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## ORIENTATION OF NEWLY ENROLLED STUDENTS OF BS PAKISTAN STUDIES

It has been an old tradition of the Department of History and Pakistan to formally welcome the new batches. Keeping up with the tradition this year too, the department organised an orientation session with the new batch of BS Pakistan Studies. The faculty welcomed the new batch and briefed the students not only about their own areas of expertise but also about the general features of the BS Pakistan Studies Program and how being part of the department could help them to achieve their goals of life in general and of career in particular. Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah programme coordinator briefed the students about the requirements of the degree.

### BOOK TALK: THE PUNJAB BORDERLAND MOBILITY, MATERIALITY AND MILITANCY 1947-1987 BY DR ILYAS CHATTHA

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies arranged a talk on the book entitled *The Punjab Borderland Mobility, Materiality and Militancy 1947-1987* by the author of the book Dr Ilyas Chattha. He is currently based at LUMS. Previously, he has been associated with The Centre for Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom. His earlier work was a micro-level study that examines the 1947 Partition violence, refugees' experiences, and urban regeneration in the Pakistan Punjab. It was during the field work for his first work when Dr Chattha found initial material for his second book. The new book is a path-breaking work on Punjab Borderland and provides important insights into how the new international boundary between India and Pakistan was made, subverted and transformed between 1947 to 1987. It is published by Cambridge University Press, UK. During the talk, Dr Chattha provided the students a brief overview of the book and encouraged the research students to spend time in archives and other repositories of historical sources to explore and write lesser-known histories.



### SEMINAR ON KASHMIR: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS



Kashmir Issue has been a major bone of contention between India and Pakistan. While claims of India over Kashmir are grounded in legality of the accession of Kashmir with the Indian Union, Pakistan believes that the creation of Pakistan is incomplete without Kashmir. Pakistan, therefore, has been an active supporter of Kashmiri resistance against Indian occupation by highlighting Indian atrocities at

international forums. As part of solidarity with Kashmiris, the commemoration of Kashmir Day on 5<sup>th</sup> of February every year is a national event in Pakistan. In this connection, a seminar was organised by Ibn-i-Khaldun Society of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies on February 07, 2022. The seminar was started with the Recitation of Holy Quran. A Kashmiri folk song was sung. It was followed by the welcome speech of Muhammad Yasir, the President, Ibn-e-Khaldoon society. Prof. Dr. Khwaja Zahid Aziz, Chairman, Department of Kashmir Studies, University of the Punjab was invited as guest speaker for the event. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain Chairman Presided over the event. The faculty members and the students of the department attended the Seminar. The guest speaker talked about the basics of Kashmir dispute. He also highlighted how the rights of Kashmiris being deprived, and what should the Pakistanis do to resolve them. He emphasized that the UNO and international community must play their role to resolved the Kashmir problem and that the issue of Indian domiciles must be cancelled over there. He said, the student's must get active on their social media accounts regarding the issue of Kashmir. Moreover, Dr. Mahboob Hussain gave a closing remarks by concluding the ceremony and thanking the audience and the speaker who came and joined the event.

## SPECIAL SEMINAR REGARDING INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGES DAY

Ibn-i-Khaldun Society of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies organized an event to mark the International Mother Languages Day. The prime objective of the event was to make the students aware about the importance of their mother tongues and regional languages. It was attended by the



department faculty and students. It was presided over by Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department. The event started off with recitation of the holy Quran. Mr. Asadullah, an M.Phil. student, made a speech highlighting the history and significance of Pashto language. He also read some poems of famous Pashto poets. A BS student delivered talked about the importance of Punjabi language, and the need to use it as medium of instruction and as a language of parlance in the Punjab. Zara Asghar, a BS history student, sang a Punjabi song. After Punjabi, Ahmad Waqar, a BS Student of the department from Sindh, highlighted some unique aspects and history of Sindhi language. Nirmal Munir and Inam Ullah, both M.Phil. Students hailing from South Punjab, then traced the history and salient features of Saraiki language. A documentary was also shown highlighting the importance of Saraiki language, its culture & traditions. Wahab Baloch made the audience aware of the dialogues, speech & history of Balochi language.

In the end, Muhammad Yasir, the President of Ibn Khaldun Society, talked about the significance of Urdu in the life and history of the Muslims of South Asia. He also recited verses of Faiz Ahmed Faiz. Prof. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah made the students aware of the significance of one's mother tongue and regional and national languages of Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, in his presidential speech, emphasized the role of language in the cultural life of a community and appreciated the organizers and the participants for organizing the event.

## WELCOME PARTY FOR NEW STUDENTS



As things have already come back to normal after an almost two years of COVID-19 related restrictions, social activities like welcome parties are resuming on university campuses across Pakistan, the Punjab University being no exception. Such parties are also quite popular yearly events for students. Earlier this year, senior students of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies arranged a welcome party for the new batches of BS and M. Phil programmes. It was a well-choreographed event with skits, songs, plays, and cultural dances. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the department, in his speech welcomed the new students and appreciated the efforts of the senior students who organised such a lively event under the supervision of Student Advisor Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum.

## UZBEK DELEGATION VISITED DEPARTMENT



A working group of drama serial Zaheer uddin Babar, being produced in collaboration with the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Uzbekistan, visited Punjab University and called on Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad Akhtar. The Uzbek delegation included film directors and historians, while Chairman of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Dr Rukhsana Iftikhar, other faculty members of the department, renowned writer Asghar Nadeem Syed and film director Sarmad Khost were also present on the occasion.

Talking to the delegation, Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain said that PU Department of History is one of the oldest departments of the varsity which is fully supporting the completion of this project. Prof. Rukhsana, director of Babur Legacy center said that the Babar Centre in the Department of History has been set up in accordance with the vision of the government of Pakistan.

She said that department would continue to play its role in enhancing relations between the two countries. She went on to say that it would open new gates of opportunities for both countries. Later, the delegation members along with the faculty members of History department visited the Punjab University Library, where they were taken to the different sections to see rare historical documents and manuscripts related to Mughal history.

## ANNUAL SPORTS GALA 2022

Sports Gala is a regular event of the department that is organised every year during early spring. It is a three-day long event packed with sports and cultural activities. This year, Sport Gala was arranged during the second week of March (10-12 March). The event was formally inaugurated by Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain along with faculty members. One complete day of the Gala was celebrated as Cultural Day in which students from different cultural backgrounds got to display their cultures through exhibitions, special cultural dresses, music, and dances. Chinese students of the department also wore their cultural dresses. Second day was



dedicated for indoor sports activities that were organised in department lawn. Both students and faculty members participated in them. The last day was an outdoor day when a cricket match was played in one of university grounds. Launch was also served there.

## SEMINAR ON WOMEN'S DAY



Ibn Khaldun Society of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies organized another event to mark International Women's Day. It was presided over by Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, Chairperson Department of History and Pakistan Studies. Prof. Dr Ra'ana Malik, Chairperson Department of Gender Studies was the guest speaker. The event was attended by faculty members and a large number of students. A solidarity song with women was sung by Zara Asghar and a solidarity poem of Kaifi Azami was recited by Snober Gull. In her address, Dr Raana talked about the importance and respect of women in society. She highlighted

the role of woman as mother, daughter, sister and wife in the life of a man. She stressed that a woman must be respected, protected, appreciated, supported and guided as a woman. She pointed out some traditional and inhuman habits and perceptions of our men about women in our society. She said that we should acknowledge women as human beings and equal members of the society if we really want to live a progressive and successful life. We are incomplete without our women, she added. She talked about status of women in foreign countries where they were in good position. Prof. Dr Rukhsana Iftikhar, senior faculty member of the history department, talked about the status of women in Pakistani society. She raised some questions about the future of women in Pakistan. She emphasised that the women must be given their due rights according to the Constitution of Pakistan and our religion Islam. In his address, Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain emphasized the role of women in the cultural, political, religious and educational life of any given society. He discussed about some major steps which have been taken by Government of Pakistan for uplifting of women in Pakistani society. In the end, he appreciated the efforts of Ibn-i-Khaldun society for organising this important event. During this event a free tea stall was also arranged for the students.

## WEBINAR: CPEC TRANSFORMS PAKISTAN'S ECONOMY: LESSONS FROM HISTORY

The Department of History & Pakistan Studies organized a webinar on "CPEC Transforms Pakistan's Economy: Lessons from History." The guest speaker was Professor Mathew MacCartney from the United Kingdom. Prof. McCartney spent twenty years as an academic working in one of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning including the School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), University of London, and the University of Oxford. He is a development economist with specialization in economic development of India and Pakistan.

He has published eight books and numerous research articles. His latest book, *The Dragon from the Mountains: The CPEC from Kashgar to Gawadar* was published by Cambridge University Press, UK in 2021. In his talk on CPEC's impact on Pakistan's economic transformation, Prof. McCartney explained why the support for CPEC in Pakistan is widespread and encompasses much of academia, the military, the mainstream political leadership, and civil society. Supporters, according to the speaker, argue that CPEC offers the potential to transform Pakistan and support rapid, equitable and sustainable economic growth. Detractors of CPEC argue that it will more likely tip Pakistan into a dependent debt-relationship with China and that it will facilitate more Chinese imports into Pakistan posing a threat to Pakistan's industrial base.

The talk was followed by a question answer session. In the end, Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department, thanked Prof. McCartney for the very informative talk and hoped that Department of History will continue to organize such Webinar in the future.

## SEMINAR ON: CREATION OF PAKISTAN AND THE ROLE OF PROVINCES



Ibn-i-Khaldun society with the collaboration of History Forum of the Department organised a well-attended seminar to highlight the role of different provinces of British India in the creation of Pakistan. It was presided over by Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department. Aqsa Basheer, an M.Phil. student of the department, moderated this event. The seminar started with the recitation of holy Quran by Kushaal Akbar.

Arsalan Haneef, a student of BS History, provided a brief overview of the role of Punjab in the creation of Pakistan. While Shoaib Khan, a Baloch student highlighted the role of Baluchistan in the creation of Pakistan, Zeeshan Haider talked about the role of Sind. Majid Khan, an M.Phil. student briefed the audience about the important role played by the people of KPK (erstwhile NWFP) province. One national song was sung by Zara Asghar and Maham Rauf presented a nationalistic piece of poetry on the occasion. Mr Ghazi Mohammad Abdullah, incharge History Forum, synthesised the role of different provinces in the creation of Pakistan, in his talk Mr. Ghazi highlighted the role of leadership of different provinces too. Dr Mahboob Hussain, chairman, Department of History & Pakistan studies, in his closing speech, described the efforts and sacrifices done by the people of different provinces in Pakistan who wanted to have a separate homeland for the Indian Muslims.

## DR MUHAMMAD ALTAF JOINED DEPARTMENT AS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Dr Muhammad Altaf joined the department of History and Pakistan Studies as Assistant Professor. He got both his master and M. Phil Degrees from the department. Afterwards, he went onto to do his doctorate from Royal Holloway, University of London. His Ph.D. studies were jointly funded by Royal Holloway and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The faculty members of the department also arranged a welcome dinner for Dr Altaf at the Punjab University Executive Club.



## BOOK TALK: ISLAM IN SOUTH ASIA BY PROF. DR JAMAL MALIK



Another book talk was organised by the department on recently published monograph *Islam in South Asia*. It was a well-attended and an insightful talk. Dr. Jamal Malik, the author of the book and Professor at Erfurt University Germany along with Prof Dr Tahir Kamran from Beaconhouse National University and Dr Muhammad Raghیب Hussain, Principal Jamia Naemia Lahore, spoke on the occasion. Prof Jamal Malik highlighted the salient features of his book and told the audience about the inspiration behind writing this book. Prof Dr Tahir Kamran in his talk congratulated the author

for focussing on intellectual, cultural, and social aspects of Islamic history of South Asia. Dr Raghیب Naemi discussed the role of Sufis and religious seminaries in spreading and preaching of Islam in South Asia. He highlighted the importance of creating a balance between true Islamic perspective and cultural norms of the society in South Asia. There was also a question answer session. In the end Dr Mahboob Hussain, Chairperson department of History and Pakistan Studies, shared his views about the book.

## NATIONAL HISTORY WORKSHOP: “EMERGING TRENDS IN HISTORY WRITING & TEACHING”

For the department of History and Pakistan Studies, the main highlight of the first half of the year 2022 was the one-day National History Workshop. It was held on 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. The prime objectives of the workshop were to highlight the importance of the subject of history, to explore and deliberate on emerging trends in historiography and teaching, to establish connection and promote cooperation among historians who are attached with the discipline of history in Pakistan and beyond, to revitalise the discipline of history on local and national level, and to provide opportunity



to young Ph.D. and M. Phil scholars to learn the art of history writing and teaching.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Punjab University Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Saleem Mazhar along with Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Professor Dr Amra Raza, and chairperson Punjab University History Department, Professor Dr Mahboob Hussain. The inaugural session was moderated by Professor Dr Faraz Anjum. In his inaugural speech, Professor Dr Saleem Mazhar said progress in the fields of science and technology is never complete without a parallel development in social sciences. Both sciences and social sciences go hand in hand to develop a better future. The role of history in this regard, according to him, is critical. He said the subject of history can also be influential in fostering Pakistan's relations with neighbouring countries. Specifically highlighting the significance of Persian language in the history of Sub-continent, he urged the participants to use classical Persian sources to revive and forge linkages between Pakistan and Central Asia. He congratulated Chairperson Dr Mahboob Hussain and his faculty members for organizing such a workshop to promote the subject of history.

Dr Amra Raza said the history is much more than just an outline of facts. She said that there was a need to promote academic collaboration between the fields of history, philosophy, and literature. Dr Mahboob Hussain, in his welcome speech, gave a brief introduction of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab. He said that the department was the oldest in South Asia. It was established in 1932 with J.F. Bruce as its first ever chairperson. Ever since, the department has been a prestigious seat of historical studies. He said that the subject of history was not given the importance it deserved in schools and colleges. He said that the workshop would provide a platform to Pakistani historians to deliberate on new trends in history writing and explore ways to work jointly. After the inaugural session, the participants read their individual papers in two parallel sessions. The theme of the academic session A was *Politics, Institutions, and Historical Sources*.

The academic session B was about Subalterns, Ideas, and New Tropes of History. In each session eight papers were read. After individual presentations, lunch was being served. In the second half, all participants joined together in a round table sitting to discuss and highlight important outcomes of the workshop. At the end, delegates unanimously favoured the recommendations to (a) organise regular history conferences and seminars on rotation basis, (b) establish a representative body of Pakistani historians. The name of the body could be "National History Forum" or "Pakistan History Society". The body will not be responsible to organise regular conferences and seminars but also to devise a mechanism to share list of topics that are being researched in each and every History department across Pakistan. New topics will also be shared annually to avoid repetition. An interim four membered committee was formed under Prof. Dr. Mahboob, Chairperson, Department of



History & Pak. Studies, University of the Punjab, along with Dr Rizwan Ullah Kokub, Dr Moiz Khan, and Dr Fakhar Bilal, to draft the constitution of the proposed representative body. It was also agreed that on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Pakistan, a special document will be prepared which will include dissertations of students from different universities and colleges. The participants lauded the efforts of Punjab University Department of History & Pakistan Studies for organizing a fruitful workshop.

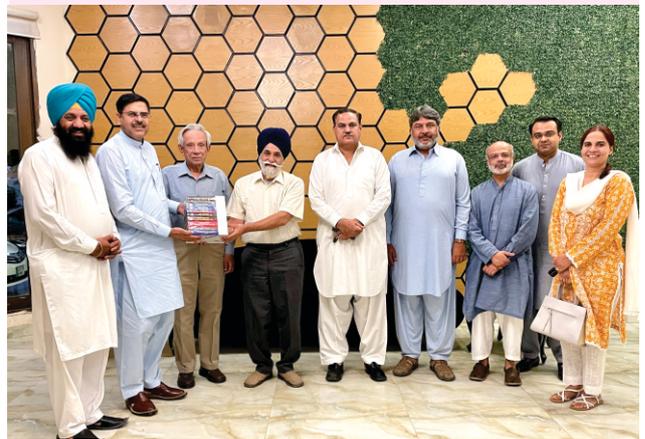


## PHD AWARDED

Mr Muhammad Sohail Yousaf successfully defended his Ph.D. public viva and was awarded Ph.D. degree. The title of his PhD dissertation was "Politics of Incoherence: Factionalism in the Punjab Muslim League (1907-1954)". He completed his thesis under the supervision of Prof. Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafique Bhatti from BZU, Multan and Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmad Dar from QAU, Islamabad, were the examiners. Both appreciated the quality of his work and guided the student how best to improve it to turn it into a publishable monograph.

## VISIT OF DR HARJINDER SINGH DILGEER

Prof Dr Harjinder Singh Dilgeer, Director Guru Nanak Research Institute, Birmingham, UK visited History Department, Punjab University. He is well-known historian who has written many scholarly books including *Complete History of the Sikhs* in ten volumes. He presented his ten volumes book on Sikh History to the Chairman of the department Dr Mahboob Hussain for the department's seminar library. The department arranged a dinner in the honour of Dr Dilgeer at the Punjab University Executive Club.



## SPECIAL LECTURE OF PROF. WAEL HALLAQ: THE ETHICS OF EMPIRE AND WEALTH: IBN KHALDUN AND THE MODERN STATE

Professor Wael Hallaq delivered the Inaugural Sir Muhammad Iqbal lecture. It was co-hosted by Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab with the University of Oxford. The Sir Muhammad Iqbal Lecture is one of the constituent initiatives of the Oxford Pakistan Programme, which brings to Oxford esteemed academics from around the world to deliver lectures on the broad themes worked on by Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

## THE SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY FILM “SEPARATION OF EAST PAKISTAN: THE UNTOLD STORY”

The Ibn-i-Khaldun society of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies arrange the screening of Documentary Film “Separation of East Pakistan: The Untold Story.” The film was researched and produced by Former Senator Javed Jabbar. A session of questions and answers was held after the screening. Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain and Prof. Dr Faraz Anjum answered the questions. A good number of students and faculty members attended the event.

### CINETALK



Ibn-i-Khaldun society organised a Cinetalk by filmmaker Amir Khan Millizai about the history of Pakistani cinema and its revival. The faculty members of the department and a large number of students participated the talk which was followed by the screening of different short films and documentary. The first documentary was an attempt to encourage the audience to look beyond stereotypical perceptions about life, work, and people. The second documentary was on the idea of guilt and how damaging it could be for mental health. The screening of the documentaries was followed by an interactive session between the filmmaker himself and the audience..

## SPECIAL SEMINAR ON: HEALTH ISSUES AND THE ROLE OF MEDIA



The Department of History with the Collaboration of Institute of Communication Studies, PU organized a seminar on “Health issues and the Role of Media” in creating awareness among the public. It was presided over by Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, Chairperson department of History and Pakistan Studies. In his address, he highlighted the significance of social media as a most quick tool to educate the common people regarding health issues. The guest speakers were Prof. Dr. Shaukat Ali former DPI colleges and member red crescent society Pakistan, Dr. Waqar Malik senior teacher of Media studies, Dr. Sonia Omar Associate Professor Social Work department Punjab University.

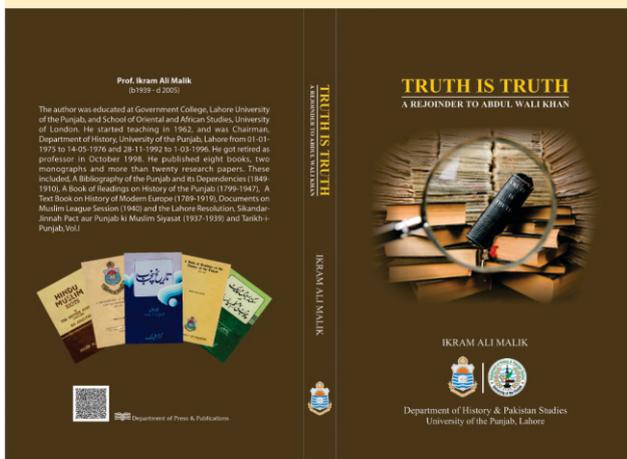
## STUDY TOUR TO KHANASPUR

After almost gap of five years, the Department of History and Pakistan Studies arranged a three-day long study tour to the northern areas of Pakistan. A total of 4 faculty members and forty students went on the trip. The Sir Syed Campus of the Punjab University in Khanaspur served as the base camp. The first day of the tour was spent in journey towards the campus and a steep hiking in the evening followed by a cricket



match in Khanaspur. The second day was the most excited one which included a walk along the famous pipeline track of the Ayubia National Park. In the second half of the day, all went on an adventurous hiking to reach at the mouth of a waterfall. In the evening, a bonfire was arranged, and a long session of poetry and music went on till midnight. The next day included a visit to *Samandar Katha* Lake, followed by a cricket match, and other sports in the Khanaspur ground. Overall, it was a wonderful and memorable tour in which students got to learn social skills through interacting with their teachers and fellow students in a non-academic and informal environment.

## DEPARTMENT REPRINTED DR IKRAM ALI'S BOOK ENTITLED TRUTH IS TRUTH



Well known historian Prof. Ikrām Ali Malik, former Chairman Department of History, Punjab

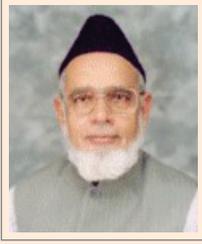
University wrote an important book entitled *Truth is Truth: A Rejoinder to Abdul Wali Khan*. It is clearly based on rare primary documents. The book was published 32 years ago in 1990 and was out of print. Talking about why there was a need to reprint this book, Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain told that when he assumed the charge of the department as Chairman, he got a call from a senior journalist who wanted to see this rare book for one of his stories. A search of the department's library revealed that only one copy of the book was available. Realizing its importance, it was decided to republish this book so that it would be available in the market.

## PHD SEMINARS

Ph.D. seminars are a regular academic activity in which research scholars present their work before the faculty and other research students of the department. It is also a HEC-mandated requirement of their degree. This activity helps them to get feedback from an academic audience to fine tune their arguments before the final submission of their dissertations. During the first half of the current year, there held a total of six seminars by the following Ph.D. students.

- Muhammad Waheed, *Parliament Under Military Rule: A Study of Ayyub Khan Era*
- Naila Rehman, *Pakistan-China Relations, 2013-2018*
- Ren Guangxu, *Role of Railway in Urbanization: A Comparative Study of Northern India and North-eastern China, 1858-1914*
- Gu Zhong, *A Comparative Study on the Depiction of Thoughts in Islamic Arabic Calligraphy and Chinese Character Calligraphy*
- Mr Cheng Linsheng, *A History of the Relationship between Sandalwood and Human Beings in Chinese Civilization*
- Mr Jalal Bohier, *Comparative study of Prison System in the colonial Punjab and Liao Ning Province of China 1840-1940*

## REMEMBERING OUR PIONEERS: PROFESSOR MUHAMMAD ASLAM (1932-1998)



He was a distinguished historian of Pakistan who excelled in the history of medieval India. Born on November 28, 1932 at the town of Phillaur in District Jalandhar, East Punjab in United India, he was educated in Lahore and did his graduation from Islamia College, Lahore, where he was mentored by such teachers like Mian Shams al-Din and Professor Hameed Ahmad Khan. He was also patronized by Prof. Muhammad Shuja al-Din who had a great influence and impact on his personality. He, then, got admitted in the Department of History, University of the Punjab, Lahore from where he did his Masters in History in 1955. After that, he went to

Muslim University, Aligarh to pursue higher studies in history but soon came back as he could not adjust himself in the new environment. After coming back from Aligarh, he got admission in Karachi University where he started conducting research on the Mughal Emperor Shahjahan. However, without completing his studies, he left for England for higher studies. He got admission in Durham University, from where he did BA Honours in Islamic and Arabic Studies in 1960. In 1962, he completed his Masters in history from Manchester University, where he wrote a Master's thesis on Shaykh Ahmad Sirhindi. At Cambridge University, he studied under the mentorship of world-renowned scholars including A. J. Arberry (d. 1969). He spent four years there, and conducted research on the political thought of a Muslim luminary, Fazl Ullah ibn Ruzbihan Isfahani (d. 1209) and in 1967 he was awarded the degree of M.Litt.

Prof. Aslam joined the Department of History, PU Lahore as a lecturer in September 1967. He served the Department for almost thirty-five years, and worked as Professor and twice as Head of the Department from January 1973 to December 1974 and then from 1990 to 1992. Even after his retirement from the University in 1992, he continued to serve the department as a visiting faculty member.

Prof. Aslam got himself initiated in the Chishti-Sabiri *Silsilah* during the last years of his life at the hand of Mawlana Shah Abrar al-Haqq Chishti of Radauli, who was a *khalifa* of celebrated sufi, Mawlana Ashraf Ali Thanvi (b.1863-d.1943). He died on October 6, 1998 and was buried in Miyani Sahib Graveyard in Lahore. His daughter, Dr. Tanvir Anjum is presently serving as Professor at the Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. Prof. Aslam richly contributed to the discipline of history by his prolific writings on varied aspects of history. His academic works included books, and articles which appeared in leading research journals, magazines and newspapers of India and Pakistan from 1957 till his death in 1998. He mostly wrote in Urdu language. One of his greatest strengths as a historian was his in-depth knowledge of Arabic and Persian languages, which enabled him to directly undertake the study of manuscripts of medieval historiographical, sufi and other genres of literature without relying on their translations. His books include the following:

- *Muslim Conduct of State based upon the Suluk-ul-Muluk of Fadl-ullah Bin Ruzbihan Isfahani* (Islamabad: University of Islamabad Press, 1974)

- دین الہی اور اس کا پس منظر (دہلی: ندوۃ المصنفین، ۱۹۶۹ء؛ لاہور، ۱۹۷۰ء)
- تاریخی مقالات (لاہور: ندوۃ المصنفین، ۱۹۷۰ء)
- سرمایہ عمر (لاہور: ندوۃ المصنفین، ۱۹۷۲ء)
- وفيات مشاہیر پاکستان (اسلام آباد: مقتدرہ قومی زبان، ۱۹۹۰ء)
- خفتگان کراچی (لاہور: ادارہ تحقیقات پاکستان، دانشگاہ پنجاب، ۱۹۹۱ء)
- "سلاطین دہلی و شاہان مغلیہ کا ذوق موسیقی،" مشمولہ جرنل آف پنجاب یونیورسٹی ہسٹوریکل سوسائٹی (۱۹۹۲ء)؛ اشاعت نو (لاہور: ادارہ ثقافت اسلامیہ، ۲۰۲۱ء)
- خفتگان خاک لاہور (لاہور: ادارہ تحقیقات پاکستان، دانشگاہ پنجاب، ۱۹۹۳ء)
- تحریک پاکستان (لاہور: ریاض برادرز، ۱۹۹۳ء)
- ملفوظاتی ادب کی تاریخی اہمیت (لاہور: ادارہ تحقیقات پاکستان، دانشگاہ پنجاب، ۱۹۹۵ء)
- سفرنامہ ہند (لاہور: ریاض برادرز، ۱۹۹۵ء)
- محمد بن قاسم اور اس کے جانشین (لاہور: ریاض برادرز، ۱۹۹۶ء)
- جہاں آراء بیگم، رسالہ صاحبیہ، اردو ترجمہ: محمد اسلم (لاہور: ندوۃ المصنفین، س ن)
- مولانا عیداللہ سندھی کے سیاسی مکتوبات (لاہور: ندوۃ المصنفین، س ن)