Sharaiz is a third year PhD student at the University of Edinburgh, studying how Islamic Liberation Theology can be used as a framework to combat class and economic inequality in the British context. He has previously completed Masters in Islamic Law and Middle East Politics and undertook traditional Islamic seminary studies in the UK. His interests and activism centres around Islam, political theory and education.

**Education**

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| **University of Edinburgh**  PhD Islam & Christian Muslim Relations  Provisional Title: “Islamic Liberation Theology in Practice: A Comparative Analysis of British Muslims’ Activism Against Class Inequality” | **2020-2023** |
| **Islamic College for Advanced Studies**  MA Islamic Law (Distinction)  Dissertation Title: “Islam and Capitalism: A Critical Analysis of Islam’s Response to Economic Inequality” | **2016-**  **2017** |
| **Hawza Ilmiyya of England**  Islamic Seminary Studies | **2015-**  **2016** |
| **School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS)**  MSc Middle East Politics (Distinction)  Dissertation Title: “The Incomplete State: Islamic Political Theory and the Islamic Republic of Iran” | **2013-**  **2014** |
| **London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)**  BSC (Hons) History & International Relations (Upper Second Class Hons, 2:1 – including highest grade in “The Middle East and International Relations Theory” course) | **2010-**  **2013** |

**Awards**

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| **University of Edinburgh**  School of Divinity Research Scholarship - £1,500 | **2020-2023** |
| **University of Edinburgh**  School of Divinity Postgraduate Research Scholarship - £4,407 | **2020-2023** |
| **Islamic College for Advanced Studies**  Award for Best Dissertation: “Islam and Capitalism: A Critical Analysis of Islam’s Response to Economic Inequality” - £150  Award for Best Essay: “The Influence of ‘Foreign’ Sources on Islamic Knowledge: The Case of Greek Philosophy” - £100 | **2017** |
| **Islamic College for Advanced Studies**  Postgraduate Scholarship – 50% of fees | **2016-**  **2017** |

**Publications**

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| Sharaiz Chaudhry, ‘Towards a Theology of Class Struggle: A Comparative Analysis of British Muslims’ Praxis Against Class Inequality’, *Religions Special Issue* (2023 – upcoming). |
| Sharaiz Chaudhry, ‘The Influence of ‘Foreign’ Sources on Islamic Knowledge: The Case of Greek Philosophy’, *Islamic Writings* 8:1 (2017), pp.3-14. |

**Appointments**

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| **Projects Coordinator**  British Association of Islamic Studies (BRAIS) | **Oct 2021-** |
| * Lead organiser of annual BRAIS Conference, which brings together leading academics in the field of Islamic Studies from the UK and beyond * Responsible for organising and coordinating online events throughout the year | |
| **Founder and Organiser**  Revolutionary Reading Room Book Club | **Feb 2020-** |
| * Founder of a book club that looks to implement the principles of community education and discuss important issues and political thinkers of colour * Meet bi-monthly, with meetings in London and Edinburgh (and previously online), with up to 25 attendees | |

**Academic Conference Paper Presentations**

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| ‘ Islamic Liberation Theology in Practice: A Comparative Analysis of British Muslims’ Activism Against Class Inequality’, *American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting* (Denver, USA), November 2022. |
| ‘ Islamic Liberation Theology in Practice: A Comparative Analysis of British Muslims’ Activism Against Class Inequality’, *European Academy of Religion Conference* (Bologna, Italy), June 2022 |
| ‘ Islamic Liberation Theology in Practice: A Comparative Analysis of British Muslims’ Activism Against Class Inequality’, *British Association of Islamic Studies (BRAIS) Conference* (Edinburgh, UK), June 2022 |
| ‘A Theology of Class Struggle: A Comparative Analysis of British Muslims’ Praxis Against Class and Economic Inequality’, *Historical Materialism Conference* (Istanbul, Turkey), April 2022. |
| ‘The failure of Iraq’s post-2003 state-making and the rise of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)’, *Conflict and* *Dialogue in the Middle East Conference* (Warsaw, Poland), December 2013. |

**Panels/Conferences Organised**

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| Co-Organiser of “Religion and Class” Panel, *European Academy of Religion Conference* (Bologna, Italy), June 2022. |
| Lead Organiser of *British Association of Islamic Studies (BRAIS) Conference* (Edinburgh, UK), June 2022 |