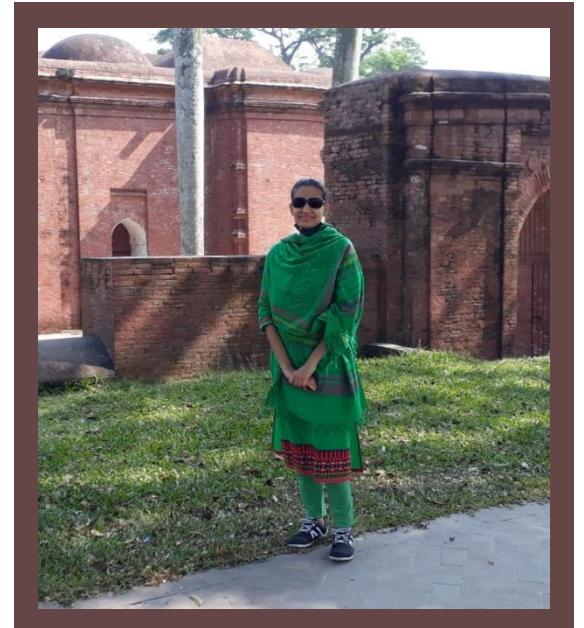


About Labiba Ali

I was born in Indonesia to Bangladeshi parents and spent my early years traveling the world with my family. We later moved back to Bangladesh where I grew up immersed in both South Asian and Islamic cultures, a mingling of two great oceans as Dara Shikoh, the Mughal Prince, had said. After working in the corporate world of New York, I yearned to learn more about my culture and heritage and so I enrolled in Columbia University to do a Masters in South Asian Studies where my concentrations were in history and art history. At Columbia my favorite time was spent examining Ramayana scroll paintings, deciphering the 'horror-vacui' of Islamic art, and investigating the Buddhist stupas at Sanchi. For my thesis I researched medieval Bengali Muslim identity through the lens of dress history, combining my love for textiles with cultural history. I learned during my research the myriad of ways Bengali Muslims expressed their multiple identities through their various sartorial choices, further emphasizing that Islam is not a monolith.



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