

# Dr Jacob RINCK

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## Education

- Ph.D. (Anthropology), Yale University
  - M.Phil. (Anthropology), Yale University
  - M.Sc. (Violence, Conflict & Development), Distinction, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
  - Bachelor Equivalent (Sociology), Universität Bielefeld
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## Professional Experience

2023—ONGOING

**Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore**

2021—2023

**Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, George Washington University**

2021—ONGOING

**Consultant, World Bank, Washington DC**

2022

**Professorial Lecturer, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University**

2020—2021

**GSAS Alumni Fellow/Lecturer, Yale University**

2016

**Consultant/ Adviser, Center for the Study of Labor and Mobility (CESLAM), Social Science Baha, Nepal**

2015 – 2016

**Consultant, DFID, Nepal**

2015

**Consultant, The Asia Foundation, Nepal**

2012 – 2013

**Consultant, Bertelsmann Transformation Index**

2009 – 2012

**South Asia Analyst, International Crisis Group, Nepal**

2009

**Research Officer, Tribal Liaison Office, Afghanistan**

2008

**Research Intern, Tribal Liaison Office, Afghanistan**

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## **Research Area/Topic/Discipline**

Global inequality; migration; agrarian change; histories of economic thought; anthropology of development and international organizations.

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## **Short Biography**

Jacob Rinck is an anthropologist studying global inequality through a focus on migration, agrarian change, and economics as storytelling in Nepal. Jacob is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. He holds a PhD (2020) in sociocultural anthropology from Yale University. His work has been published in *Modern Asian Studies* and the *Journal of Peasant Studies*. In a professional capacity, he has worked for the World Bank and at the International Crisis Group among others.

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## **Publications**

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## Refereed Article

2024 'Marxist past to speculative futures: migration, land markets, and political storytelling in Nepal's Tarai'. *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 1–21.

2016 Shneiderman, S., Wagner, L., Rinck, J., Johnson, A.L., A. Lord. 'Nepal's Ongoing Political Transformation: A review of post-2006 literature on conflict, the state, identities, and environments'. *Modern Asian Studies* 50(6): 2041-2114.

## Book Chapter

2017 'Remittances, Stability and Stagnation in Nepal'. *Proceedings: 2012 Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal, 18-22 July 2012*, 210-224. Kathmandu: Social Science Baha.

## Other

2017 Sijapati, B., Lama, A.S., Baniya, J., Rinck, J., Jha, K., A. Gurung. 'Labor-Migration and the Remittance Economy: The Socio-Economic Impact', CESLAM: Kathmandu.

2016 'The History of Janakpurdham: A Study of Asceticism and the Hindu Polity' by Richard Burghart (book review). *Studies in Nepali History and Society*, 21(2), 435-439, 2016.

2016 Rinck, J. & G. Adhikari. 'Nepal's Petrol Black Market: Super Citizens and Information Blackout', *The Record*, February 2016.

2011 Crisis Group Asia Report N°199, Nepal: Identity Politics and Federalism (lead author)

2010 Crisis Group Asia Report N°194, Nepal's Political Rites of Passage (co-author)

2009 Devlin, L., Rinck, J., Dennys, C. & I. Zaman. 'Conflict Analysis: Kunduz City, Kunduz Province', CPAU: Kabul.

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## Awards/Grants and Distinctions (most recent to oldest)

2016 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

2016 Yale MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship

2014 Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Dor Bahadur Bista Prize for best graduate student paper: "Land reform, social change and political cultures in Nepal's Tarai"

2014 Yale MacMillan Center Pre-dissertation Research Grant

2013 Yale South Asian Studies Council Travel Grant

2013 Yale South Asian Studies Council Summer Research Award for Graduate Students

2012 Clarendon Scholarship, University of Oxford (declined)

2007 SOAS Bursary & SOAS Scholarship