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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** 2017-2022 (expected)  
PhD Candidate, Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning,  
International Development Group.

**London School of Economics and Political Science** 2013-14  
MSc Urbanisation & Development, *Distinction*.  
Dissertation (with distinction): *Urban Noises, City Voices. CyberMohalla: New public spaces and the production of urban identities*.

**Sciences Po Paris (Institut d'Etudes Politiques)** 2009-12  
BA Political Science.  
Study Year Abroad – **Johns Hopkins University**.

**University of Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV)** 2009-12  
BA Philosophy, *Mention Assez Bien*.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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“Colonial Infrastructure in Fascist Italy. Urbanization and colonization through migration, from the new cities of the Agro Pontino to coastal Libya (1927-1940)”, *International Review of Social History*, 2020 (forthcoming, review in progress).

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“From Punjab to Pontinia: what’s in an Italian tomato? Urbanisation and International Labour Migration in the Agro-Industrial Sector” *International Sociological Association-RC21 Conference*, New Delhi, India, September 18-21, 2019.

“Urbanization, Migration, and Colonization under Fascism (1927-1940)” *Global Urban History Conference*, Leicester, U.K., July 10-12, 2019.

“International Labour Migration and Urbanization: The case of Indian agricultural daily wage labourers in Italy” *American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C., April 2-5, 2019

“People as Colonial Infrastructure in Fascist Italy” *Global History Network Annual Conference*, Saint-Louis, Senegal, December 11-14, 2018.

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## AWARDS & GRANTS

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**Lloyd and Nadine Rodwin Fund** 2018

**MIT Presidential Fellowship** 2017-18

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, MA Instructor, <i>Introduction to International Development</i> . Designed and taught course.	Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, <i>Gateway: Theory and History of Planning</i>	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, <i>Gateway: Theory and History of Planning</i> .	Fall 2018
<b>Boston University</b> , Boston, MA. Teaching Assistant, <i>Urban Sociology (Prison Education Program)</i> .	Spring 2018
<b>Italian Institute of Culture</b> , New Delhi, India. Lecturer, <i>Advanced Italian</i> .	2016-17
<b>GENEPI</b> , Fresnes, France. French Instructor in the Fresnes Prison.	2009-11

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Urban Theory Lab</b> , Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Member	2017-present
<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, MA. Research Assistant to Profs. Arindam Dutta and Sai Balakrishnan	Spring 2018
<b>Centre for Policy Research</b> , New Delhi, India. Research Associate, Urbanisation Branch	2016-17
<b>Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS)</b> , New Delhi, India. Researcher	2015

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## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat)</b> , Nairobi, Kenya. Intern, Urban Planning and Design Branch.	Spring 2013
<b>Tehelka Magazine</b> , New Delhi, India. Reporter.	Fall 2012
<b>Babel Press</b> , New Delhi, India. Video Production Assistant.	2010

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## WRITING

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### Book Reviews

"Globalists vs. Internationalists" *New Politics*, Summer Issue, 2018.

### Printed Press

"The Lake of Forgotten Dreams", *Tehelka Magazine* 9: 51. December 2012.

"The Agency of Change", *Tehelka Magazine* 9: 49. November 2012.

"Lit by Fire", *Tehelka Magazine* 9: 43. October 2012

"When a Book Goes Booker", *Tehelka Magazine* 9: 40. September 2012

## Translations

Wu Ming, "The Police vs. Pasolini, Pasolini vs. The Police" (translated from Italian).  
*Verso Books*, June 2016.

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## LANGUAGES

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**Italian** – Native

**French** – Native

**Spanish** – Intermediate

**Hindi** – Intermediate

**Arabic** – Basic

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## SKILLS

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Proficient in audio/video editing softwares (Adobe Soundbooth and Final Cut Pro).

Basic use of Geographic Information Systems and related software (QGIS).

Basic use of statistical analysis software (Stata).

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## REFERENCES

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### **Jason Jackson**

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and Urban Planning

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