

# Dr. Farah Siddiqui

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## PROFILE

Historian of the Indian Ocean world, working on port cities, print culture and urban life from 1750 to 1950. Archival research in five countries and six languages.

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., History** · 2008 – 2014

*Ganga Valley University*

Dissertation: Merchants and municipalities in colonial port cities

**M.Phil., History** · 2006 – 2008

*Ganga Valley University*

**M.A., History** · 2004 – 2006

*Monsoon College of Arts*

Gold medal

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor of History** · 2019 – Present

*Monsoon College of Arts*

- Teach modern South Asian and Indian Ocean history; convene the urban history seminar.

**Assistant Professor of History** · 2014 – 2019

*Monsoon College of Arts*

**Visiting Fellow** · 2017

*Institute for Maritime Studies, Leiden-style programme*

- Archival work on Dutch and English trade records.

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## PUBLICATIONS

Gupta, R., Iyer, M., **Siddiqui, F.**, & Sato, Y. (2026). Rethinking maritime trade networks. *Journal of South Asian Histories*, 15(6), 529–548.

Haddad, N., Chen, L., & **Siddiqui, F.** (2026). New approaches to port cities of the Indian Ocean. *Review of Maritime History*, 8(3), 616–635.

**Siddiqui, F.**, & Fischer, A. (2026). New approaches to railways and pilgrimage. *Annual History Congress*, pp. 410–420.

**Siddiqui, F.**, Menon, V., & Okafor, D. (2025). Scaling maritime trade networks. *Studies in Colonial Cities*, 21(2), 736–745.

**Siddiqui, F.**, & Menon, V. (2025). Towards print culture in colonial Bengal. *Modern Archives Quarterly*, 10(1), 413–424.

**Siddiqui, F.**, Fischer, A., & Rao, S. (2025). New approaches to textile guilds of western India. *Review of Maritime History*, 13(7), 42–59.

- Siddiqui, F.**, Haddad, N., Fischer, A., & Okafor, D. (2024). Measuring maritime trade networks. *Studies in Colonial Cities*, 13(11), 712–728.
- Sato, Y., Iyer, M., & **Siddiqui, F.** (2024). New approaches to railways and pilgrimage. *Modern Archives Quarterly*, 38(8), 548–556.
- Chen, L., Rao, S., & **Siddiqui, F.** (2024). Understanding municipal politics in early Bombay. *Studies in Colonial Cities*, 19(12), 214–235.
- Siddiqui, F.**, & Mensah, K. (2023). New approaches to textile guilds of western India. *Journal of South Asian Histories*, 23(3), 591–604.
- Chen, L., Fischer, A., & **Siddiqui, F.** (2023). Understanding famine relief archives. *Review of Maritime History*, 11(7), 348–357.
- Banerjee, P., **Siddiqui, F.**, Gupta, R., & Chen, L. (2023). Designing for municipal politics in early Bombay. *Modern Archives Quarterly*, 6(8), 460–477.

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## BOOKS

- Siddiqui, F. (2019). *Harbour Towns: Merchants, Municipalities and the Making of Colonial Port Cities*. Monsoon University Press.
- Siddiqui, F. (Ed.) (2023). *Print and the City: Essays on Urban Reading Publics*. Lantern Academic.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- Poster: “New approaches to print culture in colonial Bengal”, *Review of Maritime History*, Chennai, 2026.
- Invited talk: “Revisiting railways and pilgrimage”, *Studies in Colonial Cities*, Hyderabad, 2026.
- Seminar: “Evidence on railways and pilgrimage”, *Modern Archives Quarterly*, Pune, 2025.
- Seminar: “Revisiting maritime trade networks”, *Studies in Colonial Cities*, London, 2025.
- Seminar: “Rethinking print culture in colonial Bengal”, *Review of Maritime History*, New Delhi, 2024.
- Seminar: “New approaches to railways and pilgrimage”, *Studies in Colonial Cities*, New Delhi, 2024.
- Seminar: “Measuring print culture in colonial Bengal”, Annual History Congress, Hyderabad, 2023.
- Invited talk: “Understanding maritime trade networks”, Annual History Congress, Singapore, 2023.
- Keynote: “Rethinking maritime trade networks”, Symposium on South Asian Histories, New Delhi, 2022.

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## TEACHING

- Modern South Asia, 1750–1950 (B.A.)
- Cities and Empires (M.A.)
- Archival Methods (M.Phil./Ph.D.)
- Supervised 7 doctoral and 20 M.Phil. students

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## GRANTS, AWARDS & HONOURS

- Senior research grant, national council for historical research (2021–2024)
- Book prize, Annual History Congress (2020)
- Short-term archive fellowship, maritime history foundation (2016)

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Book reviews editor, *Journal of South Asian Histories* (2020–present)
- Member, state archives advisory board (2022–present)

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## SKILLS

**Languages for research:** Urdu, Persian, Bengali, Dutch (reading), English

**Methods:** Archival research, oral history, digital mapping (QGIS)

**Languages:** English, Urdu, Bengali, Hindi

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## REFERENCES

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**Prof. H. de Vries**

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