

## **PNINA WERBNER: ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **1. DETAILS**

Name: Pnina Werbner

Position: Professor Emerita of Social Anthropology, Keele University

Date of birth: 3rd December, 1944.

Place of birth: Johannesburg, South Africa.

Nationality: British and Israeli. **UK Passport No. 513298952 (expiry date 21/8/22)**

### **HIGHER EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

1964-1968: The Hebrew University, Jerusalem. B.A. Hons (English Literature and Philosophy), First Class in English.

1968-1970: Tel Aviv University. Conversion degree, Sociology & Social Anthropology

1970-1972: University of Manchester, M.A. Econ.

1975-1979: University of Manchester, Ph.D. Social Anthropology

### **RECENT MAJOR POSTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

October 2010: Professor Emerita, Social Anthropology, Keele University

2004-2010: Director, Centre for Social, Cultural and Postcolonial Research, Research Institute in Law, Politics and Justice, Keele University.

2008-: Member of the ESRC Virtual College.

2001-2010: Professor of Social Anthropology

1997-2001: Reader in Social Anthropology, Keele University

### **MAJOR RESEARCH AWARDS AND FIELDWORK**

2015: Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship on 'The Changing *Kgotla*' (£22,000).

2014: Wenner-Gren Engaged Anthropology award, to run a series of workshops in Botswana in collaboration with the National Amalgamated Manual Workers' Union (\$5000).

2012-14: Wenner-Gren Post PhD award: "The Mother of All Strikes": Politics, Law and Vernacular Cosmopolitanism in Botswana's Public Service Unions' Activism" (\$19,000).

2011-12: Comparing 'Hagiographies': Indigenous and Anthropological Textual Representations of a 'Living Saint'. British Academy small grant (£7500).

2006-10: 'In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophet: Sociality, Caring, and the Religious Imagination in the Filipina Diaspora' (£446,460 AHRC Diaspora Programme) 2 Postdocs and 1 senior RF, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Philippines.

2006-08: (30 m. 1 Postdoc) 'New African Migrants in the Gateway City' (ESRC £208,136), London.

2005-06: (18 Months, 6 months fieldwork) 'Women in Trade Unions and Health NGOs in Botswana: an Anthropological Study', ESRC Programme on Non-Governmental Public Action. (£44,990), Botswana.

2000-2001: Nuffield Foundation small grant to study of 'Women, and the Changing Public Sphere in Botswana.' 10 months while on sabbatical leave (£5000).

1999-2000: (12 Months) Leverhulme Trust institutional grant for a project on 'Saintry Followers: the Reproduction of Sufi Traditions in Britain' (£32,000). UK, Pakistan.

1994-96: (2 years) 'South Asian Popular Culture: Gender, Generation and Identity' (ESRC £212,000 over 2 years). UK.

### **MAJOR CONFERENCE CONVENED AND GRANTS**

- 2014: AAA 2014 session co-convened: 'Labor, Law, and Cultures of Mobilisation: (Co)producing Anthropological Narratives of Struggle and Inequality'.
- 2013: Wenner-Gren Conference grant: 'Beyond The Arab Spring: The Aesthetics And Poetics Of Popular Revolt And Protest' (\$20,000).
- 2009: 'Diasporic Encounters, Sacred Journeys: International Migration, Gender and the Religious Imagination' AHRC final International conference, Keele.
- 2008: 'Beyond Plurality in the African Diaspora' ESRC final Int. conference, Keele.
- 2005: ASA2006 Diamond Jubilee on Cosmopolitanism and Anthropology, Keele. \$15,000 Wenner Gren Foundation.
- 2005: British Academy for ASA2006 (£2000)
- 2005: Royal Anthropological Institute to stage a photographic and filmic exhibition at the ASA2006 (£1000).
- 2003: British Academy award to hold a preparatory international workshop on European Gateway Cities (£1500).
- 1998: International Workshop on Transnationalism, funded by the ESRC and the Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (\$5000)
- 1996: Conference on 'Women and Citizenship' Greenwich University, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research (\$15,000)
- 1994: Workshop on 'Culture, Communication and Discourse: Negotiating Difference in Multi-Ethnic Alliances', European Union COST (£15,000).

### **SPECIAL HONOURS (1998-)**

- (2012) Adjunct Fellow, National Humanities Center, North Carolina.
- (2010) Invited Distinguished Scholar, Lahore University of Management Science
- (2009) Invited Distinguished Scholar, EHESS, Paris.
- (2009) Invited Distinguished Scholar, Universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus.
- (2008-) Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Virtual College.
- (2006) Convenor, ASA UK Diamond Jubilee Annual Conference
- (2004) Visiting Distinguished Fellow, Humanities Research Centre, ANU, Canberra
- (2002) Distinguished Visiting Scholar, University of California, Irvine

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES: KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND LECTURES**

- (2008-) U of Michigan, Glasgow, Paris (EHESS), Mainz, Frankfurt, Lahore, Lisbon, Surrey, Bristol, Bergamo, Southampton, Muenster, Halle (Max Planck), Trento, Munster, Columbia University, Brussels, Leuven University

### **EDITORIAL SERIES**

'Postcolonial Encounters', Zed Books, with Richard Werbner and in association with the International Centre for Contemporary Cultural Research (ICCCR).

### **INVITED MEMBER OF RESEARCH COMMITTEES**

- (2018) Appointments Committee, Serra Hunter, Barcelona.
- (2017) Invited member of Norwegian Research Council Committee Assessing research excellence in Norwegian universities.

- (2009) Member International Sufi Research Network funded by the Danish Academy  
 (2003-10) Invited Member, Advisory Board for the Leverhulme Programme on  
 Migration and Citizenship (Bristol University and University College London)  
 (2004) Overall assessor e Institute of International Integration Studies, University  
 College Dublin (March 2004)  
 (2003-) Invited Member of the SSRC, NY, working group on Muslims and Islam

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **SINGLE AUTHORED BOOKS**

- (2014) *The Making of an African Working Class: Politics, Law and Cultural Protest in the Manual Workers Union of Botswana.* (Pluto Press).  
 (2003) *Pilgrims of Love: the Anthropology of a Global Sufi Cult.* London: Hurst Publishers and Bloomington: Indiana University Press.  
 (2002) *Imagined Diasporas among Manchester Muslims: The Public Performance of Pakistani Transnational Identity Politics.* World Anthropology Series. Oxford: James Currey Publishers and Santa Fe: New School of American Research.  
 (2002/1990) *The Migration Process: Capital, Gifts and Offerings among British Pakistanis.* Oxford: Berg Publishers, paperback POD edition with a new introductory preface.

### **EDITED COLLECTIONS**

- (2014) *The Political Aesthetics of Global Protest: The Arab Spring Uprisings and Beyond,* co-edited with K. Spellman and M. Webb, Edinburgh University Press and Oxford University Press, New York.  
 (2008) *Anthropology and the New Cosmopolitanism: Rooted, Feminist and Vernacular Perspectives.* ASA Monograph No. 45. Oxford: Berg Publishers..  
 (1999) *Women, Citizenship and Difference,* co-edited with Nira Yuval-Davis (London: Zed Books).  
 (1998) *Embodying Charisma: Modernity, Locality and the Constitution of Emotion in South Asian Sufi Shrines,* edited with Helene Basu of Berlin University (London: Routledge). Now an E-Book.  
 (1997, 2014) *Debating Cultural Hybridity: Multi-Cultural Identities and the Politics of Anti-Racism,* edited with Tariq Modood (London: Zed Books), 2<sup>nd</sup> edition with new preface and forward by Homi K. Bhabha.  
 (1997) *The Politics of Multiculturalism in the New Europe: Community, Identity, Racism,* edited with Tariq Modood (London: Zed Books).  
 (1991) *Economy and Culture in Pakistan: Migrants and Cities in a Muslim Society,* edited with Hastings Donnan (London: Macmillan).  
 (1991) *Black and Ethnic Leaderships in Britain: the Cultural Dimensions of Political Action,* edited with Muhammad Anwar. (London: Routledge) (345 pages) Now an E-Book.

### **GUEST EDITOR OF PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ISSUES**

- (2018) Special issue on 'Gendering Everyday Islam'. Guest editor with Claudia Liebelt. *Contemporary Levant* 3, 1.

- (2013) Special issue on 'The Aesthetics of Diaspora,' Guest editor with Mark Johnson. *Ethnos* 78, 2: 135-153.
- (2010) Special double issue on 'The Moral Economy of the African Diaspora,' Guest editor with M. Fumanti, *African Diasporas* 3, 1.
- (2010) Special double issue on 'Diasporic Encounters, Sacred Journeys' Guest editor with J.M.Johnson. *The Asia Pacific and Journal of Anthropology (TAPJA)*, 11, 3-4. (Also a Routledge book)
- (2000) Special issue of the journal *Diaspora* on 'The Materiality of Diaspora: Between Aesthetics and "Real" Politics', Guest Editor along with Karen Leonard. *Diaspora* 9, 1.
- (1990) Special issue of *Social Analysis* on 'Person, Myth and Society in South Asian Islam', No. 28, July 1990.

#### **SELECT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (2008-)**

- (2020) 'Between *khatam e-qur'ans* and *slametans*: Gender and Class in South Asian and Indonesian Interdomestic Rituals,' in Usha Sanyal and Nita Kumar (eds) *Food, Faith and Gender in South Asia: the Cultural Politics of Women's Food Practices*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, pp. 121-138.
- (2020) (in press, May) (Pnina and Richard Werbner) 'Adultery Redefined: Changing Decisions of Equity in Customary Law as "Living Law" in Botswana.' *Polar, Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 43.
- (2020) (in press, March) (Pnina and Richard Werbner) 'A Case of Inheritance: From Citizens' Forum to Magisterial Justice in Botswana's Customary Courts.' *Anthropology Southern Africa* 43 (1).
- (2019) 'Intersectionality and Situationalism: Towards a (More) Dynamic Interpretation of *Ethnic Groups and Boundaries*,' in Thomas Hylland Eriksen and Marek Jakoubek (eds) *Ethnic Groups and Boundaries Today: A Legacy of Fifty Years*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 118-132.
- (2019) "A Case of Insult: Emotion, Law, and Witchcraft Accusations in a Botswana Village Customary Court." *Social Analysis* 63 (3): 89–113.
- (2018) (Pnina and Richard Werbner) 'Divorce as Process, Botswana Style: Customary Courts, Gender Activism and Legal Pluralism in Historical Perspective.' *Legal Anthropology* 2, 2: 1-23.
- (2018) 'Rethinking Class and Culture in Africa: Between E.P. Thompson and Pierre Bourdieu,' *ROAPE (Review of African Political Economy)*, 45, 155: 7–24.
- (2018) 'Commentary: Urban Friendship: Towards an Alternative Anthropological Genealogy', special issue on Urban Friendship, *Urban Studies* 53, 3: 662-674.
- (2017) 'The Abstraction of Love: Personal Emotion and Mystical Spirituality in the Life Narrative of a Sufi Devotee,' *Culture and Religion* (special issue on 'Interiority Unbound, edited by Paola Abenante and Fabio Vicini), Vol. 18 (2): 165-180
- (2017) 'De-Orientalising Vernacular Cosmopolitanism: Towards a Local Cosmopolitan Ethics', in *Cosmopolitanism and Beyond: Towards A Multiverse of Transformations*, edited by Ananta Giri. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- (2017) Barefoot in Britain – Yet Again: On Multiple Identities, Intersection(ality) and Marginality. *Sociological Review Monograph*. Sage Publications, pp. 1-9.
- (2016) with Claudia Liebelt and Gabriel Shenar 'Migration, Diaspora, and Religious Pilgrimage in Comparative Perspective: Sacred Geographies and Ethical Landscapes', *Diaspora* 19:1 (2010) / published Fall 2016: 32-50.

- (2016) 'Between Tristes Tropiques and Cultural Creativity: Modern Times and the Vanishing Primitive,' in Bruce Kapferer and Dimitrios Theodossopoulos (eds.) *Against Exoticism: Toward the Transcendence of Relativism and Universalism in Anthropology*. Berghahn Publishers, pp. 44-64.
- (2016) 'Vernacular Cosmopolitanism as an Ethical Disposition: Sufi Networks, Hospitality, and Translocal Inclusivity,' in *Islamic Studies in the Twenty-First Century. Transformations and Continuities*, edited by Leon Baskins. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University press.
- (2016) 'Political Prayer and the Dignity of Labour: Botswana's Worker Movement.' *Anthropology Today* February 2016, 32, 1: 8-12.
- (2016) 'Between Ethnography and Hagiography: Allegorical Truths and Representational Dilemmas in Narratives of South Asian Muslim Saints,' *History and Anthropology* 26, 3.
- (2015) 'Religion and Identity: Ritual, Pilgrimage, and Frontier Encounters,' in Anastasia Panagakos (ed.) *Religious Diversity in the World Today. Vol 2: Ritual and Pilgrimage*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 215-237.
- (2015) 'The Boundaries of Diaspora: A Critical Response to Brubaker' in Florian Klager and Klaus Stierstorfer (eds) *Diasporic Constructions of Home and Belonging*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, pp. 35-52.
- (2015) 'The Dialectics of Urban Cosmopolitanism: Between Tolerance and Intolerance in Cities of Strangers,' special issue on 'Mobility and Cosmopolitanism.' *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* 22, 5: 569-587.
- (2014) 'The Duty to Act Fairly": Ethics, Legal Anthropology, and Labor Justice in the Manual Workers Union of Botswana,' *Comparative Studies in Society and History*: 56(2): 479–507.
- (2014) 'From Ontological Transformation to the Invention of Cultural Authenticity: Tswapong and Tswana Girls' Puberty Rituals in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Botswana,' *Journal of Religion in Africa* 44, 4: 299-325.
- (2014) 'Cosmopolitanism and the City: the Dialectics of Living Together with Difference,' in Donald Nonini (ed.) *Blackwell Companion to Urban Anthropology*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 306-326.
- (2013) 'Migration and Transnational Studies: Between Simultaneity and Rupture,' in *A Companion to Diaspora and Transnationalism*, (eds) Ato Quayson and Girish Daswani. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd, pp. 106-124.
- (2013) 'Everyday Multiculturalism: Theorising the Difference between 'Intersectionality' and 'Multiple Identities'. *Ethnicities* 13, 4: 409-419.
- (2013) 'Folk devils and racist imaginaries in a global prism: Islamophobia and anti-Semitism in the twenty-first century.' *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 36, 3: 450-467.
- (2013) 'Enigmas of a Pakistani Warrior Saint: Interrogating Media Conspiracies in an Age of Terror,' in *Politics of Worship in the Contemporary Middle East: Sainthood in Fragile States* (eds) Andreas Bandak and Mikkel Bille. Leiden: Brill, pp. 75-100.
- (2013) 'Reform Sufism in South Asia,' in Caroline and Filippo Osella (eds.) *Islamic Reformism in South Asia*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 51-78.
- (2013) 'Ritual, Religion and Aesthetics in the Pakistani and South Asian Diaspora,' in David Washbrook and Joya Chatterjee (eds) *Handbook of the South Asian Diaspora*. London: Routledge, pp. 318-329.

- (2013) Religion, Politics and Islam in the South Asian Diaspora,' in Gopinath Pillai (ed.) *The Political Economy of the South Asian Diaspora: Patterns of Socio-Economic Influence*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 125-142.
- (2012) 'Migration and Culture,' in Mark Rosenblum and Daniel Tichenor (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of the Politics of International Migration*. Oxford UP. 215-242.
- (2012) 'Anthropology and the New Cosmopolitanism' in Gerard Delanty (ed.) *Handbook of Cosmopolitan Studies*. Routledge, pp. 153-165.
- (2012) 'Multiculturalism from Above and Below: Analysing a Political Discourse,' Response to Meer and Modood, *Journal of Intercultural Studies* 33, 2: 197-209.
- (2011) 'Paradoxes of Postcolonial Vernacular Cosmopolitanism in South Asia and the Diaspora,' in Maria Rovisco and Magdalena Nowicka (eds) *Ashgate Handbook on Cosmopolitanism*, London: Ashgate, pp. 107-124.
- (2011) 'The Obama Effect: Confronting the Political and the Cosmopolitics of the Real,' in Roland Robertson and Sophie Krossa (eds) *European Cosmopolitanism in Question*. London: Sage, pp. 151-173.
- (2011) with Mark Johnson. 'Introduction: Diasporic Encounters, Sacred Journeys: Ritual, Normativity and the Religious Imagination.' *TAPJA* 11, 3-4: 205-219.
- (2010) 'Notes from a Small Place: Anthropological Blues in the Face of Global Terror'. *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 50, No. 2: 193-221.
- (2010) The Place(s) of Transgressive Sexuality in South Asia: from Ritual to Popular Culture,' *Histories of Intimacies and Situated Ethnography*. (eds) K. Leonard, G. Reddy, and A. Gold. New Delhi: Manohar, pp. 185-208.
- (2010) 'Beyond Division: Women, Pilgrimage and Nation Building in South Asian Sufism.' *Women's Studies International Forum*, Vol 33 No 3: 374-382.
- (2010) 'Appropriating Social Citizenship: Women's Labour, Poverty, and Entrepreneurship in the Manual Workers Union of Botswana.' *Journal of Southern African Studies*, Vol 36, No. 4: 693-710.
- (2009) 'Dialogical subjectivities for hard times: Expanding political and ethical imaginaries of elite and subaltern Southern African women,' *African Identities* Vol. 7, No. 3: 299-325.
- (2009) with Dipa Basu. 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Gendered Entrepreneurship and British South Asian Women in the Culture Industries' *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales*. Vol. 25, No. 3: 53-77.
- (2009) 'The Hidden Lion: Tswapong women's initiation cult and the achievement of dignity in Botswana at a time of AIDS'. *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 36, No. 3, pp. 441-458.
- (2009) 'Displaced Enemies, Displaced Memories: A Comparison of Politicised Memories of the Holocaust and Partition of British India'. *Ethnos* 74, 4: 441-464.
- (2009) 'Revisiting the UK Muslim Diasporic Public Sphere at a Time of Terror: From local (benign) invisible spaces to seditious conspiratorial spaces and the "failure of Multiculturalism" Discourse'. *South Asian Diaspora* 1, 1: 19-45.
- (2009) 'Playing with Numbers: Sufi Calculations of a Perfect Divine Universe in Manchester', Ron Geaves (ed.) *Sufis in Western Societies: Global Networking and Locality*. London: Routledge.
- (2008) 'Introduction' in Prina Werbner (ed.) *Anthropology and Cosmopolitanism: Rooted, Feminist and Vernacular Perspective*. ASA Monograph No. 45. Oxford: Berg Publishers.

- (2008) 'The Cosmopolitan Encounter – Social Anthropology and the Kindness of Strangers', in Pnina Werbner (ed.) above.

#### **SELECT ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES**

- (2015) Entry for 'cosmopolitanism', *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Wiley-Blackwell.
- (2011) Entries for 'cosmopolitanism,' 'multiculturalism' and 'transnationalism' in Alan Barnard and Jonathan Spencer (eds) *Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Anthropology*. London: Routledge.
- (2006) 'Vernacular Cosmopolitanism' Special Issue on *Problematizing Global Knowledge* Edited by Mike Featherstone Volume 23 Numbers 1-2: 496-498.
- (2006) 'Hybridity' Routledge *Encyclopaedia of key words*, edited by John Scott.
- (2006) 'Cultural Hybridity', in Roland Robertson and Jan Arte Scholte (eds) *Encyclopedia of Globalization*. New York: Grolier Academic.
- (2005) 'Chaordic Diasporas', in Melvin Ember, Carol R. Ember, & Ian Skoggard (eds), *Encyclopedia of Diasporas: Immigrant and Refugee Cultures Around the World* (pp. xx). New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers.
- (2005) 'Pakistani Migration and Diaspora Religious Politics in a Global Age', in Melvin Ember, Carol R. Ember, & Ian Skoggard (eds), *Encyclopedia of Diasporas: Immigrant and Refugee Cultures Around the World* (pp. xx). New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers.