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#### **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Sociological theory of taste in tourism
- Cultural studies and power relations in tourism
- Tourism in conflict zones
- Orientalist imaginaries of travel, subaltern studies in tourism

### **EDUCATION**

June 2008: Management Development Institute, Gurgaon (MDI) & Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi

Ph.D, Dissertation: "Bourdieu's Habitus and sociology of tourism consumption."

January 2000: Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh M.T.A: Master of Tourism Administration.

Thesis: "Rejuvenating Tourism in Kashmir"

#### RECENT REFEREED INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Ahmad, Rafiq.2012 "Working with Pierre Bourdieu in the tourism field: making a case for 'third world' tourism", *Cultural Studies*, DOI:10.1080/09502386.2012.707222.
- Ahmad, Rafiq. 2011. "Orientalist imaginaries of travels in Kashmir: Western representations of the place and people". *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*, 9:3, 167-182.
- Ahmad, Rafiq. 2012 "Habitus, Capital and Patterns of Taste in Tourism Consumption: a Study of Western Tourism Consumers in India", *Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Research*.