Dear Colleagues,

This past year we consolidated our finances, developed new programs, supported research in Pakistan, signed MOUs with Pakistani Universities and organized workshops and conferences. We built on our past strength and moved forward.

I am happy to report that in 2012-2013 AIPS received funds from the US Embassy in Islamabad to cover the next five years of administrative expenses (also programmatic funds), our Government of Pakistan funding was restored after a lapse of 1-2 years, AIPS’ CAORC grant was renewed, and we were awarded a multi-year Department of Education Grant (Title VI). This is a perfect time for us to monitor our present situation in order to plan for the future.

Our current situation does enable us to focus on our main work which is the promotion of Pakistan studies in the US and on the new emerging vision of working with Pakistani universities to enhance their academic standards. To reiterate, our first task remains to secure our staff salaries, infrastructure maintenance and payment of our dues. To some extent, thanks to our funding agencies, we have achieved this for the near future. The second task, and as important, is our academic responsibility; encouraging scholarship and research on Pakistan (fellowships, grants, travel funds) and supporting lectures, workshops and conference. Having established some stability in the first two tasks, we need to now envision something for the future.

My aim, which follows earlier AIPS initiatives, is to pursue the mentoring and training of junior scholars in Pakistani universities. It is just emerging, but our program that will bring Pakistani junior scholars to the US (16 in two years) and the workshop series in Pakistan for junior faculty in Pakistan (12 in total) is a nod in this direction. Such initiatives can create a lasting legacy in terms of what we can offer to our colleagues in Pakistan, while learning from them in the process.

I want to thank all of you for your continuing support and encouragement. Special thanks to our two directors, Laura Hammond and Nadeem Akbar, and all our AIPS staff colleagues. Their dedication, hard work and tireless effort makes all of this possible.

Best Wishes,

K. Asad
What is the Pakistani Public?  
Lahore, December 26-28, 2011

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and the Public Affairs Section, US Embassy, arranged a three-day conference at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). The conference was based on the question, ‘What is the Pakistani Public?’

The opening ceremony took place in Suleman Dawood School of Business where Dr. Anjum Altaf, Dean Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGSHSS), CG Nina Fite, US Consulate, Mr. Kamran Asdar Ali, President AIPS, Mr Shehzad Iqbal, Sr. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination and Prof. Aamir Mufti, from University of California, Los Angeles gave remarks and talked about their expectations from the conference.

Ms. Nina Fete, Counselor General US Consulate, remarked that changes in society are effecting how various spaces are being used by the public. Referring to the diverse participant backgrounds, she said that art and literature are the best tools to bridge society. CG Fete went on to say that Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah also promoted space and tolerance and founded a country on this vision, and she was eager to see the outcomes of the conference’s discussions into the open space.

Professor Aamir Mufti, of UCLA, summed the purpose of the conference by saying, ‘The aim is to bring together mature and young individuals to really think about the emergence of Public Policy of Pakistan.’ He said the topic was proposed to broaden the limits of discussion thus including a wide variety of participants from literary academics to artists. Professor Mufti said the goal of the convention is to generate discussion and controversy to reach meaningful results.

The three day conference received high praise from the attendees and speakers, and University of Michigan’s Will Glover described it as “a great effort to bring together scholars and historians from different institutions and countries.

Rethinking the Urban in Pakistan at NED University

The turn of the New Year found several AIPS members in lively conversation with friends and colleagues in Pakistan at the collaborative workshop, “Rethinking the Urban in Pakistan,” held at NED University’s Karachi campus on January 1-2, 2013.

The workshop theme brought anthropologists, planners, historians, artists, and activists together to discuss the change of Pakistan’s cities over time, and the differing human costs and possibilities those changes have enabled.

“Rethinking the Urban in Pakistan” was organized and jointly funded by AIPS, the University of Texas at Austin’s South Asia Institute, Habib University and NED University of Engineering and Technology in Karachi. Faculty, staff, and students in the department of architecture and urban planning at NED University were superbly gracious hosts throughout the event, making workshop participants and observers alike feel at home on NED’s beautiful historic campus.
Dissertation Workshop on History and Politics
led by: Matt Nelson, September 19-21, 2011

The AIPS Office in Islamabad and Pakistan’s Higher Education Commission (HEC) was very pleased to host a successful 3-day doctoral dissertation workshop. Focusing on history and politics, the workshop was led by Dr Matthew Nelson from the Department of Politics at SOAS (London) and Dr Abdul Rauf from the Department of Political Science at the University of Peshawar. Dr Julie Flowerday joined them for the workshop and provided invaluable support as well.

Eleven students from across Pakistan met for a welcome dinner at the Islamabad Serena Hotel with representatives from the Higher Education Commission and faculty members from Quaid-e-Azam University and International Islamic University. This was followed by three days of intensive work focusing on the relationship between ‘concepts’ and ‘cases’, the construction of an effective literature review, and the leap from a strong research question to appropriate research methods. Additional sessions focused on working with different types of supervisors, locating research topics focused on Pakistan within a wider universe of academic literature, and understanding the expectations of international PhD examiners.

Dissertation Workshop on Gender Issues in Pakistan
led by: Anita Weiss, January 28-30, 2013

The seventh AIPS/HEC dissertation workshop for PhD and MPhil candidates in Pakistani universities was conducted in Islamabad January 28-30, 2013. The workshop leaders were Professor Anita M. Weiss (PhD Sociology, UC Berkeley; Professor of International Studies at the University of Oregon) and Professor Pervez Pathan (PhD Agricultural Economics, University of London; Director Sindh Development Studies Centre, University of Sindh Jamshoro). The intent of the workshop was to engage aspiring scholars of political and social analysis and assist them in such processes as developing and reformulating research questions, placing research within theoretical contexts, facilitating the organization and structure of the dissertation, and sharing global norms of scholarship in research, writing and citation structures.
THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL Research and Conservation Program India and Pakistan (ARCPIP) 2012-2014 is a new Track 2 grant supported by the US Department of State that is being led by Dr. J. M. Kenoyer from the University of Wisconsin in collaboration with Hazara University in Pakistan and Maharaja Sayajirao University in Baroda. Archaeologists and conservation specialists at from all three institutions will engage in collaborative research, including excavation and artifact analysis, museum development and outreach, and conservation of structural remains and artifacts. The project will encourage the participation of women faculty, staff, and students in the excavations and in the analysis, conservation, and display of the newly discovered objects. Websites with updates of current and future projects are being developed and linked between all three institutions. This is the first collaborative archaeological and conservation project involving Indian, Pakistani, and US scholars and students. In December 2012 and January 2013, Kenoyer spent a month in India followed by a month in Pakistan during which he worked closely with the Indian and Pakistani partners to plan collaborative projects. Two Indian scholars (one woman) were able to spend 20 days in Pakistan interacting with the faculty and students from Hazara University during February and March. Additional scholars from both India and Pakistan will be traveling to the partner institution to interact with colleagues and visit historical sites. This project has the potential to bring together multiple lines of archaeological research on the languages, cultures, religions and socio-economic developments of ancient South Asia. The scholars involved in the project have been working towards this goal for many years and their commitment to collaborative research will ensure that this type of collaboration continues in the future. Due to internet connectivity, it will be possible to sustain direct interaction, regardless of brief fluctuations in accessibility, due to travel restrictions.

CARL ERNST (UNC Chapel Hill) gave two talks this summer: “Indian Lovers in Arabic and Persian Guise: Azad Bilgrami’s Depiction of nayikas,” The 1st Perso-Indica Conference: “Translating and Writing Indic Learning in Persian”, Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3 University, Paris, May 30-31, 2012; “Anglo-Persian Taxonomies of Indian Religions” (Keynote Address), Conference on “Indian Pluralism and Warren Hastings’s Orientalist Regime,” University of Wales, Gregynog, Wales, July 18-20, 2012. He and artist Judith Ernst (http://earthembracingspace.com) are advisers to the ART \ Islam project at the UNC School of the Arts, and they spent ten days in Tunisia in July recruiting artists for cultural exchange programs; artists from Turkey, Pakistan, and other countries will also be involved.
THE SOUTH ASIA INSTITUTE at The University of Texas at Austin has initiated a three-year partnership with Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, that will bring faculty members from FJWU to Austin in January to work on research and course development in liberal arts and communication.

Each semester, FJWU faculty members will spend four months in Austin, to be followed by a two-week visit from University of Texas at Austin faculty members to FJWU in Pakistan.

The partnership aims to help raise The University of Texas at Austin’s profile as a global leader in expanding knowledge and improving lives. It will concentrate on the professional development of FJWU faculty members, with a focus on the exchange of academic values and on building capacity for teaching and research in the areas of women’s and gender studies, social anthropology, communication and media studies. The program’s administration will be housed in the South Asia Institute.

Starting in January 2013, four FJWU faculty members will travel to Austin each semester to work directly with their American counterparts. The South Asia Institute will facilitate close collaboration with the university’s Center of Women’s and Gender Studies, the Department of Anthropology and select faculty members from the College of Communication’s School of Journalism and the Department of Radio-Television-Film.

The partnership was made possible by a $999,600 grant from the US Department of State/United States Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan.

IN JANUARY, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX was awarded a three year grant to form a partnership between the psychology departments of SMU and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Woman University (SBBWU) in Peshawar, Pakistan. The overall goals of the partnership are to help SBBWU become a leading psychology department in Pakistan and promote better understanding between the two nations.

The partnership involves five specific aims: 1) to enhance faculty development through faculty exchange programs and distance learning courses; 2) to facilitate the growth of the curriculum, teaching, and research at SBBWU; 3) to improve the SBBWU Psychology Clinic’s capacity to provide assessments and therapy for the people of Peshawar; 4) to develop a psychology center at SBBWU, that will be a resource center and sponsor an annual conference; and 5) to create cross-cultural research collaborations.

The SMU participants consist of three psychology faculty members: Dr. George Holden, (Project Director), Dr. Robert Hampson, and Dr. Lorelei Rowe. Mr. Javed Azam, MBA, MSc., of Dallas is the Program Director of the grant.

Drs. Holden and Rowe along with Mr. Azam traveled to Islamabad from December 11 to 18th to meet our new colleagues and discuss the project with administrators, faculty, and graduate students from SBBWU. Three days of very successful meetings were held at the AIPS facilities. While in Islamabad, the team also visited the International Islamic University and the U.S. Educational Foundation to give presentations.

The partnership is funded by a $1,193,000 grant from the U.S. State Department.
THE CULTURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTE PROGRAM was first developed by CAORC to bring museum specialists and cultural heritage managers from selected countries to the USA for a month long intensive program at the Smithsonian and other major US institutions, such as the University of Wisconsin–Madison. In 2007 the program supported by CAORC was led by Dr. J. Mark Kenoyer who is a trustee of AIPS, AIBS and AIIS and involved 10 scholars (5 women) from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. In 2011 and 2012 two additional programs were developed by AIPS with support from the US Embassy in Islamabad. The 2011 program involved 13 Pakistani scholars (including 2 women) from major museums as well as smaller university museums and regional level departments of archaeology. The 2013 program involved 8 scholars (3 women) from Pakistan and 5 (1 woman) from India in order to build regional interaction. The long-term results are that individuals from each group have trained local staff and students in their museums and universities to spread the knowledge they gained in the USA. New museums have been established by some of the participants, and most important is the establishment of a network of museum specialists in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka who have begun to interact with each other through national and international conferences. A South Asian Museum Association will soon be established to formalize these interactions.

AIPS has now held three major international conferences on Education and Cultural Heritage issues in Islamabad and brought several leading Pakistani archaeologists to the US for lecture tours over the past 5 years. The first conference on Islamic Identities, Gender & Higher Education in Pakistan was held in January 2007 and involved both US and Pakistani scholars. A conference on Cultural Heritage Issues in Pakistan: Archaeology, Museums and Conservation was held in January 2011, and Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in Pakistan and Adjacent Regions was held in January 2012. Both of these conferences have allowed people who participated in the Cultural Heritage workshops to showcase what they learned in the USA and show how they applied this knowledge to their own museums and institutions. Some examples of the outcomes in museums in Pakistan include developing handicap access and facilities in major museums, developing displays and educational programs for blind and deaf visitors, programs to bring in disadvantaged children, educating the public about minority communities, women’s education, and outreach to lower income urban and rural communities.

From Adnan Malik, Outgoing Secretary

It would not be an exaggeration to call my last year as AIPS Secretary the ’year of elections.’ The simultaneous completion of the terms of a number of Executive Committee members and office holders meant that a large number of seats had to be filled. Matters were not helped when, as a result of one election, more space became vacant on the Executive Committee. In the end, between November 2011 and August 2012, we ended up conducting four elections.

It all started in November 2011 when Farhat Haq was elected to fill the post of Treasurer vacated by the election of the incumbent, Anita Weiss, who was elected to the position of Vice-President. At the same time, the terms of three members of the Executive Committee, and my term as Secretary, were also nearing completion and these slots had to be filled before October 2012. Along with Dr. Farhat Haq, David Magier, Cabeiri Robinson and Yasmin Saikia were elected to the Executive Committee for three-year terms each, starting in October 2012.

Since as Secretary I could not conduct the election for my replacement, Anita Weiss was kind enough to take over. As a result of that election, Cabeiri Robinson was announced the new Secretary on August 15, 2012 for a full three-year term, starting in October 2012. As a result, Elena Bashir, runner-up in the EC election, was declared the newest member of the Executive Committee on August 23, 2012. She also will serve a full three-year term, starting in October 2012.

After such an active year I am looking forward to passing on my duties to Dr. Robinson. I wish the very best to her and to everyone on the Executive Committee and thank everyone who gave me an opportunity to share in my own small way in the good work the AIPS does.
AIPS Islamabad Center News:

**AIPS visiting scholar** Mr. Bilal A Malik, (a doctoral candidate at Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, USA), lead a group discussion on “Culture, Politics, & Religious Education at a Pakistani Madrasa: Reflections from a year of living inside Pir Karam Shah's Darul Ulum (Bhera, District Sargodha)”. In his discussion, Bilal Malik tried to explore questions like; What is the relationship, if any, between contemporary religious education in Pakistan and the history of European secularization? How are religious beliefs and sectarian identities socially transmitted and reproduced? Why do madrasa students desire to 'Islamize' Pakistan, and why do they consider it important to reform state laws in this process. The discussion was followed by a roundtable dialogue which was an opportunity for all participants to share their research interests. Dr Yasmin Saikia is a History professor at Arizona State University and Dr Chad Haines is an Assistant Professor of Religious and Global Studies at Arizona State University. Both the scholars were visiting Pakistan in connection with an academic workshop at International Islamic University, Islamabad.

**AIPS members** Dr Yasmin Saikia and Dr Chad Haines from Arizona State University, USA gave a talk “Empowering Humanities: Research Journeys and Future Pathways in Studying Pakistan” at AIPS, Islamabad Center on June 14, 2012.

Drawing upon their original research Drs Saikia and Haines shared their insights into undertaking social and cultural histories weaving narratives of the national with local realities of people and places that, they suggest, is a way for strengthening the place of humanities in Pakistan today. The discussion was held in association with Council of Social Science’s monthly forum at Air University, Islamabad on June 14, 2012.

**AIPS visiting research** scholar from Wellesley College Dr Christopher Candland gave a talk, “The Private Provision of Public Welfare in Pakistan”, on July 17, 2012 at COSS monthly forum held at Akhter Hameed Khan resource Center, Islamabad. In his discussion, Dr Candland discussed questions like; What are the consequences of the substitution of private welfare programs for government programs? How does the private provision of public welfare effect the legitimacy of the government? What can government learn from successful private welfare associations? He explained that even though the government of Pakistan has been unable to broaden its revenue base through direct income tax, making many social welfare programs dependent on international aid. However, at the same time, Pakistanis are highly philanthropic. He mentioned that as per surveys Pakistanis give the equivalent of 1.5% of the country's gross national product in charity, which makes Pakistanis among the most generous people in the world.

Dr Candland is an Associate Professor of Political Science and was also the founding director of the South Asia Studies Program at Wellesley College.

**AIPS visiting scholar** from SOAS, University of London Dr Mathew Nelson participated in a seminar, “Democracy and Rule of Law in Pakistan”, which was held at Department of Politics, University of Gujrat, on September 17, 2012. Dr Nizam ud Din (V.C University of Gujrat) chaired the session. The seminar was attended by Politics and other social science faculty and scholars of University of Gujrat. Dr Nelson is Reader in Politics at School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK.

For detailed reports, please visit our website at http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org
Other Events in Pakistan

AIPS collaborated with the Iqbal International Institute of Research and Dialogue of International Islamic University, Islamabad in organization of an International Workshop, “Being a Muslim in the World: Everyday Ethics and Cultures of Adab”, held at International Islamic University from May 23-24, 2012. AIPS sponsored leading Urdu Scholar, Prof C. M Naim to participate in the workshop. In addition AIPS members Drs Yasmin Saikia and Chad Haines, from Arizona State University, USA, participated in the International workshop at Islamabad.

On April 28, 2012, AIPS sponsored a reception for the participants of HEC International Conference titled, “The Emerging Issues of Social Sciences in Pakistan”, which was organized by Quaid-e-Azam University and at HEC’s main building in Islamabad from April 27-29, 2012.

AIPS organized a Cultural Heritage Institute of Pakistan (CHIP) workshop at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC and at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from July 18 to August 16, 2012. AIPS invited eight cultural experts and museum managers from Pakistan and five from India to participate in this US Embassy, Islamabad funded cultural workshop. The participants had an opportunity to share their experiences with Indian and American colleagues at the Smithsonian Institute and UW-Madison. Dr Jonathan Mark Kenoyer of UW-Madison led the workshop along with his colleague, Dr Carol Butler from the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, DC.

AIPS institutional trustee from Wellesley College, Dr Christopher Candland, has organized a videoconference course titled “Politics of Human Development in Pakistan”, in collaboration with Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. The course ran from September 4th through December 4th, 2012 over video-conference for twelve selected students from each institution (Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi and Wellesley College, Massachusetts).

MOU: The AIPS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities in Pakistan (IUCPSS). A formal MoU signing ceremony was held at the Videocon auditorium of University of Gujrat, Pakistan on August 24, 2012. Dr Kamran Asdar Ali (President, AIPS), Dr Muhammad Mukhtar (Chair, IUCPSS and VC Islamia University, Bahawalpur) and Dr Muhamad Nizamuddin (Chair National Committee on Development of Social Sciences HEC and VC, University of Gujrat) signed the MoU whereas Dr Riaz Qureshi (Advisor HEC) and Dr Zakir Hussain (VC Govt. College University, Faisalabad), witnessed the MoU document.

The MOU aims to provide opportunities to organize doctoral dissertation writing workshops for Pakistani PhD students at IUCPSS consortium universities. Furthermore AIPS will also be supporting IUCPSS in forming a National Social Sciences Research Council in Pakistan. The IUCPSS has been constituted with nine prestigious higher educational Institutions of Pakistan viz Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, University of Gujrat, Government College University Faisalabad, Shah Abdul Lateef University Khairpur, University of Baluchistan Quetta, Institute of Management Sciences Peshawar, Bahauddin Zakriya University Multan, Islamia University Behawalpur and COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Abottabad.

AIPS aims to encourage and motivate junior and senior research scholars and faculty members to conduct academic research in affiliation with IUCPSS in Pakistan. The MOU signing ceremony was widely covered by press and electronic media in Pakistan as it was a major achievement in terms of building future working relationship between US and Pakistani institutions of higher learning.
Non-AIPS Pakistan Studies News:

Manto Centenary Events in NY by Matt Reeck

To celebrate his centenary, two events were held in New York City. Bilal Hashmi and Debashree Mukherjee, both of New York University, did the hard work of organizing these evenings of discussion.

The first session was held on his 100th birthday at NYU’s Kevorkian Center Library. The Library was packed as “Main Chalta-Phirta Bambai Hoon”: Conversations on Manto’s Bombay Writing got started.

The second event was held at the Alwan Center for the Arts in Lower Manhattan. Entitled “Rereading Manto’s ‘Letters to Uncle Sam’ in Perilous Times,” the evening began with a subversive reading of the “Second Letter to Uncle Sam” by Matt Reeck and his co-translator Aftab Ahmad.

This theatrical reading was followed by a conversation moderated by Bilal Hashmi that featured Saadia Toor, Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, at CUNY, Staten Island.

For those interested, papers and comments from the events can be found at http://pharaat.blogspot.com/.

“Baluchi Identity and Culture” Workshop

Behnaz Mirzai of Brock University in Ontario, Canada, organized a workshop entitled, “Baluchi Identity and Culture”, September 8-9, 2012. It provided an opportunity to bring together scholars interested in this ethnic group to engage with each other in an informal setting as well as for local students to learn about southern Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. The Workshop was supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the UNESCO Slave Route Project. Dr Mirzai said, “In light of UNESCO’s declaration [on cultural diversity] this workshop aims at exploring the cultural heritage of Iranian Baluchis, which is at the risk of disappearing. In Baluchistan this heritage encompasses the Baluchis’ values, language, ways of life, beliefs and rituals, experiences, and ethnic identity. The workshop is organized in the framework of the project “Iranian Borderland: Baluchi Identity and Culture.”

For further information on the workshop, contact Behnaz Mirzai bmirzai@brocku.ca.

International Workshop–Being Muslim in the World: Everyday Ethics and Cultures of Adab

May 23-24, 2012

Under the auspicious of the Iqbal International Institute for Research and Dialogue (IRD), Islamic Research Institute (IRI) of International Islamic University, American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, Chad Haines and Yasmin Saikia organized a two day workshop on “Being Muslim in the World: Everyday Ethics and Cultures of Adab.” Fifteen participants from the US, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Pakistan were invited to participate in the workshop. The workshop included both closed door and open sessions for the public that facilitated intense discussions and deliberations on the meanings, practices and significance of Adab.

Participants included CM Naim, Khalid Masud, Mumtaz Ahmed, Karim Douglas Crow, Akbar Zaidi, Numan-ul Haq, Muhammad Zaidi bin Ismail, Junaid Ahmed, Aurangzeb Haneef, Tanveer Ahmad, Asna Husin, Munazza Yaqoob, Asmat Ullah, Chad Haines and Yasmin Saikia.

Upcoming AIPS Events

AIPS Sponsored Roundtable at AAS:
Title: Innovations on the Legal Front in Pakistan: New Laws That May Surprise You, Panel #307
Sunday, March 24th, 2013, 8:00 AM
Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, San Diego, CA

“Heterogeneity Amidst Presumed Homogeneity: Working in a Context of Diversity & Difference”, Workshop organized by Punjab University

In the day-to-day course of their work, Psychologists and Social Workers provide services to a range of persons who represent a diversity of backgrounds. University departments of Psychology and Social Work are therefore charged with the task of preparing students to practice in a context of diversity. In a country like Pakistan where over 95% of the population is of the same religion, students often fall victim to the “fall consensus effect”, whereby failing to recognize multiple dimensions of diversity such as social class, ethnicity, gender, regional, and religious sect. Through this workshop, students
will be provided with mechanisms for recognizing a broader spectrum of diversity and tools for assessing how clients’ experiences are shaped by their intersecting identities. As a result of this workshop, students will be able to: a) examine how their own biases influence their work with clients; b) explore how to incorporate the clients’ worldview in problem formulation and problem-solving; c) enhance competency in engaging and assisting clients who represent a more complex spectrum of diversity than assumed.

Andrew Hamid is a faculty member from Columbia, an AIPS Member Institution:
Workshop dates: March 18-22nd, 2013
Email: ah168@columbia.edu

Michigan Pakistan Conference, 2013, organized by Farina Mir

This year’s conference is co-sponsored by the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and the PSA. The students have taken the lead in conceptualizing the conference, and have organized it under the broad rubric of human rights in Pakistan, with three subthemes: political rights, economic rights and issues of drone warfare.

Participants include:
1. Miriam Mufti (political scientist, Oklahoma Univ.)
2. Saadia Toor (sociologist, CUNY)
3. Ayesha Jalal (historian, Tufts)
4. Madiha Tahir (independent journalist)
5. Arif Hasan (architect and urban planner, Karachi)

The conference is scheduled for April 5, 2013.

New Publications on Pakistan Studies

**Body of Victim, Body of Warrior**
by Cabeiri deBergh Robinson
University of California Press, March 2013

**Government of Paper**
by Matthew S. Hull
University of California Press, June 2012

**The Pity of Partition**
by Ayesha Jalal
Princeton University Press, 2013

**Muslim Becoming**
by Naveeda Khan
Duke University Press, May 2012

**Beyond Swat**
Edited by Benjamin D. Hopkins and Magnus Marsden
Columbia University Press, March 2013

**Development Challenges Confronting Pakistan**
Edited by Anita Weiss and Saba Gul Khattak
Kumarian Press, February 2013

**Women, War and the Making of Bangladesh: Remembering 1971**
by Yasmin Saikia
Duke University Press, August 2011

**Urdu Literary Culture**
by Mehr Afshan Farooqi
Palgrave Macmillan, July 2012

**Government of Paper**
by Matthew S. Hull
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FELLOWS IN THE FIELD May 2012 – Present

Christopher Candland:
Affiliated Institution: Wellesley College

Joshua White
Project Title: Conflicted Isamisms: Shariah, Decision-Making, and Anti-State Agitation Among Pakistani Islamist Parties
Affiliated Institution: John Hopkins University

Dr Robina Bhatti (California State University)
Project Title: Everyday life of AfPak
Affiliated Institution: CSU Monterey Bay

Dr Shahnaz Rouse (Sarah Lawrence College)
Field: Sociology
Project Title: Landscape of Desire: Memory and History in the Life of Lahore
Affiliated Institution: Sarah Lawrence College
Fellowship Type: Post-Doctoral

Bilal Malik (Harvard University)
Project Title: The Secular Modern at a Traditional Islamic Seminary – Ethnographic Case-study of the Bhera Madrasa
Affiliated Institution: Harvard University

Mubbashir Rizvi (University of Texas, Austin)
Project Title: Thal Development Authority and the Contentious Promise of National Development
Affiliated Institution: University of Texas at Austin

Omar Sarwar (Columbia University)
Project Title: From the Classroom to the Nation and Beyond: The Rise of Islamism Among Students and Youth
in Pakistan, 1971—1989
Affiliated Institution: Columbia University

Julie Flowerday
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Sentiments of Deception, Lorimer’s Unfinished Study of Hunza
Affiliated Institution: Truman State University
Fellowship Type: Senior, 9 months in Lahore and Islamabad

Daniel Majchrowicz
Field: Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Indo-Muslim Culture
Project Title: Conflicting Visions: Language, Politics, and Urdu Travel Literature
Affiliated Institution: Harvard University
Fellowship Type: Junior, 2 months in London

Faris Khan
Field: Anthropology
Project Title: Khwaja Sira Activism, Transgender Identities & Transnationality in Pakistan
Affiliated Institution: Syracuse University
Fellowship Type: Doctoral, 2 months in Pakistan

Gwendolyn Kirk
Field: Linguistic Anthropology
Project Title: Punjabi and Popular Vulgarity: A Critical Analysis of Language and Cinema in Pakistan
Affiliated Institution: University of Texas, Austin
Fellowship Type: Doctoral, 5 months in Pakistan

Travel Grant Awardees

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT Awardee:

David Gilmartin, Professor and AIPS Institutional Member Representative for North Carolina State University

Paper Title: Professional Engineers and Water Lords: Some Thoughts on the Colonial Politics of Indus Basin Irrigation

Conference: The Politics of Water Resource Governance in the Indus Basin
Location: Lahore, Pakistan
Dates: January 9-10, 2013

DOMESTIC TRAVEL GRANT Awardee:

Maira Hayat, Anthropology PhD student, University of Chicago

Paper Title: “Rule of law’ and not-so-robust history: notes from (post) crisis Swat
Panel Title: Understanding Approaches to Democracy in Pakistan
Conference: South Asia Conference, Madison, Wisconsin
October 2012
AIPS Grants and Funding Opportunities

Collaborative Workshop with a Pakistan University

AIPS is funding a collaborative workshop with a public university in Pakistan using the theme of deepening democratic values and emphasizing diversity, tolerance, and co-existence. The budget can fund travel for US based scholars or can be used to assist a Pakistan university in organizing a conference/workshop. This workshop must be collaborative.

Any AIPS Institutional Member can apply. Annual budget is $4,500.

Conferences on Pakistan in the US

AIPS sets aside seed money each year for organizing a Pakistan-related conference in the US. Any AIPS Institutional Member can submit a proposal. Each applicant must invite at least one (preferably more) participant from a community college or a Minority-Serving Institution. These funds may be used to support airfare and other direct expenses.

Budget varies from $3,000–$4,000/year

Workshops in Pakistan

AIPS currently has yearly seed money to organize workshops at a Pakistani university. AIPS Institutional Members are welcome to submit proposals for workshops. Each proposal must include one invited scholar from a community college or a Minority-Serving Institution.

Annual budget is $6,000.

Funding for Pakistan Course in the US

AIPS can provide financial support to an AIPS Institutional Member in organizing a Pakistan-related (South Asia) course at a community college or Minority-Serving Institution. These funds are meant to support the stipend for a graduate student who could teach such a course. We are currently soliciting proposals for the 2013–2014 academic year (Fall or Spring).

Budget varies from $3,000–$4,000/year

AIPS-HEC—US Faculty Short Term Hiring Program:

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) and AIPS have agreed to constitute a program titled “AIPS-HEC—US-Faculty Short Term Hiring Program” in the fields of social sciences and humanities.

Eligibility: US based faculty with at least two years of post PhD experience. Faculty from AIPS Trustee Institutions and individual AIPS members are eligible to apply. Faculty members need not work on Pakistan and can be from a range of disciplines within the Social Sciences and Humanities. The HEC-AIPS application is open to any faculty member who has 2-3 years of Post Doctoral Teaching experience and is based at a US university. The nationality is not a criteria, but the PhD is, the length of time passed since attaining it is, and also teaching at a US institution is.

Application form is online: http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/aips-hec-short-term-foreign-faculty-program

AIPS Sponsors “Karachi Elegies” Exhibit at MSU

AIPS is proud to support Pakistani artist Naiza Khan’s first exhibit in the US: Karachi Elegies at Michigan State University’s Eli and Eddy the Broad Art Museum.

The exhibit is curated by Karin Zitzewitz, MSU assistant professor of art history and visual culture. The exhibit is on display at the Broad Museum from February 22–May 26, 2013, located at 547 East Circle Drive, East Lansing, MI 48824.

For more information, please visit http://broadmuseum.msu.edu/exhibitions/karachi-elegies