Methods in the Social Sciences: Epistemologies, Practices, Politics (MA seminar)*

University of Basel

Spring 2026 *Advanced Interdisciplinarity for European Global Studies (PhD seminar)*

Interdisciplinary Analyses in European Global Studies (MA seminar with Carlotta Manz)

Qualitative Approaches to Political Repression (BA seminar)

Fall 2025 *Mixed Social Science Methods for European Global Studies (MA seminar)*

Interdisciplinary Analyses in European Global Studies (MA seminar with Carlotta Manz)

Applied Qualitative Methods for Political Science (BA seminar)

Spring 2025 *Advanced Interdisciplinarity for European Global Studies (PhD seminar)*

Interdisciplinary Analyses in European Global Studies (MA seminar with Barbara von Rütte)

Qualitative Approaches to Studying Transnational Repression (BA seminar)

Fall 2024 *Mixed Social Science Methods for European Global Studies (MA seminar)*

- Interdisciplinary Analyses in European Global Studies* (MA seminar with Barbara von Rütte)
- European Global Studies: Current Debates in History & Politics* (MA colloquium with Corey Ross)
- Applied Qualitative Methods for Political Science* (BA seminar)
- Spring 2024 *Advanced Interdisciplinarity for European Global Studies* (PhD seminar)
- Interdisciplinary Analyses in European Global Studies* (MA seminar with Barbara von Rütte)
- Fall 2023 *Mixed Social Science Methods for European Global Studies* (MA seminar)
- European Global Studies: Focus Transnational Repression* (MA lecture Series with Ralph Weber)
- Interdisciplinary Analyses in European Global Studies* (MA seminar with Barbara von Rütte and Philippe Major)
- Spring 2023 *Advanced Interdisciplinarity for European Global Studies* (PhD seminar)
- European Global Studies: Current Debates in History & Politics* (MA colloquium with Madeleine Herren)
- Fall 2022 *Mixed Social Science Methods for European Global Studies* (MA seminar)
- European Global Studies: Current Debates in History & Politics* (MA colloquium with Madeleine Herren)
- Spring 2022 *Advanced Interdisciplinarity for European Global Studies* (PhD seminar)
- European Global Studies: Current Debates in History & Politics* (MA colloquium with Madeleine Herren)
- Fall 2021 *Mixed Social Science Methods for European Global Studies* (MA seminar)
- Fall 2020 *European Global Studies: Current Debates in Culture & Society* (MA colloquium with Ralph Weber)
- Fall 2019 *Interdisciplinary Research Designs for European Global Studies* (MA seminar with Ralph Weber)
- Interdisciplinary Analyses in European Global Studies* (MA colloquium with Ralph Weber and Madeleine Herren)
- Spring 2016 *Global Debates, Eurocentrism and Methodology* (MA seminar, teaching assistant for Ralph Weber)
- Spring 2015 *Probleme der Eurozentrismuskritik* (BA seminar, teaching assistant for Ralph Weber)

Cornell University

- Spring 2019 *International Development* (BA lecture, teaching assistant for Phil McMichael)
- Fall 2018 *Theories of Development Sociology* (BA seminar, teaching assistant for Fouad Makki)

SUPERVISION

- First supervisor, MA thesis in Political Science (completed 2024), University of Basel
- First supervisor, MA thesis in Political Science (ongoing), University of Basel
- First supervisor, MA thesis in European Global Studies (completed 2025), University of Basel
- Second supervisor, MA thesis in European Global Studies (ongoing), University of Basel
- Supervised several BA-level senior seminar papers in Political Science, University of Basel

FIELDWORK

- 2022 Interviews with Tibetan and Uyghur communities in Switzerland [6 months]
Main responsibility for the development and implementation of methodological framework based on qualitative process tracing, helped prepare and conduct over 46 semi-structured interviews in German, English, and French that produced 87 hours of recorded and transcribed material.
- 2017–2021 Multi-sited ethnography in Ahmedabad, including participant observation and over 120 semi-structured interviews [19 months]
- 2013 Research on rural collective action organizations in West Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh [6 months]

GRANTS

- 2021 Federal Office of Justice (FOJ) and State Secretariat for Migration (SEM), public tender for research report (with Ralph Weber, Selina Morell, and Barbara von Rütte) (CHF 130,000)
- 2020 American Institute for Indian Studies (AIIS) Junior Research Fellowship alternate list (not awarded)
- 2019 Cornell University, Engaged Cornell Graduate Student Grant (\$15,000)
- 2018 Cornell University, South Asia Program Research Travel Grant (\$2,000)
- 2016 Cornell University, Polson Institute for Global Development Research Working Group Grant (\$2,000)

RESEARCH NETWORKS

- 2020–2024 Henry Luce Foundation, *Indian Muslims Today*
Four-year research project in collaboration with Sciences Po, Princeton, and Columbia University, co-leader of a thematic research cluster on ghettoization in Indian cities with Raphael Susewind
- 2019 Cornell University, Polson Research Working group on *Infrastructure, State, Cyborg: Exploring the Substance and Subjectivities of Infrastructural Formations in Postcolonial States* [member]
- 2018 Cornell University, Institute of Comparative Modernities (ICM) reading group on *Dalit Studies and the Question of Caste* [member]
- 2016 Cornell University, Polson Research Working group on *The Contested Significance of Land* [co-organizer with Delilah Griswold and Fouad Makki]

SERVICE

- 2026–Present Study Advisor, MA Modern Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (MAMES), Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University of Zürich.
Advising prospective and current students on course selection, thesis supervision, career paths, and mobility. Responsibilities include membership on the MAMES board, coordination of curriculum and crosslistings, organization of program events, and administration of core courses including the MAMES colloquium.
- 2025–Present Member, Interfaculty Commission for the MA European Global Studies
- 2025 Prepared *White Paper: Strengthening the PhD Program in European Global Studies* for the Institute for European Global Studies, outlining reforms to supervision standards, doctoral milestones, and professionalization structures.
- 2023 Reviewer, *Contemporary South Asia Studies*

2020 Reviewer, *Global Policy*
2018 Reviewer, *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*
2017 Chair, Cornell Development Sociology Graduate Student Collective

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association; European Association for South Asian Studies; European International Studies Association; International Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Native: English, German, Hindi | Proficient: French (C2), Spanish (B2)

SKILLS

Proficient: ATLAS.ti, MAXQDA, Stata

REFERENCES

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