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**EDUCATION:**

**Yale University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New Haven, CT**

- 2016 Ph.D., Department of Sociology (expected December 2016)  
Dissertation: “Anti-colonial Labor Movements and the Postcolonial Authoritarian State: Indian Coffee House from Independence to Emergency and Beyond”  
Committee: Julia Adams (Chair), Steven Wilkinson, Emily Erikson, Charles Lemert
- 2011 M. Phil., Sociology  
Qualifying Exam: Radical Political Economy after the Financial Crisis
- 2010 M.A., Sociology  
Second Year Paper: “The Development of Capitalism: profit, finance capital and crisis”

**The Johns Hopkins University, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Baltimore, MD**

- 2007 B.A.(Honors), Cross-National Sociology & International Development  
Senior Honors Thesis: “Worker Self-Management in World-Historical Perspective”  
Thesis Advisors: Rina Agarwala, Giovanni Arrighi, Phillip Hough, and Beverly J. Silver

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:**

Political Economy; Development; Postcolonial Sociology; Labor and Labor Movements;  
Comparative and Historical Sociology; The Global South; South Asian Studies

**BOOK MANUSCRIPTS:**

Kristin Plys and Charles Lemert. *Capitalism and its Uncertain Future*.  
(Manuscript in progress)  
Contract with Routledge, New York.

Kristin Plys. *Coffee and Contention: Indian Coffee House and the Emergency*.  
(Manuscript in progress)

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES:**

Kristin Plys. Forthcoming. “Political Deliberation and Democratic Reversal in India: Indian Coffee House during The Emergency (1975-77) and the Third World 'Totalitarian Moment'”  
*Theory and Society*.

- Kristin Plys. (2016). "Immanuel Wallerstein." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*. Ed. Janeen Baxter. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Kristin Plys. (2016). "Worker Self-Management in the Third World, 1952-1979", *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 57(1): 1-28.
- Kristin Plys. (2015). "World-Systems Analysis and its Relevance for Kerala Today," *Journal of Polity and Society* August.
- Kristin Plys. (2014). "Financialization, Crisis, and the Development of Capitalism in the United States" *World Review of Political Economy* 5(1): 24-44.
- Kristin Plys. (2013). "Eurocentrism and the Origins of Capitalism," *Review (Fernand Braudel Center)* 36(1).
- Kristin Plys. (2012). "World Systemic and Kondratieff Cycles" *Yale Journal of Sociology* 9: 130-160.

#### PAPERS UNDER REVIEW:

- Suraj Beri and Kristin Plys. "Middle Class Formation and Anti-Corruption Politics in the Global South", Submitted, *Economic and Political Weekly*.
- Kristin Plys. "Violence as a Tactic of Social Protest in Postcolonial India: From the Railway Workers' Strike to the Baroda Dynamite Conspiracy, 1974-6", Submitted, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

#### BOOK REVIEWS & COMMENTS:

- Kristin Plys. (2015). "Book review of Workers' Self-Management in the Caribbean: The Writings of Joseph Edwards by Joseph Edwards," *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 56(3-4): 299-301.
- Kristin Plys. (2014). "Book review of The Darjeeling Distinction by Sarah Besky," *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 55(4): 345-347.
- Vani Kulkarni and Kristin Plys. (2013). "Explaining the Prevalence of Rape in Delhi NCR" *Global Review* 3(3).

#### HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS:

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| 2016      | DAAD Short Term Research Grant<br>(Research grant for study at a German University selected by the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst) |
| 2014-2015 | Darius Thompson Wadhams Fellowship, Sociology Department, Yale Graduate School<br>University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale Graduate School  |

- 2012-2014 **John G. Bruhn Fellowship**, Sociology Department, Yale Graduate School
- 2012-2013 **Joseph C. Fox International Fellowship, MacMillan Center**, Yale University
- 2012 **Graduate Students Assembly Conference Travel Fund Award**
- 2011-2013 **MacMillan Fellowship in Globalization and International Studies**, MacMillan Center, Yale University
- 2009-2014 **University Fellowship**, Yale Graduate School
- 2007 **James S. Coleman Award**  
(awarded annually to “the most outstanding graduating sociology major from The Johns Hopkins University”)
- Honors**, Sociology Department, The Johns Hopkins University
- Alpha Kappa Delta**, International Sociology Honors Society

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2016 **Instructor**, *Quinnipiac University*
- **Introduction to Sociology: Race, Class, and Gender in World-Historical Perspective** (Fall 2016)  
Sociology 101
- 2011- 2014 **Teaching Fellow**, *Yale University*
- **Markets, Culture and Globalization** (Spring 2014)  
Sociology 116
    - Held discussion sections for 30 students
    - Lectured on “Global Markets and Coffee Culture”
    - Designed evaluative tools, utilized blackboard, and group discussion pedagogical methodologies
  - **Islamic Society, Culture and Politics** (Fall 2011, Fall 2013)  
Sociology 135/Middle Eastern Studies 196/African American Studies 280
    - Held weekly discussion sections
    - Lectured on “World-Systems Analysis and the Islamic World”
    - Organized a film series to supplement lectures and discussion sections
    - Designed evaluative tools, utilized blackboard, and group discussion pedagogical methodologies
  - **Food and Diet in Greco-Roman Antiquity** (Spring 2012)  
Classics 232/History 208/Humanities 233
- 2004 **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Assistant**, *Belmont Charter School* Philadelphia, PA  
- Specialized in teaching math, reading and writing skills

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- 2015      **“Indian Coffee House and Contentious Politics during the Emergency, 1975-7”**  
South Asia Seminar Series  
*New York University, New York, USA*
- “Anti-colonial Labor Movements and the Postcolonial Authoritarian State”**  
Postcolonial Theory Group, Department of Sociology  
*Boston University, Boston, USA*
- 2014      **“World-Systems Analysis and its Relevance for Kerala Today”**  
Public Lecture, Department of Political Science  
*University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, India*
- “Valedictory Address”**  
Graduate Student Orientation, Social Sciences Division  
*University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, India*
- 2013      **“The Working Class and Subaltern Historiography of the Indian Freedom Movement”**  
Center for Historical Enquiry and the Social Sciences  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:

- 2016      **“Indian Coffee House: A Worker-Occupied and Self Managed Former Colonial Firm”**  
Panel: Labor and Colonialism  
Social Science History Association Annual Meeting Chicago, IL
- “A Theory of Anti-Colonial Labor Movements and Postcolonial Totalitarianism”**  
Panel: The Workers United... :Labor and social change in comparative perspective  
Social Science History Association Annual Meeting Chicago, IL
- “Violence as a Tactic of Social Protest in Postcolonial India: From the Railway Workers’ Strike to the Baroda Dynamite Conspiracy, 1974-6”**  
Comparative Research Workshop, Department of Sociology  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*
- “Contentious Politics and Sociability in the Indian Coffee House during the Emergency (1975-77)”**  
Panel: Elite and Class Mobilization in the Making and Unmaking of States  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting *Seattle, WA*
- “Anti-Colonial Labor Movements and Postcolonial Totalitarianism”**  
Comparative Historical Sociology Mini-Conference  
*University of Washington, Seattle, WA*

**“Political Deliberation and Democratic Reversal in India: Indian Coffee House during The Emergency (1975-7) and the Third World ‘Totalitarian Moment’”**  
Conference on Radical South Asia: Protest, Interventions and Movements  
South Asia Institute  
*School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK*

**“The Indian Coffee House Workers Movement and the Postcolonial Developmental State”**  
Modern South Asia History Research Seminar  
Centre for Modern Indian Studies  
*Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany*

2015

**“Indian Coffee House and the Emergency, 1975-77”**  
Panel: Building and Resisting the State through Violence  
Social Science History Association Annual Meeting *Baltimore, MD*

**“The Indian Coffee House Workers Movement and Nehruvian Development Policy, 1936-1957”**  
Labor and Labor Movements  
Roundtable: Social Movements and Labor Solidarity Beyond the United States  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting *Chicago, IL*

**“Development, Democracy, and the Public Sphere: Indian Coffee House during The Emergency”**  
Panel: Social Conflict and State Transformations  
Revisiting Remaking Modernity, Comparative Historical Sociology Conference  
*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

**“The Indian Coffee House Workers Movement and Economic Development in India from Independence to Emergency”**  
Annual Sociology of Development Conference  
*Brown University, Providence, RI*

**“Coffee and Comrades: Indian Coffee House and Leftist Resistance to the Emergency”**  
South Asia Brown Bag Series, South Asian Studies Council  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*

2014

**“The Illusion of Development and the Ideological Class Struggle”**  
Tracking Notions of Progress in South Asia: From the Colonial to the Postcolonial  
*Oxford University, United Kingdom*

**“National Liberation and Class Struggle: The Case of Indian Coffee House”**  
Panel: Class and Social Struggles Around the World  
Graduate Student Conference on World Historical Social Science  
*State University of New York, Binghamton, NY*

**“Indian Coffee House: from Independence to the Emergency”**  
Economic History Lunch, Department of Economics  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*

- “Economic Liberalization and the Rise of the Indian Middle Class: The New Urban North Indian Coffee Culture”**  
 Panel: Economic Change and the Question of Modernity  
 Center for Historical Enquiry in the Social Sciences Graduate Student Conference  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*
- 2013 **“Towards a Class-Based Theory of Decolonization and Post-Colonial Development The Case of Indian Coffee House”**  
 Panel: Transitions to Modernity ...and Empire?  
 Social Science History Association *Chicago, IL*
- “Urban North Indian Coffee Culture and the Rise of the Indian Middle Class”**  
 Economic History Lunch, Department of Economics  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*
- “Inquilab Zindabad: National Liberation, Class Struggle, and Indian Coffee House”**  
 PhD Research Scholar Seminar  
*Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India*
- 2012 **“Eurocentrism and the Origins of Capitalism”**  
 Panel: Transitions in Society and Economy  
 Transitions to Modernity Conference  
*École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France*
- “Worker Self-Management in the Third World”**  
 Panel: Comparative Sociology  
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting *Denver, CO*
- “Eurocentrism and the Origins of Capitalism”**  
 Economic History Lunch, Department of Economics  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*
- “Worker Self-Management in the Third World”**  
 Panel: Union Democracy, Democracy at Work  
 Travail et syndicalisme : les nouvelles voix de la recherche  
*Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Canada*
- 2011 **“The Development of Capitalism: profit, finance capital and crisis”**  
 Comparative Research Workshop  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*
- “The Development of Capitalism: profit, finance capital and crisis”**  
 Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course Workshop  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*
- “Worker Self-Management in the Third World”**  
 Regular Paper Session: Varieties of State and Society Relationships  
 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference *Philadelphia, PA*
- “The Development of Capitalism: profit, finance capital and crisis”**  
 Economic History Lunch, Department of Economics  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*

**“Worker Self-Management in the Third World”**  
Panel: Regulation, Negotiation and Resistance  
Conference on Frontiers of Comparative Sociological Research  
*Yale University, New Haven, CT*

**INVITED DISCUSSANT:**

- 2016      Elites and Socialism  
Comparative Historical Sociology Roundtable, Presider  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA
- Panel on ‘State Power and Resistance’  
Young South Asia Scholars Annual Conference  
Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen
- Panel Discussant  
Labor in India and China Conference  
Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen
- 2014      “The Global, The Historical, and The Social in the Making of Capitalism”  
Paper by Ho-fung Hung  
Global Historical Sociology Workshop at Yale University
- “The Successful Use of Foreign Aid: South Korea, Pakistan, and the Aid Curse”  
Paper by Monica Prasad  
Center for Comparative Research at Yale University
- 2013      *From Detroit to Shanghai? Globalization, Market Reform and the Politics  
of Labor in the Chinese Automobile Industry*  
Book Manuscript by Lu Zhang  
Program on Global Social Change Research Seminar at The Johns Hopkins  
University
- “Poor History: The Economic Origins of the French Revolution Revisited”  
Paper by Emma Rothschild  
Center for Historical Enquiry and the Social Sciences at Yale University
- Modelling Development  
Global & Transnational Sociology Roundtable, Presider  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY
- 2012      “Benchmarks of Globalization: The Global Condition, 1850-2010”  
Paper by Charles Bright and Michael Geyer  
Transitions to Modernity Colloquium at Yale University

- 2011 “Afro-Islamicate Eurasia: Recapturing a Region Before Europe and Before Modernity”  
Paper by Gagan D.S. Sood  
Transitions to Modernity Colloquium at Yale University
- 2009 “Professional Occupations and the ‘Generation Jones’ Cohort in the United States: Patterns of inter- and intra-generational mobility”  
Paper by Matissa Hollister  
Center for Research on Inequality and the Life Course Workshop  
at Yale University

#### DISCUSSANT:

- 2016 Origins and Forms of Labor Resistance in Comparative Perspective  
Social Science History Association (Labor Network), Chicago, IL
- 2015 Re-Theorizing Labor and Political Economy  
Social Science History Association (Labor Network), Baltimore, MD
- 2013 Theorizing Class and Collective Action  
Social Science History Association (Labor Network), Chicago, IL
- 2012 “Global Silence and Theories of Development”  
Paper by Charles Lemert and Vani Kulkarni  
Center for Comparative Research at Yale University

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- 2016 **Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany**  
as Visiting Member of the Indian Labor History Research Group  
*Centre for Modern Indian Studies*  
Supervisor: Ravi Ahuja
- 2014 **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India**  
as Visiting Research Scholar  
Research Guide: Milind Eknath Awad
- Archival Research:
    - National Archives, New Delhi, India
    - Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, India
    - V.V. Giri Archives on Indian Labor, NOIDA, India
    - Delhi Archives, New Delhi, India
- 2012-2013 **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India**  
as Fox International Fellow  
*Centre for Historical Studies* and *Centre for the Study of Social Systems*  
Research Guides: Nilika Mehrotra and Janaki Nair
- Archival Research:
    - Punjab State Archives, Chandigarh, India
    - Haryana State Archives, Panchkula, India
    - PC Joshi Archives on Contemporary History, New Delhi, India
    - Jawaharlal Nehru University Library, New Delhi, India



Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, India  
National Archives, New Delhi, India  
Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi, India  
V.V. Giri Archives on Indian Labor, NOIDA, India

**Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India**  
as Visiting Researcher  
*Department of Economics*  
Research Guide: S. Irudaya Rajan

- Archival Research:  
KN Raj Memorial Library, Thiruvananthapuram, India  
Kerala State Archives, Thiruvananthapuram, India

2007-2009 **Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, USA**  
as Research Specialist  
*Woodrow Wilson School and Department of Economics*  
Supervisor: Christina Paxson

#### **LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:**

2013-2014 **Yale CHES Graduate Student Conference, Coordinator**  
Center for Historical Enquiry in the Social Sciences at Yale

2010-2011 **Transitions to Modernity Colloquium, Coordinator**  
MacMillan Center for International Affairs and Area Studies at Yale

2003 **National Council of Women of the United States at the United Nations, Intern**

#### **LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS:**

**French** (reading, writing, speaking)

**Spanish** (reading, writing, speaking)

**Hindi** (speaking, reading knowledge)

**German** (currently taking a course – A.1.2 level)

**Italian** (reading knowledge)

**Portuguese** (reading knowledge)

Proficient in SPSS, STATA, ArcGIS, GoogleMaps Engine

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS:**

Reviewer, *City, Culture and Society*

Reviewer, *World Review of Political Economy*

Reviewer, *Journal of World-Systems Research*

Reviewer, *Global Labour Journal*

Member, *American Sociological Association*

(Sections: Political Economy of the World-System; Comparative and Historical Sociology; Global and Transnational Sociology; Economic Sociology; Labor and Labor Movements; Sociology of Development)

Member, *International Sociological Association*

(Research Committees: Economy and Society (02); Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management (10); Labor Movements (44) )

Member, *Social Science History Association*

Member, *Eastern Sociological Society*

## REFERENCES:

### **Julia Adams**

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