

# Nida Zehra

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## Education

**London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**, London, UK, **Sep 2025 – Sep 2029** - Received an **LSE PhD Studentship** for a *PhD* in Human Geography and Urban Studies in the Department of Geography and Environment.

Relevant Coursework: Anticolonial Archives, The Politics of Environment and Development, Contemporary debates in Human Geography, Doing Ethnography

Primary Research Interests: Political Ecology, Caste Studies, Race, Geographies of Migration, Infrastructural Development, Environmental Governance, Water Studies, South Asia/Global South, Postcolonial Studies

**School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)**, London, UK, **Oct 2023 – Sep 2024** - *MSc* Environment, Politics & Development: **Merit**.

Relevant Coursework: Fundamentals of Research Methods, Issues in Forced Migration, Political Ecology of Development

**Queen Mary University of London**, London, UK, **Sep 2019 – June 2022** - *B.A* Politics & International Relations: **Distinction**.

Relevant Coursework: Colonialism, Capitalism, and Development, Race and Racism in World Politics, Politics of South Asia

## Research and Teaching

*Part-time Tutor*, A&J School, July 2025 – Present

- Prepare, design and deliver full lesson plans, teaching materials and reading lists for International A-Level and Undergraduate Politics, Economics and Geography international students, covering a broad spectrum of sub-topics, university requirements and various exam boards
- Ensure the understanding of complex academic concepts through interactive and engaging formats such as intellectual debate, essays, and problem-based learning
- Upholding the A&J School standards for teachers and professional development, including using learning frameworks to submit monthly reports of students' development to guardians
- Collaborating with academic team to create and mark end-of term exams and detailed report cards according to A&J standards to track student development and ensure constant and constructive support
- Providing detailed, productive written feedback to students after every session
- Undergoing and adhering to A&J School online trainings for teachers and mentors

*Politics and Economics Tutor*, **Superprof; Tutorhouse**, Sep 2021 – Present

- Design and delivered personalized tutoring sessions for A-Level and Undergraduate Politics, Economics and Geography students, ensuring understanding of simplified complex concepts in political theory, economic systems, international relations and current affairs.
- Encourage critical thinking, investigation, and debate, promoting analytical skills and a deeper understanding of political and economic systems thinking.
- Provide detailed, encouraging and constructive feedback and suggestions for student development

*PhD Scholar*, LSE, London Sep 2025 - Sep 2029

- Contributing original and impactful research on how current uneven climate (im)mobilities in Sindh, Pakistan are shaped by historical legacies of British colonial hydraulic infrastructure and racialized agrarian governance
- Conducting an intensive and rigorous literature review process, synthesizing literatures across political ecology, migration studies, human geography, and caste studies
- Conducting qualitative archival studies and ethnographic studies in rural Sindh (2027 - 2028)
- Disseminating my findings across multiple conferences, public forums, and speaking opportunities to contribute to scholarship and build an evidence base for climate adaptation policy agendas

*Workshop facilitator*, **ClimateEd**, London Nov 2024

- Delivered workshops to primary school classes, teaching about climate science and sustainable living to inspire students and their families to live a climate-conscious lifestyle.
- Applied culturally responsive and culturally competent pedagogy in the classroom to best support students from diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

*Independent Researcher*, **Senior Project**, *masters' Thesis*, SOAS, London Dec 2023 – Sep 2024

- Authored a fifty-page thesis outlining 'An argument for reconceptualizing climate migration to Indigenous anthropogenic (im)mobilities for a more just policy response.'
- Conducted qualitative and interdisciplinary research integrating Indigenous environmental justice, climate (im)mobilities literature and migration studies to challenge conventional migration theoretical and policy-based paradigms
- Contributed to academic and practical discourse on climate migration-justice through original scholarship and theoretical exploration.

*Independent Researcher*, **Senior Project**, *Undergraduate First-Class Honors Thesis*, QMUL, London Dec 2021 – June 2022

- Authored a forty-page thesis on 'the reproduction of the White Saviour Complex in the humanitarian visual discourse of the international humanitarian response to the 2010 Haiti earthquake'
- Constructed a racial and postcolonial theoretical framework synthesizing Fanonian literature with "The White Man's Burden" (Kipling, 1899)
- Leveraged innovative methodological approach of visual discourse analysis, conjoining Fairclough's Critical Discourse Analysis and Kress and Leeuwen's (2021) Visual Grammar to analyse 12 relevant datasets

## Conferences and Presentations

### Invited engagements

- *Invited Speaker* – 7<sup>th</sup> Oxford Interdisciplinary Desert Conference, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford March 2025. Panel title: “Colonial Legacies, Mobility and the Commons”. Talk title: “Tracing Climate (Im)mobilities: The Interplay of Caste and Colonial Legacies in Sindh’s Irrigated Geographies”
- *Invited Speaker* - Decolonization Webinar Series, Migration Youth & Children Platform May 2025. Talk title: “Weaving Youth Voices into Decolonial Climate Mobility Discourse and Practice”.

### Panelist roles alongside an organizational capacity

- *Invited Panelist* - New York Climate Week Panel September 2025. Organized Panel title: “Applied Learning on Climate (Im)mobilities: Critical Perspectives Across the Globe”.
- *Invited Panelist* - University of Michigan-Wisconsin Climate Migration Symposium October 2025. Organized Panel title: “Climate Mobility Justice: Reimagining Responsibility, Knowledge, and Belonging in a Warming World in Climate Migrant Symposium”.
- *Panelist* – 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia October 2026 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Organized panel title: Climate adaptation, mobility and legal frameworks in South Asia

### Panelist

- *Panelist* - Environmental and Climate Mobilities Network (ECMN) June 2026. Paper title: “Legal and epistemic violence in environmental-related dispossession and displacement amongst Indigenous communities: case studies from North America”
- *Panelist* - POLLEN Conference July 2026. Panel title: “Political Ecologies of Migration Beyond Climate: Land, Livelihoods, and Mobility in the 21st Century”. Paper title: “Racialised Land and Bonded Labour - Colonial Legacies, Caste and the Im(mobilities) of debt in Sindh, Pakistan”
- Panelist – Othering and Belonging Conference, University of California, Berkeley. October 2026.

### Publications and writing

- Khausa: A Story of Migration from Burma to Karachi. Online Article. Available at : <https://brownhistory.substack.com/p/khausa-a-story-of-migration-from>
- Single author chapter contributions to Routledge’s *Essential Concepts of Human Rights and the Environment* (2025). Chapters include: “Planned relocation” and “Climate and Environmental-related Evictions, Dispossession and Displacement”
- Collaborative author chapter contribution to Edward Elgar’s *Climate Change, Migration, Gender and the Law* (2026). Chapter titled: “A Theory of Climate Mobility Justice: Interrogating Climate Mobility Regimes within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”

## Experience

### *Lead Knowledge Specialist, Beyond Climate Collaborative* Nov 2024 – Present

- Designing and leading the Knowledge & Resources team on Climate (Im)mobility, building a global network of qualitative and quantitative researchers, scholars, and experts to explore climate solutions and justice
- Facilitating the creation of accessible and localized knowledge products including statistics, blog posts, thought pieces, moving stories, and infographics to fill in a climate mobility justice research gap
- Support the development of a Climate Mobility Justice Academic Journal and other publishing initiatives, with a particular focus on advancing Global South-based publishing opportunities

### *Impact & Strategy Intern, Bloomsbury Football Foundation (BFF), London* Aug 2024 – Oct 2024

- Conducted primary research on the social and economic impact of BFF’s holiday camps, including designing and administering surveys, interviews, and adolescent-centered ethical research practices.
- Analyzed primary data including synthesizing upto 300 youth datasets with social return on investment (SROI) methodology
- Authored a detailed SROI report and presented findings to multiple stakeholders and leadership, to communicate the impact presented by holiday camps, provide evidence-based recommendations for program enhancement, and optimize the Foundation’s strategy for donor engagement and funding appeals.

### *Research Intern, SIC4Change, Madrid/Canary Islands, Spain* Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Conducted secondary research and authored a brief titled ‘Using technological methods to mitigate and address malnutrition in Indigenous Latin American communities’ highlighting the challenges present in using technological methods.
- Assisted in the design, implementation, and impact evaluation of ‘Endreda’: digital and in-person social intervention activities for climate and economic migrants in the Canary Islands
- Researched an independently researched evaluative brief titled ‘An analysis of SIC4Change using ICT4D Capabilities approach’ identifying potential obstacles in project impact and diversity concerns

**Skills:** Proficient in MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop (Basic), Canva, familiar with Java.

**Languages:** Fluent in English and Urdu

