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My project seeks to explore the connections between everyday life in Sahiwal, Punjab and gendered, transnational migrations. I seek to theorize Sahiwal as a *Gulfee* city: an urban space where everyday life is shaped by Gulf migrations. To do so, I collect stories and materials about everyday life to better understand not only material transformations in the city of Sahiwal, but also how everyday life and gendered social relations have changed with several decades of men's migrations to and return from the Gulf. My project involves ethnography, oral history interviews, and archival research, and through this preliminary research I aimed to assess the archival and ethnographic possibilities in Sahiwal, and Pakistan more broadly. Primarily, I intended to get an initial handle on my research questions and establish contacts.

With the AIPS grant funds, I was able to travel to Pakistan in June 2017 and conduct two months of fieldwork in Sahiwal. Since this was my first preliminary fieldwork, my primary goal was to establish contacts that I could sustain through the duration of my dissertation research. The first issue I faced was that since there are no local associations of Gulf migrants in Sahiwal, I had to utilize my family network to find and meet people who had taken on this migration, and get acquainted with well-connected non-Gulfee Sahiwali residents as well. I was eventually successful in making one connection with a Gulf migrant who introduced me to several others who were visiting Sahiwal during that time. I was able to find a group of Gulfee men who hung around with each other as well as neighborhood residents. These hangouts provided me with great opportunities to participate and listen in on and observe their interactions amongst themselves.

Sahiwal has a sprawling countryside and several villages around it. Since, I wanted my interview sample to be broad and include shehri as well as pindwale, I started showing up in one of the villages and made a contact there too who introduced me to several others who had gone to the Gulf. I was able to conduct 5 semi-structured interviews in this village, including participation in one small village gathering in my interlocutor's courtyard.

I was also able to collect several publications by Sahiwalis about Sahiwal. This part of my project included spending enough time with Sahiwal's residents for them to allow me to borrow materials from their private collections. This process was facilitated by oral history interviews with residents about the city.

In total, I was able to do 20 interviews, make ethnographic observations and take notes, but the singular most important I was able to accomplish was to establish a network of interlocutors, Gulfee and residents, which would be immensely helpful for my further research endeavors. In that respect and in terms of the data I was able to gather, this preliminary research trip was very productive and successful. I am very thankful for AIPS's support that enabled my preliminary research foray.