

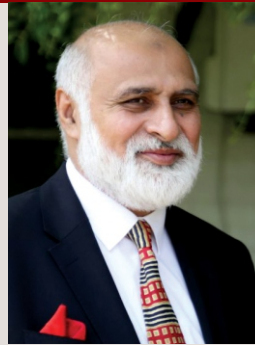


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1.	F.J. BRUCE	1932	1943
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10.	SHEIKH ABDUR RASHID	1961	1965
11.	ABDUL HAMID	1966	1967
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13.	YAR MUHAMMAD KHAN	08. 02. 1969	01. 01. 1973
14.	MUHAMMAD ASLAM	01. 01. 1973	31. 12. 1974
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16.	SYED ALI ABBAS	14. 05. 1976	01. 01. 1979
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22.	SADIQ ALI GILL	01. 04. 2002	26. 09. 2002
23.	SYED QALIB-ABID	26. 09. 2002	01. 03. 2013
24.	M. IQBAL CHAWLA	01. 03. 2013	19. 01. 2020
25.	MAHBOOB HUSSAIN	20. 01. 2020	



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**Vice-Chancellor**



"The University of the Punjab is recognized as one of the most prestigious public sector universities of Pakistan, committed to transform the contemporary challenges into opportunities. Our mission is to raise the productivity of our graduates through quality education and practical knowledge to contribute in a significant way to the national economy. We want to inspire you to become a truly creative professional, and guide you towards an exciting and rewarding career. Studying at the University of the Punjab offers a high quality experience within a rich campus culture and outstanding facilities. The academic environment of the University is enriched with excellence, values creativity, and provides an opportunity to its graduate to contribute at the national as well as global level.

In line with the Vision of University of the Punjab, Department intends to be a leading centre of excellence in the field of history and Pakistan studies. It aims to become an institution known for its quality teaching and research and for producing leading historians and social scientists of the country. Our mission is to train young students in the discipline of history, to provide them facilities for teaching and research and to groom them to be leading academicians of the country.

**Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain**

**Chairman**

Department of History & Pakistan Studies





## CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP



On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain assumed the responsibility of the Chairman after the retirement of Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla who served the Department as Chairman from March 2013 to January 2020. Faculty and staff congratulated the new Chairman and expressed their wish that the Department will prosper under his leadership. Students of the Department presented bouquets to Prof. Mahboob Hussain.

Prof. Mahboob Hussain is an alumnus of the Department and did his masters in History in 1996 and earned a Gold Medal. In 1998, he completed his Masters in Political Science as well. His teaching career began in 1997 and after serving for some years at college side, he joined University of Education and in 2005 University of the Punjab. He completed his M.Phil. from History Department in 2006 and PhD from Pakistan Study Centre in 2013. His dissertation was published by Oxford University Press, Karachi in 2019. He was also awarded with Post-Doctorate Fellowship of Punjab Higher Education Commission and successfully completed it from prestigious University of Oxford in 2019.

On January 16, 2020, Faculty members of History Department arranged a farewell dinner in honour of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla for successful completion of his service in Punjab University.

## OSA ARRANGES LUNCH IN HONOUR OF CHAIRMEN

On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Old Students Association Department of History arranged a lunch in honour of out-going Chairman, Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla and newly-appointed Chairman, Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain at Cosmopolitan Club, Lahore.



## WELCOME BY THE STAFF



On 21st January 2020, office Staff arranged a dinner in honour of newly appointed Chairman, Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain at university Club, Punjab University, Lahore. Office staff expressed their best wishes, cooperation, and fullest support to the chairman.



## DEPARTMENT'S TEACHERS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN PUNJAB CONFERENCE

From January 6 to 8, National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Centre of Excellence, Quaid-i-Azam University in collaboration with University of Lahore organized an International Conference on the Punjab: History and Culture. The teachers of the Department actively participated in the Conference. Prof. Mahboob Hussain chaired an academic session on the role of princely states of the Punjab and also presented his paper, entitled, "The Institutional (In)



efficiency on Debating National Issues: A Case of Punjab Assembly, 1971-77." Dr. Faraz Anjum was a discussant in an academic session on the mystical tradition in Punjab and also presented his paper "Punjab in the Eyes of Early European Travellers: A Critical Analysis." Dr. Naumana Kiran was a discussant in an academic session on the history of Punjab and she also presented her paper, entitled, "Sectarianism in Punjab: A Study of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi." Teachers also enthusiastically took part in the Round Table on "Trends in the History of Punjab" which was chaired by Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla.



## OLD STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

On 21st February, 2020, an important meeting of the OSA was held in Faculty Lounge of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore. It was attended by a number of Alumni of the Department. The Chairman Dr. Mahboob Hussain presided over the meeting while Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah (Assistant Professor & Coordinator Annual Dinner



2020 Preparation Committee) coordinated the Meeting. The Faculty of the Department was present as well. Some important decisions were made regarding the Preparations for the Annual Get-together/Dinner (to be held dated on Saturday March, 2020), the holding of OSA Annual Cricket Match (to be played on dated: Thursday 5 March, 2020). It was resolved that by the last week of March, 2020, a One Day Trip to Kartarpur Gurdwara shall be arranged. Further plans for holding a "Mushaira-عرہ-مشاعر" during the last quarter of the year 2020 and some other activities were also discussed and planned. The meeting ended with a note of thanks by the Chairman and the Coordinator.



## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY مادری زبان کا دن



On February 21, 2020, the Department celebrated the International Mother Language Day. On the occasion, a seminar was arranged which was presided over by Prof. Mahboob Hussain while Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas was the chief guest. The speakers emphasised that Pakistan is a multi-cultural and multi-lingual country in which dozens of languages and hundreds of dialects are spoken. These languages and dialects preserve the diverse culture and history of the people and there is a dire need to give them importance.

## ANNUAL SPORTS GALA



On 26th and 27th February, Sports Gala started in the Department. The students enthusiastically participated in indoor and outdoor sports. Dr. Maqbool Ahmad Awan, as student advisor, coordinated all the activities. The Department was decorated with balloons,



ribbons and colourful papers. In the morning of 26th, Prof. Mahboob Hussain with other teachers inaugurated the sports by cutting the ribbon. All the teachers encouraged the students by playing cricket, football, badminton and table tennis. Indoor games were also played and the whole day was spent in competitions. It was a time of jubilation and 'halla gulla'.

In the morning of 27th, tugs of war were fought and three leg races were played in the ground of the Department and then the parties with teachers moved to the ground besides the VC office where cricket match was played between the students of History and Pakistan Studies. After a tough competition, History students won the match. Teachers also played from both sides. Girls encouraged their classmates with slogans.

## CULTURAL DAY



On 28th February, it was an organza of colours and shades as it was the Cultural Day. Not just students but teachers wore traditional dresses and as the students in the Department come from every region and ethnic group of Pakistan, it was cultural representation of the country in



every sense of the word. Students presented regional music and dance and exhibited documentaries of their region. At the end, national anthem was played which symbolised that despite plurality of cultures, all of us are united under one flag. Outside, the students installed stalls which exhibited the tasteful dishes and cultural symbols of diverse regions. Teachers fully participated in the event.

## CHINESE STUDENTS VISIT HISTORICAL SITES IN LAHORE



On 29<sup>th</sup> February, the Department arranged a special visit of historical sites of Lahore by our Chinese students of PhD programme. Prof. Mahboob Hussain and Prof. Rukhsana Iftikhar accompanied the students and visited Tomb of Emperor Jahangir, Badshahi Mosque, Lahore Fort and Shalamar Gardens. Teachers apprised the Chinese students of the historical legacy of the city.



## OSA CRICKET MATCH



On Monday 9 March, 2020, Old Students' Association (OSA), Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, organized a Cricket Match between OSA-Greens and OSA-Whites, at VC Cricket Ground, University of the Punjab, New Campus, Lahore. The Match was the first of it's kind in the History of the OSA. The Chairman, Faculty and Staff were hosts & organizers. A large number of Spectators including the present as well as old Students watched the match amidst beautiful weather and great enthusiasm. The Match was won by OSA-Greens after a very exciting and thrilling competition.



## CLEAN GREEN PU CAMPAIGN

On 12<sup>th</sup> March, University organized a Clean Green campaign. The objective of the campaign was to highlight the importance of trees for the environment. Vice Chancellor inaugurated the campaign by planting







a tree himself. Later, all teachers of the department planted a tree in the Department.

## CORONA STRIKES AND EVERYTHING CLOSES DOWN

In December 2019, sad news of a strange virus began to make headlines in national and international media. The central point was China and particularly its city of Wuhan in Hubei province. Then it became an epidemic/pandemic worldwide. From March, cases began to appear in Pakistan and it was on 13<sup>th</sup> March, that a complete lockdown was imposed by Pakistani Government. Everything, including the University closed down. The lockdown was so sudden that the Department which had planned Annual Dinner of Old Student Association on 14<sup>th</sup> March had to postpone it.

## ONLINE FACULTY MEETINGS AND START OF ONLINE CLASSES

As due to Covid, everything was closed. University decided to start online classes to save the time of the students. Within two weeks, class work was shifted to online mode and regular classes started. Whatsapp groups of students



were created to facilitate the work. For working out the details and resolve different issues, online faculty meetings were held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> July. It was a new experience for both the students as well as the teachers.

## CHINESE STUDENTS RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY



On 7<sup>th</sup> June, Chinese Students of PhD Program Batch II returned to China after spending some few months in Lahore. The students were studying in the first semester in the University and then Corona struck and everything came to a standstill. Due to lockdown, their physical classes came to an end but online classes continued. They completed their first semester and as the conditions in China improved, they decided to return to their country.



## FACULTY MEETING AFTER THE LOCK DOWN



In July, as the lock down partially ended and University asked the teachers to resume their duties, the faculty and staff of the Department were up on the fronts to do their level best for the continuation of teaching and research. An important Faculty Meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July to discuss and make some important decisions related to existing and upcoming sessions.



## ONLINE ORIENTATION SESSION OF NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS

As due to Covid-19, University started online classes of newly admitted first semester students of MA Pakistan Studies and BS History, it was decided that online Orientation Session of the two classes will be conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> December. In the Orientation Session, students one by one gave their own introduction. Then all teachers introduced themselves and informed the students of the semester, exam and other related rules. In the end, Prof. Mahboob in his address apprised of history and traditions of the Department and assured them every help and assistance to the students.

## DEPARTMENT'S JOURNAL UP-GRADED TO 'Y' CATEGORY BY HEC

On 11<sup>th</sup> July, we received the good news that HEC has upgraded the Department's Journal, entitled, *Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society* from Z to Y category. Prof. Mahboob Hussain and other faculty members congratulated Prof. Tahir Mehmood who as editor of the Journal made untiring and sincere efforts for its up-gradation. It shows our commitment to improve the standards of the research work done in the Department. Prof. Mahboob also received felicitations from other academics and colleagues for this accomplishment.

## BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING APPROVES NEW ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM



On 25<sup>th</sup> August, the Department arranged a Board of Studies Meeting to approve the new Associate Degree Program. As HEC has decided that BA and MA degrees will end and will be replaced by Associate Degrees and BS, it was imperative that new programs should be launched. BS History program had been started last year and Department timely designed the program and courses for Associate Degree. The members of BOS discussed the program and course contents and with minor changes, the program was approved.



## DECLARATION OF RESULTS

On 7<sup>th</sup> September, the Department declared the results of MA History and MA Pakistan Studies. As Punjab Public Service Commission had advertised the posts of lecturers in history and Pakistan Studies, it was decided that results with all necessary formalities and precautions would be prepared and announced as early as possible. According to the announced results, the following students got first, second and third positions:

**MA History;** Muhammad Qasim Tariq, Nayyer Abbas, Namra Hussain.

**MA Pakistan Studies;** Rimsha Jabeen, Inam Ullah Khan, Naheed Nazeer.

## PROFESSORS ARRANGE LUNCH FOR FACULTY AND STAFF



On 17<sup>th</sup> September, Prof. Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Tahir Mehmood, Prof. Faraz Anjum and Prof. Naumana Kiran five newly appointed Professors arranged a lunch at Village Restaurant for the entire faculty and staff of the Department. Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas and Prof. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla also joined to celebrate their promotion.

## DEATH OF MEER ZAFARULLAH JAMALI

On December 2, Department was saddened to hear the news of the death of their alumnus and former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mir Zafar Ullah Khan Jamali. He did his Masters in History from the Department in 1964. Then he joined politics and served as the Prime Minister of Pakistan from 2002 until his resignation in 2004. He was the first and only elected prime minister from Balochistan. He is generally remembered as an honest and good natured politician of Pakistan.



## ZAHEER-UD-DIN BABUR CENTRE AND CONFERENCE



On 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS) team visited Department of History & Pakistan Studies, meet





the faculty to share the ideas for mutual cooperation and discuss the details of a proposed conference. It was decided that a Zaheer-ud-Din Babur Centre would be established in the Department while CGSS will facilitate in organizing an international conference to celebrate the legacy of Zahir ud Din Muhammad Babar in February 2021.

## WEBINAR ON PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN KAZAKHSTAN



On 28<sup>th</sup> December, Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad organized an Online Conference on, "Kazakhstan's Parliamentary Election 2021: A Way Forward for Further Strengthening Democracy & Political Setup".

The conference was commenced with the speech of Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore. He discussed Kazakhstan Parliamentary Election 2021: A Giant Step Towards Liberal and Functional Democracy. He mentioned the historical and cultural importance of Central Asia dating back to ancient times. Hundreds of poets, writers, and Sufis migrated from central Asia to South Asia, thereby contributing significantly to the literature, history, science, and culture of South Asia. Dr. Mahboob highlighted that the upcoming elections on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 are an important step towards the political institutionalization setup in the country. Several reforms have been introduced for the upcoming elections in terms of representation and constitutional requirements. It is a very important step in terms of institution building,

especially the political institutionalization building.

Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah discussed blessings of Political system in Kazakhstan. He highlighted that this topic is very important viz a viz the current political situation in Kazakhstan. It is a country that is economically, politically, historically, geographically and in the foreign policy paradigm is one of the most important countries in Central Asia. The upcoming elections will have a long-term impact on the regional politics and economies of neighboring countries and their relation with China and Russia as well.

The conference was moderated by Ms. Palwasha Nawaz, Project Executive, CGSS, and was attended by 50 participants including students and members of academia. It was also viewed by 100 people on social media networks.

## LECTURE OF DILVIR SINGH PUNNU



Dr. Dalvir Singh Pannu, USA based scholar, Author of "The Sikh Heritage: Beyond Borders" visited Department of History & Pakistan Studies on 29<sup>th</sup> December and he give a talk on "Sources on Sikh History and heritage". He focused on Pakistan's cultural heritage, history of Sikh religious sites, Persian sources and other topics related to history. Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas presided over the function while it was attended by faculty and students.





## PROF. DR KHURRAM QADIR SPEAKS ON “HUMAN MIND & EPISTEMOLOGICAL APPROACHES”

On 31<sup>st</sup> December, former Chairman, Department of History, Baha-ud-Din Zikriya University Multan and ex-Director, National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research Islamabad gave a talk on 'Human Mind and Epistemological Approaches'. Prof. Khurram Qadir argued that western analytical epistemological approach has largely failed to solve human problems and there is a dire need to



look for other approaches. He emphasised that holistic and organic approaches can be used for extending human knowledge. He also mentioned that current units of analysis, like ethnicity, religion, nationality etc. are insufficient to fully grasp the complexities of human history. He suggested that *shazra* and *shiraza* should be used as temporal-spatial units for historical analysis. The talk was followed by question- answer session. Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas and Prof. Mahboob Hussain spoke at the end and appreciated the new perspectives put forward by Prof. Khurram Qadir.

## MEETING OF BOARD OF FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES



On September 1, an important meeting of the Faculty Board was held which was presided over by Prof. Dr. Amara Raza, Dean of faculty. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Dr. Tahir Mehmood, Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum and Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah represented the Department in the meeting. Program and courses of Associate Degree in history and other disciplines were discussed and approved in the meeting.

## SIR SYED'S GREAT GRANDSON VISITS THE DEPARTMENT

In March, Syed Mahmood Asadullah, who is great grandson of great reformer and pioneer of Muslim education in South Asia Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and convenor of Sir Syed Taleem-o-Tehzeeb-o-Ikhlaq Foundation, visited the Department and had fruitful discussion with the faculty. He proposed that Department should organize a seminar on Sir Syed Ahmed Khan to which Prof. Mahboob Hussain agreed. He presented a portrait of Sir Syed as a souvenir to the Department.





## NEW PHDS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN 2020



Department of History & Pakistan Studies has awarded 11 PhD degrees to the following scholars in the year 2020.

**Mr. Ahmad Hassan** *Refocusing on Agitational Politics of Pakistan, 1977-2017: Causes and Effects.*

**Mr. Muhammad Ahtasham Jan Butt**, *Re-Contextualizing the New Trends in The Social History of Lahore, 1947-2017.*

**Ms. Amaria Atta**, *Re-Contextualizing the Origin and the Development of Bharatiya Janata Party in India: It's Implications for South Asia.*

**Ms. Fatima Riffat**, *Ethnic Nationalism in Balochistan and The Role of External Powers: An Analysis".*

**Mr. Ghulam Shabbir**, *Studies in Political Leadership of South Asia: A Comparative Study of Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Jawaharlal Nehru.*

**Ms. Kalsoom Hanif**, *A History of the Formation and Workig of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, 1946-1955: An Historical Perspective.*

**Ms. Rukhsana Yasmeen**, *History of Women Empowerment in Pakistan from 1947-1977.*

**Ms. Samina Iqbal**, *Khalistan: A History of the Sikhs' Struggle from Communal Award to Partition of India 1947.*

**Mr. Shahbaz Ali**, *Party Politics In Pakistan 1985 - 1999: A Historical Perspective.*

**Mr. Sheikh Shaukat Ali**, *Focusing on the History of Pakistan Police.*

**Ms. Sumaira Safdar**, *Revisiting of Guru Nanak's Life and Times*



## TWO STUDENTS BECOME PMS OFFICERS

The Department is proud to share that two of our students, Zaheer ud Din and Taimoor Adil, secured 2nd and 8th positions in PMS results of 2020. We congratulate them on their brilliant success.





## INTRODUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT

Department of History, University of the Punjab, is the oldest post-graduate teaching institution in Pakistan and one of the renowned centers of excellence in South Asia. It was established in 1932 and regular classes started in 1933. Eminent scholars and historians like Prof. Bruce, Prof. A.L. Garrett, Prof. Dennison Ross, Dr. A.L. Sirivastava, and Dr. Ishtiaq Hussain Qureshi remained associated with this Department before and after the establishment of Pakistan. Prof. Dilawar Hussain associated senior teachers from affiliated colleges of Lahore with the Department such as Prof. Mian Namdar, Prof. Fayyaz Ahmad and Dr. Abdul Hamid from Government College Lahore, Dr. Syed Zawwar Hussain Zaidi from Foreman Christian College, Prof. Shamsuddin, Prof. Abbas bin Abdul Qadir and Prof. Ilm-ud-Din Salik from Islamia College Lahore, and Prof. Shujauddin from Dayal Singh College Lahore. At that time, there were no regular teachers in the Department.



In 1956, Dr. Zafarul-Islam joined the Department as senior lecturer, but he soon expired. Prof. Sh. Abdur Rashid, who had retired from Aligarh Muslim University (India), was also engaged in the Department along with Dr. Montgomery Hyde. Both these eminent historians of international fame gradually developed the Department to its full strength. Dr. Ijaz Hassan Qureshi, Prof. S. Ali Abbas, Prof. Dr. Yar Muhammad Khan, Prof. Ikram Ali Malik, Prof. Muhammad Aslam, Dr. Razaulhaq Shah, Prof. Dr. Sadiq Ali Gill, Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas, Mrs. Tahira Shah, Prof. Dr. S. Qalb-i-Abid and Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chawla served the Department with distinction.

The Department also availed the services of some Fulbright scholars like Prof John Westover and Reymond Moore from the U.S. and Dr. Peter Hardy of the School of Oriental and Africa Studies, University of London, who taught in this Department for a couple of years. The present faculty has also grown up to seniority, eminence and professional ability. This includes, Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Dr. Tahir Mahmood, Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum, Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran, Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah and Dr. Maqbool Ahmad Awan.

Research activities in the Department are as old as the Department itself. Its research Journal, "Journal of the Punjab University Historical Society", was first published in 1911 under the name of

"Journal of Punjab Historical Society". It soon enjoyed international reputation as a premier historical journal from South Asia. In 2013, it was published after a gap of ten years and since then, it is being published regularly. Every effort is being made to regain its original scholarly research reputation. Keeping in view its contribution in the field of research Higher Education Commission has recognized the Journal in its list of HEC Recognized Journals. This is besides the individual research activities of the faculty.

