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Niloofar is a PhD candidate at the Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore (NUS) and currently a Visiting Research Student at the London School of Economics (LSE).

Niloofar is interested in exploring the fine grain of socio-spatial relationships and expanding them to urban dynamics. Doing ethnography in the context of multicultural city of London, in her PhD research Niloofar studies how/if public spaces facilitate the way(s) female migrants reproduce their sense of belonging after migration. At the intersection of urban design and human geography, she has an interest in exploring how gender, space, and culture intersect to shape urban experiences.

Niloofar holds a master's degree in Urban Design from the University of Tehran, Iran and a bachelor's of Urban Planning from Ferdowsi University of Mashhad where she later served as teaching assistant/instructor for several years. She has also worked with the city of Mashhad's municipality in different participatory design projects. Her previous research papers are mostly focused on a critical analysis of the practice of urban design with a contextual approach.