


PERSONAL INFORMATION **Dr. Abida Sharif**

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

09/2012–10/2016

PhD in Sociology

Department of Sociology, University of Versailles-Saint Quentin. AND 'National Institute of Demographic Studies', **Paris (France)**

Thesis Title: Transnational Marriages in Pakistani Immigrant Families in France

Research Interest: Migration, Trans-nationalism, Transnational Social Space, Marriage, Family, Gender, Kinship Network, Integration, Identity, South Asian Diaspora.

09/2011–07/2012

European Research Degree in Demography

European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD), hosted at Max Planck Institute of Demographic Research, **Rostock, Germany**; And at Centre for Demographic Studies, Autonomous University of **Barcelona, Spain**.

Thesis Title: Nuptiality Patterns and Trends in Pakistan: Descriptive Analysis at Regional Level

Main Subjects:

- Statistical Demography
- Mathematical Demography
- Population Data and Summary Measures
- Modeling, Simulation and Forecasting
- Theories of Demographic Behavior and Change
- Causes and Consequences of Demographic Change
- Thesis Course

10/2009–09/2010

Master 2 Research (Sociology-Demography)

Department of Sociology, University of Versailles **Saint Quentin. (France)**

Thesis Title: Spouse Selection in Punjab, Pakistan

Main Subjects:

- Sociology of Family and Marriage
- Sociological Theories
- Sociology of Professions, Work and Occupation
- Sociology of Social Policies and Gender-work
- Sociology of Social Sciences

10/2007–09/2008

French Language Course

Ecole Amicale Laïque, **Saint Cyr L'ecole (78210) (France)**

10/2000–09/2002

Master in Sociology

Department of Sociology, University of Punjab, Lahore (Pakistan)

Thesis title: HIV/AIDS Awareness: Stigma and Discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS

Research Reports:

- Impact Assessment of Autonomization of Jinnah Hospital”, 2002. A Fieldwork Report. Department of Sociology, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- Tourism and Livelihood of Abbottabad Residents, 2002. A Fieldwork Report. Department of Sociology, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Main subjects:

- Contemporary Sociological Theory
- General Sociology
- Sociology of Development
- Research Methods
- Social Statistics
- Cultural Anthropology
- Social Psychology

WORK EXPERIENCE

03/2005–10/2005

Researcher

Punjab Rural Support Program (PRSP), Okara (Pakistan)

Worked as Team Supervisor on “Harnessing the People’s Potential to Help Themselves”. Major activities include Social mobilization; launching PRSP community primary schools; up gradation of primary schools; Free Health Camps; and, Women economic participation through micro-credit program and to arrange trainings and workshops for women.

05/2004–02/2005

Assistant Researcher

National Engineering Services of Pakistan (NESPAK), Lahore (Pakistan)

Worked as Assistant Researcher on “preparation of RAP of Mirani Dam Project”. Major responsibilities include Data Collection, Data Management and to assist senior Sociologist in preparing the chapter of RAP Report regarding baseline conditions of affectees of the project.

02/2004–04/2004

Junior Researcher

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS). University of Punjab., Lahore (Pakistan)

Worked as Junior Researcher in an evaluation study of Ghazi Barotha Hydro-power Project’s affectees, a Mega project funded by World Bank. Key Responsibilities were to work with the team of Data Collectors & Data Management for five different kinds of field surveys, namely:

- Project Affected Population Assessment Survey (PAPs).
- Resettled Population Assessment Survey.
- Women Situation Analysis .
- Survey & Assessment of a PNGO (Project Non-Governmental Organization).
- Ghazi Barotha Taraqqyati Idara (GBTI): Beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development Program (IRDP) and Beneficiaries of Training.

05/2003–01/2004

Junior Researcher

Vision Explorer, Lahore (Pakistan)

Started my career as Junior Researcher with Vision Explorer; a private socio-economic surveys and research organization. Key Responsibilities were to carry out Impact Assessment Studies, Baseline Surveys, and KAP/KAB studies

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Punjabi

| Other language(s) | UNDERSTANDING | | SPEAKING | | WRITING |
|-------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production | |
| Urdu | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 |
| English | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 |
| French | B2 | B2 | B1 | B1 | B1 |

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Organisational / managerial skills

- Co-organizer of Summer School on 'Well-being and Educational Migration: Private biographies of young Pakistanis at home' at the Department of Sociology, Quaid-e-Azam University, **Islamabad, Pakistan** (April, 2016)
- Co-organizer of Summer School on 'Becoming adult between the local and the global: Educational Migrant Youth' at the Department of Sociology of family, youth and education, University of **Wuppertal, Germany** (July, 2015).
- Co-organizer of 'workshop for Doctoral students', entitled 'Multi-site Ethnography' at National Institute of Demographic Research, **Paris, France**. (May, 2015).
- Co-organizer of 'International Conference on Youth Politics' at Department of Sociology, Quaid-i-Azam University **Islamabad, Pakistan** (March, 2015).
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Digital competence

- MS Office (MS Word, Excel, Power Point)
- Prezi
- SPSS
- R- Programming for exploring data sets statistically

Other skills

Research Promotion Activities

Participated in:

- May 14-16, 2014. 'Transnationalism: Identities, Dynamics and Cultural Diversification in Urban Post-migratory Situations' organized by European migration network, TRICUD. **Liege, Belgium**.
- January 14-16, 2014. 'Family, Marriage and Migration' Workshop organized by The Danish National Centre for Social research (SFI), **Copenhagen**.
- December 12, 2013. Migration adolescente et autonomie féminine en matière de divorce. Réflexions à partir d'un suivi de population au Mali. Séminaire: Migrations féminines en Afrique' at Centre d'Études Africaines (EHESS), **Paris**.
- December 4, 2013. Les familles transnationales et les migrantes philippines 'ici' et 'ailleurs'. Journée d'étude sociologie at l'université Paris Diderot – **Paris 7**.
- June 13, 2013. L'immigration des étudiants étrangers en France: partage d'expériences et défis à relever'. workshop organized in collaboration between Ministère de l'Intérieur Secrétaire Général à l'Immigration et à l'intégration, France and European Migration Network, **Paris**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

Forthcoming:

- Sharif, A. (2016). Who marries whom? Educational capital and Pakistani marriage market.
- Sharif, A. (2016). Whom to marry? Punjabi Kinship system.

Published:

- Sharif, A. (2015). Selecting an Adequate Spouse in Transnational Context: Transnational marriages among Pakistani immigrants in France. Document de travail - n°219. Actes de la Journée Doctorale de l'ined, Novembre, 2015.

- Sharif, A. (2015). Rappports pakistanais transnationaux: se marier au pays [Review of the book Transnational Pakistani connections: marrying back home by K. Charsley]. Population (Edition française), 70(1), 175-78.
- Zaman, M., Zakar, M.,Z., Sharif, A., Sabir, I., Zakar, R., & Arif, M. (2013). Exchange Marriage System, Traditional Gender Roles and Obscured Transformation in a Community of Pakistan: Interplay of Structure Agency and Social Change. International Journal of Sociology of the Family, 39 (1-2), 26-47.
- Sabir, I., Sharif, A. (2010). Academic Dependency of Intellectual Labor: The Case of Social Sciences in Pakistan. International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, 5(6), 31-42.

Conferences

Paper Presentations

- "Transnational Marriages: Pursuit of Contextual Choices". Oral presentation at '3rd International Conference of Asian Population Association 27-30 July, 2015'. **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.**
- "Nuptiality Patterns and Trends in Pakistan: Descriptive Analysis at Regional Level". Poster presentation at '3rd International Conference of Asian Population Association 27-30 July, 2015'. **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.**
- "Repudiating the Marriage: The case of Child Marriages in Pakistan". Oral presentation at 'International Conference on Child Rights: 25 years of UNCRC and the State of Child Rights in Pakistan' 19, November, 2014. Organised by United Nations Child Rights Commission and Department of Sociology, Quaid-e-Azam Univeristy, **Islamabad, Pakistan.**
- "Inter-generational Preferential Criteria for Spouse Selection". Oral presentation at the '10th International ESA conference 7-10 September, 2011: Social Relations in Turbulent Times", organized by European Sociological Association, **Geneva, Switzerland.**
- "From Miss fit to misfit: Between Convergence and Divergence". Oral presentation at the '2nd International Conference 6-9 July, 2011: Ethnographies of Gender and Conflict'. Organised by LOVA Networks, Association for Gender Studies and Feminist Anthropology, **Amsterdam, Netherlands.**

Presentations

Presentations in Seminars and Workshops (2013-214)

- April 2, 2014. "Transnational Marriages: Interplay of Contextual Choices" at seminar on 'Familles, migrations et classes sociales' at l'Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) -Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- January 28, 2014. "Transnational Marriages (Pakistan-France)" at 'Research workshop on Marriage in Asia' INED, Paris.
- November 19, 2013. "Spouse Selection in Pakistan across gender, generation and geographic area" at 'Research Seminar' at Department of Sociology, Punjab University Lahore, Pakistan.
- October 22, 2013. "Nuptiality Patterns in Pakistan: A descriptive study at regional levels (Census; 1951-1998)" at at 'Research Seminar' at Department of Sociology, Punjab University Lahore, Pakistan.
- September 19, 2013. "Spouse Selection in Pakistan across gender, generation and geographic area" at 'Thesis Workshop Series' at Department of Sociology, Punjab University Lahore, Pakistan.
- September 12, 2013. Nuptiality Patterns in Pakistan: A descriptive study at regional levels (Census; 1951-1998)' at Department of Population Studies, University of Punjab, Pakistan.
- April 11, 2013. "Transnational Marriages: Presenting the events of marriage and migration" at 'Research Unit 08 Migrations internationales et minorités' INED. Paris.
- April 4, 2013. "Transnational Marriages (France-Pakistan)" at 'Research Unit 04 Démographie, genre et sociétés' INED. Paris.