

Kirandeep Kaur

Researcher

Objective: To contribute to critical, reflexive research projects which aim for socially engaged impact.

I am experienced in research at doctoral level, specializing in critical approaches to borders, voices and forced migration. I have strong interests in decoloniality and participatory action research methodologies. I aim to utilise co-writing and co-action throughout. I have a strong track record in teaching courses at bachelor's and master's level in social sciences, humanities, and sciences, while fostering an inclusive learning environment as demonstrative of my abilities to work across disciplines.

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English Language Native Speaker

Dutch Permanent Resident

Education

2013 MSc Social and Community

Development, Distinction, Queens University
Belfast

2009 BA Politics, Third, School of Oriental
and African Studies, London

Skills

- Transdisciplinary Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation in Research and Teaching
- Co-writing with Stakeholders
- Public Speaking and Presentations
- Participatory Action Research (PAR) and Ethical Collaboration through Do No Harm Approaches

Work Experience: Doctoral Research and Training

Thesis Title: Imaginaries of Law, Borders and Rights: Forced Migrant Voices of Change

Ph.D. In Law and Development, Tilburg University Law School

Defense: 6th March 2024

I led a participatory action research (PAR) project focusing on refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless individuals in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2017-2018). Collaborating with four forced migrant communities (Syrian, Afghan, Rohingya, and Somali), leveraging the insights of nine co-researchers from a diverse array of platforms: community-based organizations, digital outlets, and a pioneering blockchain company, all led by forced migrants. Utilizing a transdisciplinary approach, the research aimed to investigate borderscapes, law, and vernacularisation of rights, specifically their roles as instruments of counter-hegemonic resistance.

- spearheaded the 2021 displaced voices special issue: "in their own voices," a collaborative project with refugee community-based organizations and the UEL'S LIVING refugee archive.
- engaged in 2021 SGBV activism for Somali women, amplifying research narratives and women's voices in collaboration with the Somali Women's Association Malaysia.
- coordinated five academic networking events on refugee issues in partnership with the law school and sociolinguistics networks cost action new speakers.
- participated in extensive research training from 2015 to 2019 at Tilburg University, University of Oslo, Duesto University, and Tartu University. Acquired doctoral training in research methodology, fieldwork execution in development contexts, and policy communication.

Work Experience: Teaching

August 2022 – August 2023: Module Leader and Lecturer in Academic Writing in International Creative Business at Inholland Hogeschool

- Delivered interactive, student-centered lectures to a cohort of 140 first-year Creative Business students at The Hague campus, fostering an interactive and supportive learning environment that emphasized critical thinking, reflective writing, and effective communication skills
- Directed and coordinated a team of six lecturers, ensuring effective collaboration to create an integrated academic writing course in English & Dutch across three campuses: Rotterdam, Haarlem, and The Hague
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive pedagogical vision that integrated academic writing into the International Creative Business curriculum
- Designed and created engaging, high-quality course materials for Academic Writing in English, catering to the diverse learning needs of Year students at the Haarlem and The Hague campuses

October 2019 - August 2021: *Communication in Science Lecturer, Leiden University Medical Centre (LUMC)* Part-time role teaching scientific communication skills, including thesis writing and academic presentations, to medical and bio-medical students. Adapted face-to-face courses to online blended learning programs and met tight deadlines for teaching and grading

September 2019 – December 2020: *Freelance Tutor, Academic Language Centre, Leiden University* Designed and delivered tailored courses according to student-directed learning objectives. Offered Business English sessions to journalists and editors, and provided one-to-one intensive online courses for teaching qualification exam preparation

September 2019 - December 2019: *Academic Reading and Writing Lecturer, Bachelors in International Studies, Leiden University* Taught academic skills in three parallel courses, using materials from Global History. Supported students through workgroups and individual tutorials, focusing on critical thinking, argumentation, referencing, and close textual analysis.

I have taught academic skills for 8 years in total since 2009. For previous experience please contact me for full details.

Events Organised and Presentations

8th May 2023: *Socio-Legal Ethics Masterclass in International Creative Business. 4th Year Students learned to navigate from basic consent to reciprocal ethical relationships, empowering the voices of their clients and communities.*

16th April 2021: *Co-Acting with Refugee Women. Presented in Webinar Seminar Series organised by the Gender Studies Programme, Universiti Malaya and the CHCI Global Humanities Institute 2020-2021: Migration, Global Logistics and Unequal Citizens. Jointly presented with co-researcher Naima Ismail on the topic of co-action with researchers.*

23rd August 2020: *Action Research with Refugees in Kuala Lumpur Online Event. Discussed participation and action research from the perspective of the former co-researchers and participants.*

13th January 2020: *Ghost Fleet.*

Gave a short presentation and Q&A session on the documentary film Ghost Fleet. Discussed issues of human trafficking and the unseen side of the fisheries industry in Southeast Asia.

For More Details of 8 Events I hosted and the [Grants and Funds and more](#) Please See My Website

Publications

Kaur, K., Grama, B., Chaudhuri, N. R., & Vela, M. J. R. (2023). Ethics and Epistemic Injustice in the Global South: A Response to Hopman's Human Rights Exceptionalism as Justification for Covert Research. *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, 35.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jhuman/huad008>

Kaur, K. (2022). Co-writing and Inclusive Publications. *Forced Migration Review (Knowledge, voice, and power: 70).*

<http://cufts2.lib.sfu.ca/CJDB/BVAS/journal/156062>

Kaur, K. (2021). Editorial: Action Research and Academic Skills: Co-Creating with Refugee Women and Introducing the Writers.

Displaced Voices: A Journal of Migration, Archives and Cultural Heritage, 1(2). <https://www.livingrefugeearchive.org/displaced-voices-volume-1-issue-2-winter-2021/>

Co-written Publications with Co-researchers

Ally, P., & Kaur, K. (2021). Trauma and Criticality: How Stories Raise Our Consciousness and Can Heal Our Past. *Displaced Voices: A Journal of Migration, Archives and Cultural Heritage*, 1(2).

Husain, S., Shakirah, S., & Kaur, K. (2021). Syedah's Journey: From Child Marriage to Activist. *Displaced Voices A journal of Migration, Archives and Cultural Heritage*, 1(2).

Ismail, N., & Kaur, K. (2021). Health Inequities with Somali Women in Kuala Lumpur. *Displaced Voices A journal of Migration, Archives and Cultural Heritage*, 1(2).

Sultana, A., & Kaur, K. (2021). Lived Experiences of a Rohingya Journalist. *Displaced Voices: A Journal of Migration, Archives and Cultural Heritage*, 1(2).