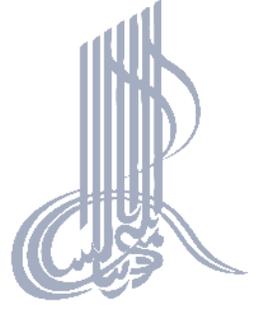


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President's Report



Farhat Haq,
AIPS President

brought faculty from the four provinces and areas including Lasbela, Bahawalpur, Sargodha, Chiniot, Khairpur, and Waziristan. For many of these junior scholars, this was their first face-to-face interaction with mentors and scholars from the United States. Similarly, the majority of the junior scholars who came to the United States were from regional universities in all four provinces of Pakistan. We have

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This year, AIPS broadened and deepened its mission to promote the academic study of Pakistan in the US and encourage scholarly exchanges between the US and Pakistan by providing opportunities to groups in the academy that are often left out: regional universities in Pakistan and community college faculty in the United States. We made the commitment to recruit participants from marginalized institutions for our workshops in Pakistan and for mentoring of junior Pakistani faculty in the United States. I am delighted to report that we have achieved that objective. For our workshops, we

also broadened the reach of Pakistan Studies in the US by recruiting several American scholars who had never traveled to Pakistan. In June, I had the good fortune of participating in the last two days of such a workshop at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill on Digital Humanities. AIPS' Vice President, Matt Cook, had organized this workshop. All of Matt's colleagues who traveled to Pakistan to conduct the first part of this workshop with him were new to Pakistan as were the others who helped mentor the Pakistani junior faculty at UNC.

We are also proud of the fact that we were able to send twelve faculty members from American community colleges to Pakistan in June for a two-week faculty development seminar entitled: "Religion and Culture in the Postcolonial City." The program sought to provide the participants with firsthand experiences of various cultural sites and practices in Lahore for incorporation in their future course development at their home institutions. They also visited Islamabad, attended lectures, and met with Pakistani faculty and researchers. We are thankful to CAORC (Council of American Overseas Research Centers) for having enough trust in us to provide us with this opportunity despite the security fears that persist. We will continue to work with the community college faculty to develop teaching resources about Pakistan.

During my visit to Pakistan in January of 2019, I spent time exploring the Punjab Higher Education Commission's (PHEC) attempt at reforming degree colleges by turning some of them into American-style community colleges. AIPS started this community college initiative during Kamran Asder Ali's presidency by sponsoring visits of Pakistani faculty and college principals to US community colleges. The PHEC targeted five colleges in Punjab to pilot the Community College model. I visited two of these colleges: one in Lahore and one in Faisalabad (the hub of the textile industry in Pakistan). The principal of the college in Lahore was sent to Austin Community College on AIPS funds, and the vice principal of the Women's College in Faisalabad went to Florida Community College with the support of the Fulbright/USEFP program. I was very impressed with the entrepreneurial spirit of the leaders of the two colleges and the team spirit of the faculty. They are a hardworking group who is taking maximum advantage of very meager resources to provide opportunities for their students.

AIPS is a small yet mighty organization that has accomplished a great deal despite toxic geopolitical dynamics that make it extremely challenging to achieve our mission. I am deeply thankful for the hard work of our directors in the US and Pakistan, Laura and Nadeem, and their dedicated staff that often go beyond the call of duty to ensure the success of our programs. Without the help of Matt Cook and continued support of Kamran Asder Ali, many of the events sponsored by AIPS would not have been possible. I am also thankful to our Executive Committee and BoT for their continued support of AIPS' mission.

Farhat Haq

AIPS Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program

The AIPS Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program is an Embassy-funded program (by the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan) supporting the exchange of senior U.S. scholars and junior Pakistani scholars for mentorships and training. This grant seeks to increase the academic and professional caliber at Pakistani universities through a sustained transfer of expertise. To date, AIPS has hosted numerous workshops, lectures, mentorships and other academic engagements as part of this program, providing research and curricular training to junior faculty, exposing them to scholarly articles and helping them foster new relationships with scholars in the U.S. and Pakistan. The impacts of this program have the potential to reach even greater audiences as the trained junior Pakistani faculty pass on their learnings to their students and other colleagues. ■

Lahore Biennale

Four U.S. scholars traveled to Lahore, Pakistan - Dr. Iftikhar Dadi (Cornell University), Dr. Esra Akcan (Cornell University), Dr. T.J. Demos (University of California, Santa Cruz) and Dr. Sonal Khullar (University of Washington) - to host three workshops and a series of lectures at the first Lahore Biennale. This event, which was free and open to the public, took place from March 18-31, 2018 and created a space for the U.S. scholars to share with and train Pakistani scholars/professionals on the topics of art writing and curating, an aspect of the Pakistani art scene that is still being developed, as well as help foster a community of scholars and practitioners with related interests. The workshops held were: "Delete as Appropriate: Critical Writing," "Climate Change and Critical Aesthetics," and "States of Opacity: Curatorial Strategies." Over fifty participants attended the workshops.



Lahore Biennale

Popular Culture Across Borders

Dr. Joel Gordon (University of Arkansas) held two workshops on *Popular Culture Across Borders* at Government College University, Lahore and the University of Punjab in July of 2018. These workshops explored the state of Popular Culture Studies, the relevance of discourse about cosmopolitans and 'Levantine,' and the avenues through which creators - and consumers - of popular culture may have engaged in their own 'broader' regional discussions. Roundtable discussions on Research Methodology followed in which Dr. Gordon was able to provide feedback to students on their current research projects and proposals.



Popular Culture Across Borders

Questions and topics covered included: how to formulate a research topic, framing a literature review, determining and gathering sources, working interviews and oral histories into the thesis, balancing quantitative and qualitative data, and possible ongoing/future work.



Social Sciences Research

Social Sciences Research

A cohort of five U.S. scholars - Dr. Michael Hirsch (Huston-Tillotson University), Dr. Tricia Jokerst (Huston-Tillotson University), Dr. Amelia Maciszewski (Sangeet Millennium), Ms. Amy Allen (Texas State University) and Ms. Mueni Rudd (Texas State University) - from the fields of Sociology, Social Work, Education and Ethno-Musicology, led three weeks of mentoring and workshop sessions in Pakistan, focusing on research and teaching methods in the Social Sciences as well as the respective fields listed above. Many of the workshop participants had the option to receive individual mentoring from one or more of the scholars on top of attending the provided workshops. Additionally, the scholars led a roundtable discussion at the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) titled "Emerging Trends in Social Sciences Research for Parliament" and a panel presentation at Fatimah Jinnah Women University on "Social Science Research in the Contemporary World."

AIPS Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program



New Developments and Debates in Islamic Studies

Dr. Marcia Hermansen (Loyola University Chicago) led a five-day workshop titled “New Developments and Debates in Islamic Studies” at the International Islamic University Islamabad from October 22 to 26, 2018. This workshop addressed current trends in the academic study of Islam (Islamic Studies) to acquaint Pakistani academics in related fields with theories and practices impacting the academic study of Islam, major debates in the field, innovative pedagogical strategies, and approaches from the academic study of religion. The goal was to prepare early career Pakistani faculty from diverse Pakistani universities for research publications and curriculum designs that fulfill local needs and interests while meeting international standards. Following the workshop, Dr. Hermansen participated in five other academic engagements, reaching over 800 people.



Language Teaching in the 21st Century

Under the umbrella title “Language Teaching in the 21st Century,” Dr. Patricia Pashby (University of Oregon) facilitated a series of seven workshops and ten individual mentorships for faculty teaching English or other language courses in Pakistan. The following sessions took place between December 5th and December 20th, 2018 at the University of Education, Lahore campus: *Professional Development for Very Busy Instructors*, *Principled Language Learning & Teaching*, *Student-Centered Instruction*, *Backward Course Design*, *Creating Balanced Lessons*, *Flipped Learning & Multimodal Learning* and *Motivating Language Learners*. A total of 38 participants attended one or more of the sessions. Dr. Pashby took a “hands-on” teaching approach to support and demonstrate her goal of encouraging interactive, student-centered learning. The curricula addressed themes of “action research” conducted by teachers, principles of language learning, and teaching and motivation in language learning. In addition to leading the above workshops, Dr. Pashby co-facilitated a session on *Student-Centric Learning* at the First Annual International Conference on English Literature, Linguistics and Teaching at the University of Education, Lahore and presented a keynote titled “Revisiting Motivation in Language Learning.”

History Workshops in Lahore and Islamabad

Dr. Robert Nichols (Stockton University), Dr. David Gilmartin (North Carolina State University) and Dr. Matthew A. Cook (North Carolina Central University) organized and led two workshops for junior Pakistani scholars working towards PhDs in History. The “History Dissertation Workshop” was held at the Punjab Higher Education Commission in Lahore on December 29-31, 2018 and the “History Research Methods and Proposal Workshop” was hosted at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad on January 3-4, 2019. Thirteen different participants attended each workshop. AIPS solicited applications from multiple history departments in Pakistan, and the faculty organizers selected a range of participants who included representatives from across the diverse provinces, regions, and universities of Pakistan. Participants were graduate students and junior faculty at the proposal, research, and writing stages of their research projects/dissertations. They presented their projects and then received detailed feedback. Workshop sessions also opened conversations about research methods, scholarly literature and argumentation, and recent examples of successfully completed academic history books of interest to scholars, including historians of Pakistan-related issues, themes, and historical perspectives.



Digital Humanities Workshop (Part 1 in Lahore)

Three U.S. scholars from North Carolina Central University (NCCU) led a Digital Humanities workshop in Lahore, Pakistan from May 6-8, 2019. The scholars – Matthew A. Cook, Collie Fulford, and Russell Robinson – are fellows of the NCCU-Duke Digital Humanities Initiative (<https://sites.fhi.duke.edu/nccudhfellows>). They utilized the skills they developed as fellows to work with junior Pakistani faculty to build their digital humanities skills. The workshop focus revolved around how to integrate these skills into teaching and classroom activities. Twelve Pakistani scholars participated in the workshop, which included one-on-one mentoring by the NCCU faculty. The Pakistani scholars participating were M. Ibrahim Khokhar (Shah Abdul Latif University), Marvi Sheikh (University of Sindh), Shumaila Umer (Sardar Bahadur Khan University), Ayesha Akram (University of Education, Lahore), Sania Munir (University of Lahore), Ihsanullah Jan (Hazara University), Fatima Bilquis (Lahore University of Management Sciences), Furrugh Khan (Lahore University of Management Sciences), Nadhra Shabhz Naeem Khan (Lahore University of Management Sciences), Antonio Marasco (Lahore University of Management Sciences), and Ali Usman Qasmi (Lahore University of Management Sciences). The workshop in Lahore was the first part of a two-part program. The second part took place in North Carolina between May 20 and June 24, 2019.

Pakistan to U.S. Exchanges Individual Exchanges

The following individuals traveled to the U.S. for individual mentorship programs with the U.S. mentors listed below.

Saeed Lehri

Home Institution: University of Balochistan, Quetta
Field: Linguistics
U.S. Mentor: Elena Bashir
U.S. Institution: University of Chicago
Dates: 3/15/19 - 6/15/19

Henna Karamat

Home Institution: Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University
Field: English
U.S. Mentor: Cara Cilano
U.S. Institution: Michigan State University
Dates: 3/10/19 - 4/20/2019

Nafees Ahmed

Home Institution: Punjab University
Field: Anthropology
U.S. Mentor: J. Mark Kenoyer
U.S. Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dates: 4/3/19 – 5/13/19

Mueezuddin Hakal

Home Institution: Quaid-i-Azam University
Field: Anthropology
U.S. Mentor: J. Mark Kenoyer
U.S. Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dates: 6/26/9 – 8/6/19

Digital Humanities Workshop (Part 2 in North Carolina)

The following individuals traveled to the U.S. as part of the second half of a digital humanities program that started in Pakistan during May of 2019. They attended multiple workshops in North Carolina, including one hosted by the Triangle Digital Humanities Network. They also engaged in a series of one-on-one mentoring sessions with faculty from North Carolina Central University.

M. Ibrahim Khokhar

Home Institution: Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur

Ayesha Akram

Home Institution: University of Education, Lahore

Shumaila Umer

Home Institution: Sardar Bahadur Khan Women’s University, Quetta

Marvi Shaikh

Home Institution: The University of Sindh, Jamshoro

Sania Munir

Home Institution: The University of Lahore, Punjab

SASLI Teacher Training

The following individuals traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to attend the South Asian Language Teacher Training Program from June 10 to 21, 2019. This certificate program offered comprehensive pedagogy training, opportunities for teaching observations and feedback, and job market training sessions.

Ashok Kumar Khatri

Home Institution: Punjab University, Lahore

Zahid Hussain

Home Institution: Lahore University of Management Sciences

Jahan Zeb Ahmed

Home Institution: University of California, Santa Barbara

AIPS and U.S. Embassy Events



AIPS and the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan developed a multi-day and multi-week exchange and speaker program. It involved American and Pakistani academic and civil society organizations and aimed to strengthen people-to-people and inter-organizational ties between Pakistan and the United States. It addressed themes like the environment and other topics of international concern. ■

Dynamics of Countering Human Trafficking in South Asia

Dr. Hassan Abbas led two “Dynamics of Countering Human Trafficking in South Asia” workshops in Islamabad and Lahore, Pakistan from December 17th-23rd, 2018. They focused on fully understanding the nature and magnitude of human trafficking in the broader South Asian region and were geared towards developing local capacity to counter this challenge as well as studying the dynamics that allow this menace to thrive at a global scale. A series of structured discussions considered the personal and social consequences of trafficking (violence, health, post-traumatic stress disorder, etc.), the ways that traffick-

ing affects children, and the strategies that victims adopt to survive. The groups also assessed a variety of efforts being made to help trafficked victims. Over 20 participants attended each workshop.

Air Quality in Pakistan

Greater awareness of the negative impacts of air pollution on public health has made this a prime issue in many countries. Pakistan currently has almost no air quality monitoring capabilities, so it is difficult to assess the true impacts of air quality on health and nearly impossible to determine and eradicate the sources of air pollution. In line with a continued USG policy of constructing air quality monitoring facilities on Embassies and Posts in vulnerable countries, the posts in Pakistan are bringing several testing facilities online. Dr. Filippelli, an Air Quality Fellow for the Embassy in Islamabad and an expert in air quality and health, delivered a series of lectures, workshops, and demonstrations to raise awareness of these issues and to build dialogs among university researchers, students, governmental, and non-governmental entities on this issue. Through this AIPS-sponsored series of

events, which occurred in Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad, Dr. Filippelli interacted with approximately 1000 people over 11 days.

AIPS-Sponsored Participants Attend a Conference on fake news

Jill Filipovic, Ty McCormick, and Lauren Bohn conducted a series of workshops and lectures/discussions on a variety of topics related to journalism in conjunction with a conference on media in Pakistan, “Fake News and Facts in our Region” organized by the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) in Islamabad. Filipovic, McCormick, and Bohn’s workshops and lectures, held in Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi, brought together journalists, students and stakeholders in Pakistan, opening lines of engagement and information with the U.S. journalists and reached nearly 500 people. Concepts such as the right to free speech, free press, the free exercise of religion, and women’s rights were discussed in depth, as were misconceptions about Pakistan and local frustrations with American journalistic coverage. The American journalists were educated about the Pakistani press, including the robust journalistic traditions and ongoing challenges (financial, political and social) that Pakistani journalists face. The Pakistani journalists participated in the discussions and workshops aimed at bringing valuable skills and perspectives on issues including responsible sourcing, free speech, and the conscientious coverage of sensitive issues to increase the caliber of journalistic work in Pakistan. It is expected that this information will be passed on to other journalists in the country, furthering the reach of the program. ■



AIPS Pakistan Lecture Series 2018: Naila Mahmood

Naila Mahmood is a highly regarded visual artist, writer and documentary photographer from Karachi whose work on the complexities of urban space has been widely featured in gallery shows, museum exhibitions, and in print. Her work includes visuals, statistics and poetry; some of her projects constitute research projects, while others are more broad-ranging. She is also the founder and Director of the Vast Artists Association and a member of the Executive Council and adjunct faculty at the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture.

She led a series of presentations at North Carolina State University, Cornell University and Brown University from September 19 to 26, 2018 based on her work “The



Inner Kitchens in Karachi: a Microcosm of the Crowded City.” Mahmood argues that kitchens in the inner city of Karachi are invisible, gendered spaces that are emblems of social, spatial and gender inequality. In her presentations, she strived to chronicle the small fragments of life around these spaces,

which have complex sociological layers, often missed in statistics. She featured photographs, texts and reflective poetry about the city of Karachi, Pakistan, its migratory history and urban citizenship. Although the pictures focused on the inner city kitchens, they were reflective of the broader issues of urban density and ensuing pressures.

Through this Pakistan Lecture Series, Naila Mahmood was able to reach well over 200 participants – scientists, scholars, photographers, architects, etc. Sharing her work and talking about possible collaborations helped open up new avenues and directions for future projects and brought valuable feedback. ■

9th Annual University of Michigan Pakistan Conference: “Spaces of Capital”



On Saturday, March 30th, 2019, the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan hosted its 9th Annual Pakistan Conference. The annual conference is an initiative aimed at fostering an alternative intellectual and political discourse on Pakistan. This year’s conference focused on the theme of political economy concerning Pakistan and was titled “Spaces of Capital.” Around 70 people attended, including undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and members of the general public.

This multidisciplinary conference explored the interconnections between capital, state, and infrastructure to uncover the everyday relations and social formations in Pakistan, how they shape capital flows and are shaped by them. It brought together academics, activists, journalists, and artists from Pakistan, Europe, and the United States in a discussion of capitalist spaces and emerging formations through addressing topics such as rural patronage,

hydropolitics, bureaucracy, urban infrastructural politics, and visual cultures in Pakistan.

In the first panel, Dr. Amen Jaffer (LUMS) and Dr. Maira Hayat (Stanford University) presented their papers related to urban infrastructure on the topics of waste management and water, respectively. The second panel examined the relation between contemporary rural economic arrangements and long-standing social groups, such as caste and lineage, through paper presentations by Dr. Muhammad Ali Jan (Oxford University) and Dr. Nicolas Martin (University of Zurich). Following, artist Saima Zaidi (Habib University) gave an extended talk and visual presentation on the work of her design group in Lahore’s Old City. The conference concluded with a film screening of the award-winning documentary by Mahera Omar, “The Rebel Optimist,” on the life and murder of Karachi-based architect, urbanist and activist, Perween Rahman, a former participant in the UM Pakistan Conference. ■

Junior Scholars Conference 2018



AIPS hosted its third Junior Scholars Conference on October 11, 2018 (in conjunction with the Annual Conference on South Asia). This conference showcased the new research by junior scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities fields (both Ph.D. candidates with ABD status and recent Ph.D. recipients) related to Pakistan. AIPS senior scholars read the accepted papers and provided feedback, mentorship, and guided discussion after the presentations. These conferences have been central in enabling emerging scholars to network with others in their fields and have resulted in significant outcomes, including multiple projects started, mentorships forged, articles written, and dissertations revised, edited and completed.

2018 Participants

Ahsan Kamal, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Paper Title: *Saving Sindhu: River Defense Movements Along the Indus River in Pakistan*

Amna Qayyum, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Princeton University
Paper Title: *Co-operatives and Contraceptives: Family Planning and Theories of Rural Development in Comilla, East Pakistan*

Sohaib Baig, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, University of California-Los Angeles

Paper Title: *What Makes a Hanafi? The Juristic Boundaries of the Hanafi School of Law across Thatta and Medina in the 18th Century*

Michelle Grisé, Associate Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation
Paper Title: *Inside the Nuclear Labyrinth: Understanding the Consequences of Nuclear Weapons Development in Pakistan, 1972-1998*

Mashail Malik, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, Stanford University
Paper Title: *Political Violence and Ethnocentric Trust in Multiethnic Megacities: The Case of Karachi*

Neelum Sohail, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Tufts University
Paper Title: *Lord of the District and Next to God: Policing and Governance in the Punjab*

Shehram Mokhtar, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon
Paper Title: *Gender & Sexuality of the Other: Under the Gaze of Transnational Documentary*

Ghazal Asif, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
Paper Title: *Women's Work: Ethnography of a Pakistani Vocational Center* ■

CAORC Collaborative Community Colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions Workshop



CAORC and AIPS hosted a fully-funded faculty development seminar for community college and MSI faculty in Lahore, Pakistan this June. Security Studies, Religious Studies, Urban Studies, Cultural Studies, and History all have various interests in and viewpoints on Pakistan. This seminar, *Religion and Culture in the Postcolonial City*, sought to add nuance and context to these understandings by providing participants with firsthand experiences of various cultural sites and practices in Lahore, including its medieval walled city and its colonial architectural landmarks, as well as facilitating meetings with local scholars, artists, and others.

Through encountering Lahore's urban geography, participants glimpsed how religious diversity, political struggle, and cultural expression fold into each other in this ancient city of over ten million people. Upon returning to their respective institutions in the US, the participants can create and develop curricular materials on Pakistan to be used in the classroom. ■




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UPCOMING AIPS EVENTS

Pakistan Lecture Series 2019

Ms. Sheema Kermani, a feminist public intellectual and dance/theater performer in Pakistan, has been awarded to participate in the 2019 Pakistan Lecture Series. She will be presenting her work on "Identity, Performance and Gender in Pakistan" in October 2019 at Michigan State University, the University of Chicago and Monmouth College. She will then complete her program by attending the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin.

Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program

The following Pakistan to U.S. exchanges will be occurring as part of AIPS' Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program.

Rabbia Murtaza
Home Institution: COMSATS University
Field: Urban Health
U.S. Mentor: Gabriel Filippelli
U.S. Institution: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Dates: August-September 2019

Muhammad Zahir
Home Institution: COMSATS University
Field: Urban Health
U.S. Mentor: Gabriel Filippelli
U.S. Institution: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Dates: August-September 2019

2018-19 Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan-AIPS

In Fall 2018, the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Language Program hosted its fifth batch of students in Lahore. A cohort of seven, these students came from a variety of departments and programs (Political Science, Religious Studies, Public Health, Women Studies, Physics, Asian Languages and Literature, and International Studies) and institutions (University of Washington, Pomona College, University of Michigan, Smith College, University of Chicago, California State University of Long Beach, and University of Maryland). The students spent approximately fifteen weeks on the campus of the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) undergoing intensive Urdu language training under the tutelage of the program's highly regarded Urdu teachers—Umar Anjum (who has been with the program since the Fall of 2015) and Sidra Afzal (who joined this past year). The Program Manager was Ms. Saleha Parvaiz, (a previous BULPIP-AIPS Program Fellow who received her M.A. in Asian Studies from the University of Texas at Austin). Although students and program personnel alike had to take basic security precautions, none missed an opportunity to



explore Lahore, meet residents of the city, and pursue their research.

By all accounts, the program highlights were the weeklong road trip and the weekly speaker series. The series hosted historian Dr. Arifa Syeda Zehra, lead drummer for Coke Studio Season 11 Kamran Paul, City 42 crime reporter Eisha Khan, founder of

at-home salon services provider GharPar Shameelah Ismail, certified Zumba instructor Nasrullah Ansari, calligrapher Abdul Basit, traditional Punjabi wrestlers, shoemaker Hamid Bilal, founder of Harness Energy Muhammad Shahryar, Assistant Director of Environment Protection Department of Punjab Ibrah Ali, among others. Reflecting on their experience, individual students noted: "I wanted to improve my Urdu in this program, and I feel I have done that. However, what made this program wonderful were the friendships I created with my entire cohort;" "I have previously completed other programs, and this one has been exceptionally run in terms of responsiveness to feedback, access to resources, logistical and living support being provided;" "The people I met, and the people who attend LUMS made this the best experience for me. I think I gained the opportunity to see Pakistan through their perspective, while also educating them on so many concepts like feminism and race." For more information about the program, please contact Ms. Behnaz Raufi (behnazraufi@berkeley.edu) or visit: <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/BULPIP> ■

New Pedagogies Workshop Series

Ms. Sarah Beckham and Dr. Gwendolyn Kirk facilitated a "New Pedagogies Workshop Series" in September of 2018 at the Lahore University of Management Sciences as part of the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan-AIPS (BULPIP-AIPS). The series consisted of a set of instructor training workshops introducing the concepts of Project-Based Language Learning (PBL), Flipped/Blended Learning, and the core principles of student-centered learning, with a specific focus on how these approaches can be implemented in the teaching of less commonly taught languages (LCTLs) in Pakistan. In these workshops, 15 instructors applied these methods in the development of course materials and curriculum for feedback from colleagues and facilitators. While this project was primarily targeted towards the instructional staff on the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan-AIPS, Beckham and Kirk were able to enlist a diverse selection of other participants as well, including Pashto, Sindhi,



and Punjabi language professionals. In addition to the group sessions mentioned above, the two facilitators also conducted course observations and held one-on-one mentoring sessions with participants, discussing the participants' pedagogical approaches and professional development opportunities, as well as reviewing feedback from the course observations (for those participants currently teaching LCTLs as second languages in Lahore).

This program was co-sponsored by AIPS' Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program and supported administratively by the Gurmani Centre for Languages and Literature at LUMS. ■

AIPS Islamabad Center Highlights

Mr. Nadeem Akbar, AIPS Pakistan Director, visited Turkey along with Pakistani delegates and South Asia participants for a "South Asia Higher Education Symposium" hosted by the Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Istanbul, Turkey, April 23-28, 2019.



Joshua White, Associate Professor, SAIS, JHU, brought SAIS students and faculty from SAIS together with faculty and researchers of CCRD, COMSATS for a dialogue on "Climate Change and Energy Issues", COMSATS, Islamabad, January 17, 2019.



AIPS President, Dr. Farhat Haq, and Vice Chancellor, Gomal University, D.I. Khan, signed a MoU on January 4, 2019 at Islamabad Club, Islamabad.



High Tea Reception in Honor of Ms. Wajiha Ikram, Parliamentary Secretary for Federal Education, Government of Pakistan, at Islamabad Club, January 4, 2019. AIPS President, Dr. Farhat Haq, AIPS Vice President, Dr. Matthew Cook, AIPS Trustees: Dr. Robert Nichols, Dr. David Gilmartin, and Dr. Paula Newberg, were present, along with Deans, Directors, Chairs, and officials from higher education leadership in Pakistan.



AIPS visiting scholars along with Dr. Farhat Haq, President AIPS, at the Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue, International Islamic University, Islamabad, hosted by Dr. Husnul Amin, Executive Director, IRD, at IUI Faisal Campus Islamabad, Jan 2, 2019.



AIPS organized a pre-departure orientation for Pakistani delegates on behalf of Hollings Center for International Dialogue, November 29, 2018, Margala Hotel, Islamabad. Ms. Asli Mutlu, Sr. Program Officer, Hollings Center, was also present.



AIPS Islamabad Center News

The CAORC Community Colleges Faculty visitors at Pakistan-Fachhochschule Institute of Applied Sciences & Technology, Haripur, with Dr. Nasser Ali, June 17, 2019.



The CAORC Community College delegates attended a briefing at Lahore Garrison University, Lahore, hosted by the Vice Chancellor and members of the Board of Governors, June 21, 2019.



AIPS, University of Education, Lahore, and IUCPSS hosted a joint reception, attended by the newly appointed Vice Chancellors of Punjab and visiting AIPS scholars, July 19, 2019. The Provincial Minister, Higher Education, Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfaraz, welcomed the visiting scholars and Vice Chancellors.



AIPS President, Dr. Farhat Haq, and Vice Chancellor, Quaid-i-Azam University, Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah, signed a MoU, January 4, 2019 at the VC Office, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. AIPS Vice President, AIPS Pakistan Director, and Dean, Social Sciences, Quaid-i-Islamabad witnessed the occasion.



Jill Filipovic, U.S. journalist, led a Journalism workshop with students from the Lahore University of Management Sciences in Lahore on April 30, 2019.



Dr. Gabriel Filipelli, Professor & Director, Urban Health, Department of Earth Sciences, Indiana University-Purdue University Indiana, speaking at the National Institute of Health, Islamabad, Pakistan, April 24, 2019.



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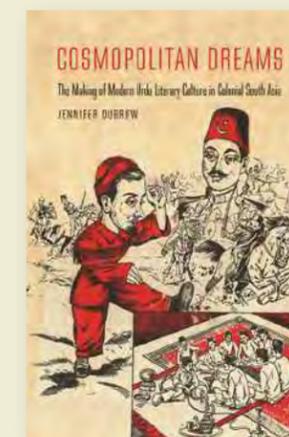
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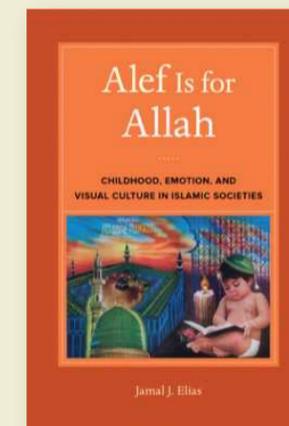
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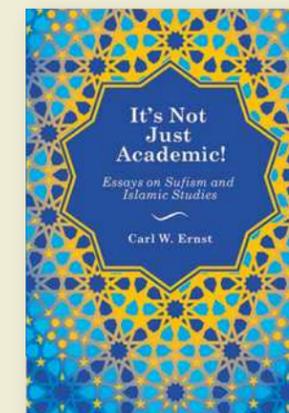
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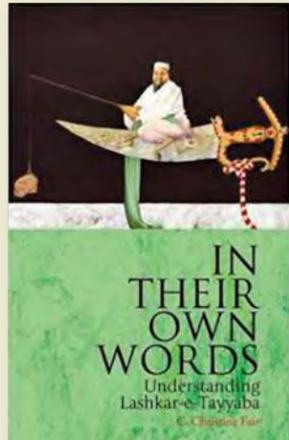
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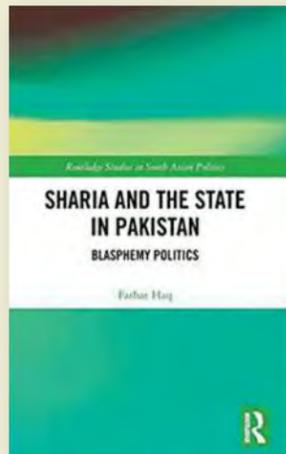
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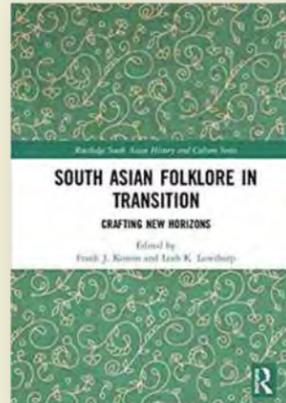
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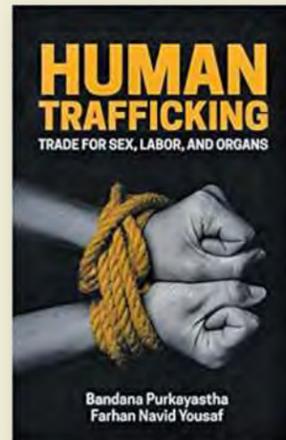
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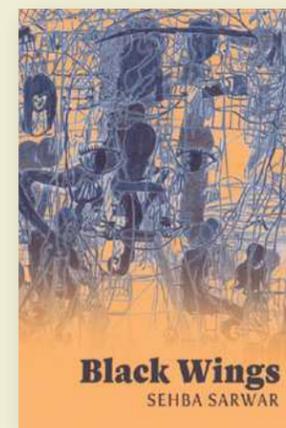
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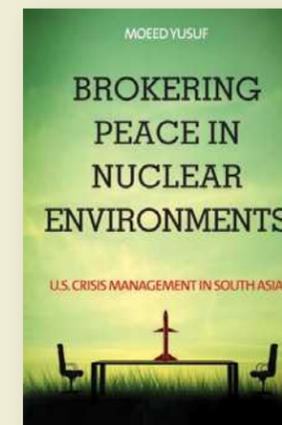
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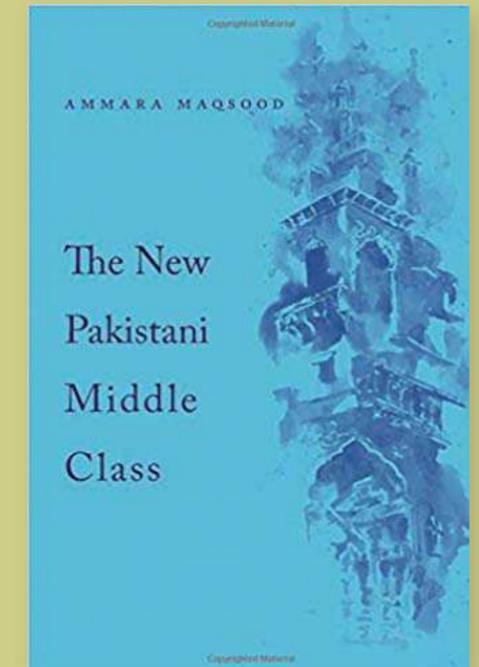
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2019 AIPS BOOK PRIZE AWARD WINNER

Each year, the American Institute of Pakistan Studies seeks submissions of books published within the last three years for its annual Book Prize award. AIPS is pleased to announce the winner of the 2019 Book Prize as Dr. Ammara Maqsood for her book titled *The New Pakistani Middle Class*. Congratulations to Dr. Maqsood!

Dr. Maqsood's book was chosen for its relevance to Pakistan Studies, as well as the impressive way it weaves together ideas of religious identity, piety, consumption, and modernity into an enjoyable and accessible narrative. The work addresses key issues (e.g., religion and class) without overlooking the everyday details that entertain the reader. In this way, Maqsood tells a story about life in contemporary, middle-class Lahore that is at once local and global. Read more about this publication and the other AIPS Book Prize awardees on the AIPS website: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/2019-aips-book-prize-winner>.



AIPS is now accepting applications for its 2020 Book Prize competition! This is an exciting opportunity to help publicize your new book and contribute to AIPS' mission. For more information on the prize, please see the AIPS website or contact AIPS directly. ■

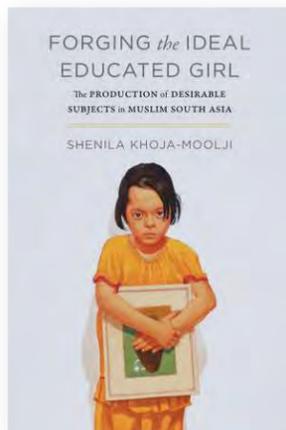
AIPS Member Highlights

Maira Hayat

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University
Maira Hayat was awarded the 2018 Sylvia Forman Prize for Outstanding Graduate Paper from the Association for Feminist Anthropology. Her paper was titled, *The Gender of Corruption: Bureaucrats, Bodies and the Female Complaint in the Punjab Irrigation Bureaucracy*. <http://afa.americananthro.org/2018-sylvia-forman-prize-winner-graduate-paper/>

J. Mark Kenoyer

Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
J. Mark Kenoyer, past AIPS president, was recently announced as a recipient of the Award for Excellence in Archaeological Analysis. This award recognizes the significant global impact and enduring contributions of Dr. Kenoyer's research and teaching to archeological analysis. <https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/j-mark-kenoyer-to-be-recognized-with-a-2019-society-for-american-archaeology-award/>

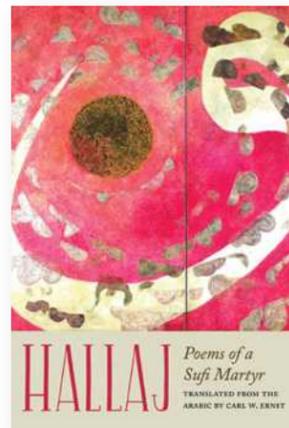


Shenila Khoja-Moolji

Assistant Professor, Bowdoin University
Shenila Khoja-Moolji's book won the 2019 Jackie Kirk Outstanding Book Award from the Comparative and International Education Society! Her book was titled, *Forging the Ideal Educated Girl: The Production of Desirable Subjects in Muslim South Asia*. <https://www.ucpress.edu/book/9780520298408/forging-the-ideal-educated-girl>

Iqbal Akhtar

Assistant Professor, Florida International University
Iqbal Akhtar, Director of Western Indian Ocean Studies at FIU, will be a Fulbright scholar in Pakistan for the spring term of 2020. He will teach a course on comparative historiography at UMT in Lahore and continue to research in Islamabad. His award is focused on capacity building of Pakistani academics to write for a global audience, apply for international grants, develop US-Pakistani academic relationships, and to develop a more rigorous perspective of Pakistan's history in its humanities disciplines.



Carl Ernst

Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Carl Ernst, Co-Director of the Carolina Center for the Study of Middle East and Muslim Civilizations and Distinguished Professor, won the Global Humanities Translation Prize from the Buffett Institute at Northwestern University for his work on *Hallaj: Poems of a Sufi Martyr*. <http://www.nupress.northwestern.edu/content/hallaj>

Andrew Amstutz

Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Andrew Amstutz joined the Department of History at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Amstutz received his Ph.D. in 2017 from Cornell University where he went on to be a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He will teach courses on world history, South Asia, Islam and science, and public history in Asia.

Brian Bond

Ph.D. Candidate, City University of New York
Brian Bond received the Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Woodrow Wilson Foundation) for his dissertation project, *A Heavy Rain Has Fallen Upon My People: Sindhi Sufi Poetry Performance, Ethics, and Islamic Reform in Kachchh, Gujarat*. Bond presented aspects of his research at the 2018 Society for Ethnomusicology Conference in a paper entitled "Teaching Islam in Song: Sindhi Kāfi Performance on India's Western Border." This research was possible in part because of his AIPS Junior Research Fellowship.

Lauren Hennelly

Ph.D. Candidate, University of California-Davis
Lauren Hennelly is currently in collaboration with PMAS-Arid Agriculture University to study wolves in Pakistan. Hennelly and her co-PI Hira Fatima (a Ph.D. scholar from PMAS Arid) have received a grant from the Rufford Foundation for Nature Conservation to support their research. Additionally, graduate students at the Department of Wildlife Management of PMAS Arid Agriculture University have acquired five camera traps and research supplies to further support this ongoing research.

Danish Khan

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Danish Khan was awarded the Solomon Barkin Graduate Fellowship Fund Award by the Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts-Amherst in recognition of outstanding Ph.D. dissertation research. The award is given to a graduate student whose research "has the potential to contribute to improving the conditions of working people."

José Cabezón

Professor, University of California-Santa Barbara
In November 2018, José Cabezón was a respondent at a panel on his recent book, *Sexuality in Classical South Asian Buddhism* (Wisdom Publications, 2017) at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. At that same meeting, he became President-Elect of the AAR. He spent the month of December touring various Buddhist sites and major museum collections of Buddhist art in Pakistan.



Maria-Magdalena Fuchs

Ph.D. Candidate, Princeton University
Maria-Magdalena recently won the AAS South Asia Graduate Student Paper Prize 2018 for her paper entitled "'Act in the Living Present': The Anjuman-i Himayat-i Islam Lahore and the Quest for a Modern(ist) Islam." Maria-Magdalena's paper explores how Islam is understood and debated by members of the Anjuman-i Himayat-i Islam (Society for the Defense of Islam), the largest and most well-known Muslim voluntary association of colonial north India.



Mashail Malik

Ph.D. Candidate, Stanford University
Mashail Malik was awarded the National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant to support a project on why ethnic parties succeed or fail in mobilizing their co-ethnic base. The funds will support a survey – with an experimental component – of Muhajir and Pashtun population in Karachi, Pakistan.

Michael Toler

Interim Program Head, Aga Khan Documentation Center, MIT Libraries
Michael Toler received the Mohamed Makiya Prize from the Tamayouz Excellence Awards on behalf of the Aga Khan Documentation Center. The award is named in honor of distinguished Iraqi architect and urban planner Mohamed Saleh Makiya who

donated his archive to AKDC in 2012, the first of several major archives that now are part of the AKDC collection. <https://libraries.mit.edu/akdc/2018/11/06/aga-khan-documentation-center-at-mit-wins-the-mohamed-makiya-prize-for-architecture/>

Miriam Golden

Professor, University of California-Los Angeles
Starting in September 2019, Miriam Golden will assume the Peter Mair Chair in Comparative Politics at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. The EUI is the social science graduate institution for the member states of the European Union. Citizens of non-EU countries can apply if they have already received an M.A. Miriam Golden particularly encourages highly qualified Pakistani applicants to consider working with her and review the application process on the EUI's website: <https://www.eui.eu/Department-sAndCentres/PoliticalAndSocialSciences/DoctoralProgramme>

Naeem Mohaiemen

Ph.D. Candidate, Columbia University
Naeem Mohaiemen was a finalist for Britain's 2018 Turner Prize for his three-screen film *Two Meetings and a Funeral* (2017), which pivots between the 1973 Nonaligned Movement meeting in Algiers, and the 1974 Organization of Islamic Cooperation meeting in Lahore.

Shahnaz Rouse

Professor, Sarah Lawrence College
Shahnaz Rouse was recently appointed the Campbell Chair in the Humanities at Sarah Lawrence College for a five-year position. Shahnaz also recently returned from a trip to Pakistan where she gave a talk on "The State of Colonial Lahore: A Political Economic Perspective" at the Lahore School of Economics. This talk was part of a colloquium on Economic History at the Graduate Institute for Development Studies, LSE, Lahore.

AIPS Fellows and Grantees

AIPS granted the 31 awards below for research fellowships and conference travel in the last year. AIPS Fellowships, Short-Term Research Grants and Conference Travel Grants are available to AIPS members on an annual basis. The review committees comprise a combination of AIPS Executive Committee members and Trustees.

AIPS Fellowships 2019-20

Each year, AIPS awards long-term junior (pre-doctoral) and senior (post-doctoral) fellowships that are two to nine months in length. Due to security restrictions, U.S. citizen applicants applying for Junior Fellowships are required to conduct research in countries other than the U.S. and Pakistan. Non-U.S. citizen applicants and U.S. citizen Senior Fellows, however, can research in Pakistan or countries other than the U.S. Funding is provided by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State through a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and by AIPS' Unrestricted Funds. These awards have been extremely competitive, and AIPS is excited to announce the recently awarded fellows below. Full abstracts and final reports for all fellows are accessible on the AIPS website (www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/fellowship-archives).

1. Andrew Amstutz

Institution: University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Field: History
Project Title: Unearthing Pakistan: Buddhist Art, Muslim Nationalism, and Global Public History, 1947-1977
Fellowship Type: Senior Fellowship, 2.5 months in Italy

2. Zayad Bangash

Institution: George Washington University
Field: History
Project Title: The Army, Military Education, and State Sovereignty
Fellowship Type: Junior Fellowship, 2 months in the U.K.

3. Chad Haines

Institution: Arizona State University
Field: Anthropology and Religious Studies
Project Title: Urban Informality, Everyday Ethics, and Refugeehood: Re-Creating Community in Lahore
Fellowship Type: Senior Fellowship, 3.5 months in Pakistan

4. Maira Hayat

Institution: Stanford University
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Ecologies of Water Theft in Pakistan: The Colony, the Corporation and the Contemporary
Fellowship Type: Senior Fellowship, 5 months in Pakistan

5. Salman Hussain

Institution: University of Michigan
Field: Anthropology and History
Project Title: Gulfee Gangsterism: Masculinity and Migration in Pakistan
Fellowship Type: Junior Fellowship, 5 months in U.A.E.

6. Zehra Husain

Institution: City University of New York - The Graduate Center
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Race, Visibility, and Vernacular Cosmopolitanism in a Pakistani Port Town
Fellowship Type: Junior Fellowship, 9 months in Pakistan

7. Fatima Tassadiq

Institution: University of Pennsylvania
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Moving Lahore: Mass Transit, Democracy and Materiality of Politics in Pakistan
Fellowship Type: Junior Fellowship, 2 months in Pakistan

AIPS Short-Term Research Grants to Pakistan 2019

Since 2012, AIPS has been able to offer Short-Term Research Grants to AIPS members, regardless of citizenship. This year, AIPS allocated ten Short-Term Research Grants to allow scholars to do preliminary

and/or exploratory research in Pakistan for one to three months. They are funded by AIPS Unrestricted Funds. Abstracts and final reports for these projects are available on the AIPS website (<http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/short-term-research-grant-archives>).

1. Ghazal Asif

Institution: Johns Hopkins University
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: The Dalit Movement in Sindh

2. Jennifer Dubrow

Institution: University of Washington
Field: Asian Language and Literature
Project Title: Voicing Dissent: Urdu Literacy Modernism and the Progressive Writers in 20th-century South Asia

3. Sardar Hussain

Institution: University of Texas at Austin
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Sociospatial Transformations in the Old City of Lahore, Pakistan

4. Hamza Iqbal

Institution: University of Texas at Austin
Field: Comparative Literature
Project Title: Comparative Literature Assessment of Jaun Elia

5. Danish Khan

Institution: University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Field: Economics
Project Title: Political Economy of Slums in Islamabad: Class, State, and Judiciary

6. Zunaira Komal

Institution: University of California-Davis
Field: Cultural Studies
Project Title: Madness in the Long Durée

7. Suneel Kumar

Institution: University of Georgia
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Life in the Indus River: A More-than-Human Ethnography

8. Alan Lee

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Early Iron Production in Northwestern South Asia: Technology and Power in the Early Historic Period, 800 BCE to 400 CE

9. Amna Qayyum

Institution: Princeton University
Field: History
Project Title: Debating "Abadi": Population Control, Food Production, and Islamic Thought in Pakistan, 1947-71

10. Ali Mehdi Zaidi

Institution: University of Washington
Field: South Asian Studies
Project Title: The Work of the Dead and Living: Hazaras of Quetta

AIPS Conference Travel Grants

AIPS awards travel grants to help facilitate its members' participation in international and domestic conferences. Awards for U.S. citizens are funded through grants from either the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State through a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). Non-U.S. citizen travel grants are funded by AIPS' unrestricted funds. Abstracts and final reports for these projects can be found on the AIPS website (www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/travel-grant-archives).

1. Dean Accardi

Institution: Connecticut College
Conference Name: 47th Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Dates: October 2018
Title of Paper: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Kashmir's Invoked Pasts

2. Nabeeha Chaudhary

Institution: University of Texas at Austin
Conference Name: 47th Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Dates: October 2018
Title of Paper: Home, Mobility, and the 'New Woman'-Dobara Phir Se and the 'New' Pakistani Film

3. Sohaib Khan

Institution: Columbia University
Conference Name: 47th Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Dates: October 2018
Title of Paper: "Let the Beard Grow and Trim the Mustache": Muslim Ethics between Mimesis and Embodiment

4. Mishal Khan

Institution: University of Chicago
Conference Name: Social Science History Association
Conference Dates: November 2018
Title of Paper: Imperial Constructs and Difference: Contestations and Durabilities

5. Usmaan Farooqui

Institution: University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Conference Name: Midwest Political Science Association 77th Annual Conference
Conference Dates: April 2019
Title of Paper: The Neutral State: Political Performances and Knowledge Practices in Karachi's Waterscape

6. Minahil Asim

Institution: University of California-Davis
Conference Name: American Education Research Association Annual Conference
Conference Dates: April 2019
Title of Paper: Strengthening Local Governance of Schools - Evidence from Pakistan

7. Elizabeth Lhost

Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Conference Name: Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference
Conference Dates: March 2019
Title of Paper: Taking Marriage into Account: Legal Complaints and the Matter of Money in Early Twentieth-Century South Asia

8. Feisal Khan

Institution: Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Conference Name: International Studies Association Annual Conference
Conference Dates: March 2019
Title of Paper: Meet your new Islamic Banker, the same as your old Islamic Banker? Assessing Pakistan's rebooted Islamic Banking System

9. Safoora Arbab

Institution: University of California-Los Angeles
Conference Name: MLA International Symposium
Conference Dates: July 2019
Title of Paper: Nonviolence, Anarchy and the New Story: The Resistance Literature of the Khudai Khidmatgers in the North-West Frontier of British India

2019 AAS-in-Asia Conference

The scholars below will be hosting a panel on "Neoliberalism and Processes of Marginalisation in Pakistan's Cities" at the 2019 AAS-in-Asia Conference from July 1 to 4, 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Shermeen Bano

Institution: University of Management Technology

Amen Jaffer

Institution: Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

Danish Khan

Institution: University of Massachusetts

Nida Kirmani

Institution: Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

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Brown University

Brown University hosted an international symposium featuring Iftikhar Dadi on October 26-27, 2018 (<https://www.brown.edu/academics/humanities/how-secular-is-art>). The symposium positioned itself at the cusp of two dominant discourses in the field of South Asian art history: one, a lingering trend of Orientalist and nationalist projections that emphasize the quintessentially “religious” nature of South Asian artistic traditions as against the secularization of art in the West; the other, a counter-assertion of the powerful place of art within the modern secular life of nations that takes for granted the transitions of objects from earlier religious to new artistic denominations within the disciplinary folds of museums and art histories. One of the concerns of the symposium was to question these temporal, spatial and cultural binaries between the “religious” and the “secular” and look at the current forms of interlocutions and interpellations of both these categories in contemporary scholarship as well as practice.

This event aligned with the Cogut Institute Collaborative Humanities graduate seminar (HMAN 2400H: Art History from the South: Circulations, Simulations, Transfigurations) and Center for Contemporary South Asia of the Watson Institute lecture series, Art History From the South.

Pakistan Elections Across Disciplines: A Teach-In and Discussion Forum

On November 30, 2018, Brown University hosted a panel of leading writers, thinkers, journalists and analysts who offered a multidimensional perspective on the recent Pakistani elections, in the context of political life and culture in Pakistan. Dr. Leela Gandhi (John Hawkes Professor of the Humanities and English, Brown University) chaired the event.

University of California, Berkeley

The Pirzada Dissertation Prize Committee congratulates Dr. Salman Hussain on receiving the 2019 S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize in Pakistan Studies. Dr. Hussain’s dissertation — “Together without Consensus: Class, Emotions and the Politics of the Rule of Law in the Lawyers’ Movement (2007-09) in Pakistan” — was completed at the City University of New York under the supervision of Professor Avram Bornstein.

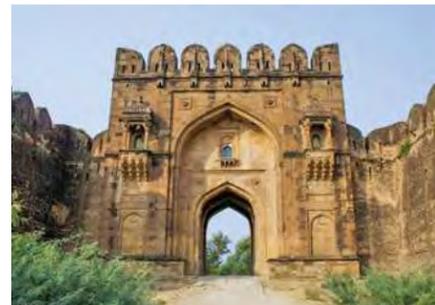
Together Without Consensus is an ethnographic examination of how political emotions, historical memory and notion(s) of the rule of law are mobilized in postcolonial Pakistan. It suggests that liberal legality (the rule of law, judiciary and courts) and discourses of rights have become popular hegemonic languages for mobilizing political protests and legal claims in South Asia. Based on 20 months of fieldwork in Pakistan, the dissertation studies a protest movement, the Lawyers’ Movement for the Restoration of Judiciary and Democracy (2007-09), that was led by lawyers and their allies in the educated and professional middle-classes. It investigates how the lawyers successfully galvanized Pakistanis against military rule and led efforts to restore the higher judiciary. This dissertation addresses how the political agency of individuals and groups, advocating disparate religious, “secular” and liberal ideals, is formed collectively, and how they engage in political action without necessarily generating a consensus beforehand. This dissertation further points to how liberal legality and rights discourses have become hegemonic, in the process enabling new sites of popular protest and agitation in postcolonial South Asia.

For more information about the annual Pirzada Dissertation Prize, please visit: <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/pirzada-prize>

Johns Hopkins University

In January of 2019, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington led its first-ever graduate student study trip to Pakistan. The group included ten M.A. students and focused on exploring Pakistan’s energy future. Led by Professor Joshua White of the Asia Studies program and Professor Johannes Urpelainen of the Energy, Resources, and Environment program, the group spent a week in Islamabad and another week based at LUMS in Lahore learning from policymakers, technical experts, and private sector stakeholders.

Highlights of the trip included the following: meetings with the chair of the Prime Minister’s new energy task force, the World Bank energy team, electricity regulators, the Foreign Office spokesman, and the Punjab provincial Minister of Finance; a tour of the new RLNG Bhikki power plant at Sheikupura with high-efficiency GE turbines; and sightseeing excursions to Taxila, Rohtas Fort, and the walled city in Lahore.



The trip was conducted under a memorandum of understanding between Johns Hopkins University and LUMS, and the two universities look forward to exploring further academic and research collaborations related to energy, environment, and political economy topics. AIPS staff in Islamabad and Lahore provided support and facilitated meetings with academic counterparts.

University of Oregon

The University of Oregon has received a grant from the U.S. Department of State, through the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, to collaborate with Karakoram International University on “Promoting Women’s Entrepreneurship Networks in Gilgit-Baltistan.” This one-year project is assisting KIU in enhancing and promoting women entrepreneurship through capacity building of the KIU Centre for Sustainable Entrepreneurship and the KIU Business Incubation Centre, direct outcomes of the KIU-UO University Partnership (2013-17). Despite the high literacy rates and mobility enjoyed by women from GB, few of them have taken advantage of KIU’s efforts in the area of entrepreneurship.

The goal is to enhance educational opportunities at KIU in sustainable entrepreneurship by bringing women into the mix and change the prevailing mindset in the region about women entrepreneurship. KIU will train local women in basic business practices associated with entrepreneurship, provide training in their respective sectors, offer awareness sessions as well as training and development programs, and create specific courses and opportunities for women. KIU will develop a Women’s Resource Centre as part of its nascent Gender Studies Department and create a communications network to enable local women entrepreneurs with the opportunity to engage one another, strengthen their competitiveness, participate in specialized workshops, avail printed materials, and make visible their activities to outsiders coming into the area.

The project brought three KIU faculty to Oregon in April 2019 to expand their expertise and networks in entrepreneurship and course development. Two UO faculty, accompanied by the UO’s AIPS Institutional Trustee Anita Weiss, will visit Gilgit in June to offer additional hands-on suggestions and judge an entrepreneurship competition. Three Oregon entrepreneurs will travel

to Gilgit in August with Professor Weiss to share their experiences and expertise. Two winners of KIU’s business plan competition will visit Oregon in October with a KIU faculty member to experience the various business competitions and activities held there and assist with such future competitions in GB under the guidance of KIU faculty.

Stanford University

Stanford’s Center for South Asia launched its annual newsletter, entitled *Awaaz*, in October 2018. The publication highlights the center’s most recent events and initiatives and also features interviews with its new faculty and field reports from student grant recipients. The newsletter can be viewed online: <https://southasia.stanford.edu/about/annual-report>.

Syracuse University

The South Asia Center at Syracuse University continues to highlight the contentious geopolitics between Pakistan and India through selected talks. On Thursday, March 29, 2019, the South Asia Center held a roundtable discussion with Hassan Abbas (National Defense University), Gaurav Kampani (University of Tulsa), and Raza Rumi (Cornell University) to discuss the impact of the 1998 Nuclear Tests. The event was titled, “Nuclear South Asia at 20: The Strategic and Societal Impacts of the 1998 Nuclear Tests.” ■



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1) Program Support for a Workshop/Conference on Pakistan in the US

AIPS has funds to support a Pakistan-related conference (\$4,000) that will take place in the US. These funds may be used to support airfare and other direct conference expenses.

2) Conference on Pakistan in the US in Collaboration with a Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) or Community College

AIPS provides small grants (\$4,500) to support a collaborative conference on Pakistan in the US with an MSI or Community College. The budget can fund travel or

can be used to assist an MSI in organizing a conference/workshop. This workshop must be collaborative with (or applied for by) an MSI or Community College.

3) Conference in Pakistan in Collaboration with an MSI

AIPS currently has seed money (\$6,000) to organize workshops or conferences at a Pakistani university. This award requires that you invite or collaborate with at least one individual working at a minority-serving institution or community college located in the United States.

Individual Member Opportunities

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AIPS offers short-term research travel grants to Pakistan (\$3,000/award) each year to support up to three months of research. This grant is open to AIPS members, regardless of citizenship, and applications are reviewed annually. A description of this grant is available on the AIPS website: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/short-term-research-grants-pakistan>. ■

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