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GET-TOGETHER, FAREWELL PARTY AND ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Corona epidemic disturbed every sphere of life, particularly the academic activities. It was a long-standing tradition of the Department that new students were welcomed while old ones were given farewells in formal parties. However, due to Covid-19, such gatherings in the past year could not be arranged. As this year provided some breathing space, a get-

together was arranged on 9th July by both classes of MA Pakistan Studies, which was both a welcome to the new comers and farewell to the pass outs. Annual photographs of the classes were also taken. In the party, the students presented skits, songs and dances while Prof. Mahboob Hussain in his concluding speech appreciated the efforts of the students and prayed for the future endeavours of the outgoing batch. The party ended with a sumptuous lunch.





WELCOME TO NEW CHINESE CLASS

As per MOU signed between the Department and NEUQ University China in 2017, on July 16, the 3rd batch of PhD and first batch of M.Phil. Chinese students joined the Department on July 16. The faculty welcomed them with open arms and on July 16, a welcome reception was arranged for them. The faculty and the students introduced themselves and exchanged pleasantries. Prof. Mahboob Hussain in his welcome speech



emphasised the bilateral relations between Pakistan and China and reiterated the commitment of the Department to encourage student and faculty exchange programmes.

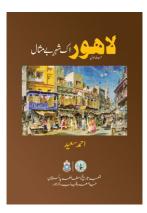
CGSS LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Punjab University has developed close cooperation with Centre for Global and Strategic Studies in various fields of mutual cooperation. On August 2, Executive Director, Colonel (retired) Khalid Taimur Akram presented a letter of appreciation to Prof. Mahboob Hussain for his cooperation and participation in various programs of CGSS.



PUBLICATION OF PROF. AHMED SAEED'S BOOK

Prof. Ahmed Saeed was a veteran historian of Pakistan who died on January 13, 2021. At the time of his death, he was compiling a two volume study of socio-cultural history of Lahore for which he had spent about a decade. As he was an a l u m n u s o f t h e



Department and had strong attachment with it, Prof. Mahboob took the initiative and the Department took the responsibility to publish his book which came out in August on the eve of the Day of Independence of Pakistan. It was a befitting tribute to Professor Ahmed Saeed's memory who was a devout Pakistani. The book is an original contribution to the socio-cultural history of Lahore as it focuses on those rare aspects which have not been touched upon by earlier writers.

ROUNDTABLE ON THE QUAID-I-AZAM

The Independence Day this year was celebrated in the Department in a unique manner. On 17th August, young scholars were invited to talk on the topic "Quaid-i-Azam's Vision and Today's



Pakistan." Dr. Ghulam Shabbir from University of Gujarat, Mr. Khizar Jawad from Forman Christian College (University), Ms. Sabah Mushtaq from Kinnaird College for Women University, Dr. Raza Taimur of Government Science College Wahdat Road, and Dr. Adnan Tariq from Government Islamia College Civil Lines Lahore spoke on different aspects of the topic. Prof. Faraz Anjum and Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah moderated the session. The speakers pointed out that Quaid-i-Azam believed and advocated a democratic modern state where Islamic principles would be followed in their letter and spirit. However, today's Pakistan is far away from this vision of the father of the nation. Prof. Mahboob Hussain in his concluding remarks mentioned that the Quaid-i-Azam was a visionary leader of the Muslims of South Asia and it is unfortunate that the path chalked out by him has not been followed by the ruling elites. He considered the civil and military bureaucracy and the politicians for such a sorry state of affairs.

PARTICIPATION IN PESHAWAR CONFERENCE



Area Study Center (Russia, China & Central Asia), University of Peshawar organized an International Conference on, "Pakistan – Eurasian Heartland Connectivity: Towards Socio-Economic, Academic, and Legal Cooperation". Dr Mahboob Hussain, presented Paper and represented Punjab University. Conference was held on 22nd September.

TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

October 5 is World Teacher's Day. On that day, the students of the Department arranged a party to honour their teachers. Prof. Mahboob Hussain along with other faculty members cut the cake in the presence of the students. The event was a reminder that teacher is the key to the whole education system and without producing devout, dedicated and honest teachers, a nation cannot make progress.

CELEBRATION OF SIR SYED'S BIRTHDAY

On 21st October, the Department celebrated the 204th birthday of great Muslim reformer Sir Syed Ahmed Khan in a befitting manner. A roundtable discussion was arranged in which Prof. (retired) Muhammad Iqbal Chawla, Prof. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Faraz Anjum, Dr. Maqbool Ahmed Awan, and Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah discussed different facets of Sir Syed's thoughts and services. Syed Mahmud Asadullah, the great grandson of Sir Syed, was the chief guest of the event who highlighted the services of Sir Syed for the Muslim renaissance. Prof. Mahboob Hussain in his presidential address stated that Sir Syed's life



is a beacon light for the youth of today who should get inspiration from him. All the participants then moved to the Departmental library where Syed Mahmud Asadullah inaugurated Sir Syed Corner (گوشــهٔ ســرســيد) and also cut a cake of Sir Syed's birthday.

Talk on Prof. Ahmed Saeed's Book in Main Library



Punjab University Library, known popularly as main library, has established a book club to introduce the students to the important newly published books. Every month two books, one of Urdu and the other in English, are reviewed by eminent scholars. In October's book talk, Prof. لاہور اک شـــــہر ہے مثال Ahmed Saeed's book published by the Department was reviewed by Prof. Mahboob Hussain who highlighted its different aspects and its contribution to research on Lahore. The reviewer mentioned that the book is a labour of love of the writer who spent ten years in collecting its material and compiling it. However, the writer died before it could come out and then the Department with the permission of his family published its first volume. The books deals with the first half of the twentieth century and provides some rare information about the socio-cultural history of the city. In an interesting and captivating style, Prof. Mahboob Hussain summarized the book's contents and its excerpts. The talk ended with a question-answer session. A number of teachers, students and books lovers attended the book talk and appreciated the author as well as the reviewer.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND VISIT OF UZBEKISTAN'S AMBASSADOR

On 12th October 2021, a Roundtable Discussion on "Central-South Asia Regional Connectivity: Grand Initiative by His Excellency President Shavkat Mirziyoyev" was jointly organized by Center for Global & Strategic Studies, Islamabad & Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab in collaboration with Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Islamabad & Regional Integration Center, University of the Punjab. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University in his opening remarks stated that Punjab University is one the oldest university and the Department of History has created many scholars and professors. Punjab University has offered admissions to the students of Uzbekistan that will prove to be a milestone in Pak-Uzbek bilateral ties. Brigadier Mansoor Saeed Sheikh (Retd), Vice President (Punjab Region), (CGSS), in his welcome address stated that Pakistan is situated at the convergence of three geoeconomically significant regions and it offers shortest route to the sea for all landlocked countries of Central Asia alongside western China and Afghanistan. Pakistan stands out significantly in this regional connectivity. Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of CGSS gave a detailed presentation on "Analyzing the concept of Central-South Asian Connectivity: Ten-point agenda by H.E. ShavkatMirziyoyev". He discussed the 10 Point Proposal by H.E Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies, spoke on "Historical & Cultural linkages between Central-South Asia: An overview of great civilizational patterns". He stated that common cultural heritage needs to be explored and academic exchange and collaboration is the need of the hour. Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, Chairperson, Department of Political Science & International Relations, talked about "Reinvigorating the phenomena of academic cooperation into regionalism: A case study of Central & South Asia". She presented a model that included activities like student

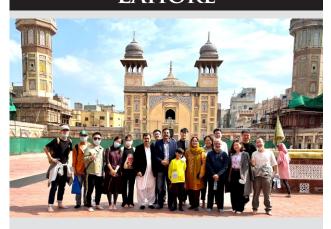


exchange programs, seminars, conferences and expert exchange programs. Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar, spoke on "Economic Potential Between Central and South Asia". She stated that since the freedom of South Asian states, Pakistan has also been trying to promote her relations with these newly born states. Pakistan has been a gateway to Central Asia for centuries.

Dr. Fozia Ali Hadi, Director, Regional Integration Center talked about the "Role of SCO in Central & South Asia Connectivity". She stated that SCO Member states stand for promoting cooperation in the development of international relations built upon mutual respect, equality and mutually beneficial cooperation as well as developing a common vision of a community of common destiny for mankind. Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah, Assistant Professor, Department of History & Pakistan Studies, presented talked about "Enhancing industrial cooperation between Pakistan and Central Asia: Options and parameters". He discussed the current challenges in the way of development including the changing dynamics of Afghanistan, border tensions in the region and other pertinent issues. Mr. Jasur Saidahmedov, Second Secretary, Trade and Economy, Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Islamabad highlighted Pakistan and Uzbekistan cooperation with relevance to significant cultural and tourism ties.

Chief Guest of the event, His Excellency Aybek Arif Usmanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Pakistan in his keynote speech stated that not only Punjab, but KP is also well connected with Uzbekistan. President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Prime Minister Imran Khan are the first drivers and promoters of connectivity. The projects of connectivity between our countries are already showing positive impacts as young researchers, students and scholars are gathered here for this event. For more than three years, Pak-Uzbek leaders are working for the peace and development in Afghanistan. He stated that all countries are interested to use Pakistan as a transit hub in Central Asia. He also stated that we are now working on high technology cooperation with Pakistan. Experts from Uzbekistan can help in formulating solutions to enhance cotton production in Pakistan. At the end, Prof. Mahaboob thanked the speakers and the participants of the roundtable discussion.

ONE DAY TRIP OF LAHORE



Beside the academic activities, Department also excelled in co-curricular activities. In order to apprise the sutdents of the historical importance of Lahore, a one day local trip was arranged on 24th October. Both BS history and MA Pakistan Studies enthusiastically participated in the tour. Chinese M.Phil. and PhD students also accompanied the tour. Prof. Mahboob Hussan, Prof. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Tahir Mahmood and Prof. Faraz Anjum led the entourage. The trip started from Delhi Gate where the officials of Lahore Walled City Authority welcomed them. Then the students moving on the Shahi Guzargah (Royal Trail) visited Shahi Hamam (Royal Bath), Gali Surjan Singh, Dina Nath Well and Wazir Khan Mosque. All were impressed by the beauty and grandeur of the monuments. Then the party moved to Greater Igbal Park where they visited the National History Museum, Lahore Fort, Hazuri Bagh, and Badshahi Mosque. They also recited fatiha at the Mausoleum of Allama Muhammad Igbal. The last place of visit was Ranjeet Singh Samadhi and Gurdawara Dera Sahib where the visitors saw Guru Garanth Sahib and other Sikh relics. The custodians of the Gurdawara apprised them of the Sikh rituals and their importance in the social life of the Sikh community. The trip ended, not only with happy memories but also with a new awareness about the significance of urban culture and archaeological sites of the city of Lahore.

PARTY ON THE RETIREMENT OF SHAHNAZ MUSHTAQ



Shahnaz Mushtaq joined the University at the young age of seventeen. Her father also used to serve in the Department and after the death of her father, she continuously served in the Department for about 25 years. On October 15, she got retired as the Admin Officer and the faculty and the staff, keeping up with the tradition of the Department, offered her gifts and a sumptuous lunch in the Executive Club of the University. They also wished her long and healthy life in the future.

OSA ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER AND ANNUAL LUNCH



The Department organized an Alumni Gettogether and Annual Lunch on 30th October. Since it happened after a long time and due to Covid-19, it had to be postponed a number of



times, the old students were quite enthusiastic about it. Alumni from all walks of life particularly from teaching community participated in large numbers. The teachers, staff, and students were present to welcome and give a red-carpet reception to the Alumni who were happy to meet their teachers, classmates, seniors and juniors. About 300 old students of the Department graced the occasion. The formal function started with recitation of the Holy Ouran, Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah and PhD scholars Amna Latif and Imran Jafar coordinated the sessions. Beside others, Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas, Prof. Sheikh Muhammad Rafique, Prof. Muhammad Igbal Mujaddadi, Prof. Jamil Khan, Prof. Shabbir Khokhar, Ch. Mushtag and actor Haseeb Khan shared their memories. Our own Khurshid Bhai and talented young Alumnus of Department, Shabanna Fayyaz entertained the guests with their songs. Ghazi Abdullah sb remembered those who died in the last two three years and recited fatiha for them. In the end, Prof. Mahboob thanked the guests who had honoured the Department with their presence. He also presented shields and bouquets to the senior members. The evening ended with a sumptuous lunch and happy memories of an unforgettable day.



Webinar of Iftikhar Haider Malik



On 4th November, Prof Iftikhar Haider Malik, Professor of History, Bath Spa University, UK gave a wonderful talk on *Pashtun identity and geopolitics in Asia: Pakistan and Afghanistan before and after 9/11?* Speaker emphasized that orientalist construction has played a major role in creating and popularizing certain stereotypes about the Pakhtuns and it was necessary to do away with this colonial baggage in order to understand the Pakhtun culture and issues of identity. The webinar ended with a questionanswer session. The faculty members, PhD scholars and large number of students participated and enjoyed the talk.

BS STUDENT ABDUR REHMAN GETS SECOND POSITION IN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP



BS 5th Semester student Abdul Rehman got second position in all Pakistan Inter-Universities Boxing Championship 2021. He was First in the

same championship in 2020. The Department is proud of him and congratulates him on his success.

TALK OF PROF. FAKHR-UL-HAQ NOORI ON IQBAL DAY



Allama Muhammad Iqbal is not only the national poet of Pakistan but also his message and philosophy is a beacon of light for the new generation. The Department, therefore, arranged a special programme on his birthday on 4th November. The former Principal Oriental College and a reverent scholar, Prof. Dr. Fakhr-ul-Hag Noori was the guest speaker who shed light on the different aspects of Allama Igbal life and thought. He also recited a popular poem of Allama Iqbal while PhD scholar Yasir Khan and BS student Zara Asghar sang the Kalam-i-Igbal in Urdu and Persian. Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah coordinated the session. Prof. Mahboob Hussain in his presidential speech emphasised the message of Allama Igbal for the new generation and thanked the guest speaker and other participants. The Department arranged an Exhibition of the Books of Allama Iqbal in the Seminar Library.

Special Lecture of Dr. Hasan Beg on Zaheer-ud-Din Babur

A special lecture on "Zahiruddin Babur: life and academic activities" was arranged by the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore on 16th



November 2021. Its Guest Speaker was Dr. Hasan Beg - a renowned scholar of Mughal India and a specialist on Zahiruddin Babur, A large number of audience including teachers, staff, Ph.D. and M.Phil scholars attended the Seminar. The Guest Speaker discussed the life and major contributions of Zahiruddin Babur through multimedia. He described how the king used different military tactics like Turkish Kaman and Arab horses to conquer the Indian territory. He also discussed the King's academic contributions along with his Babur Nama or Waga-i-Babri. He praised the King because of his love for nature. In fact, Zahiruddin Babur constructed twelve gardens in various parts of India. The Kalar Kahar resort is glaring example of the King's aesthetic nature. The speaker pointed out that the King lived a short life of 49 years but his contributions are unmatchable. After the lecture, many participants asked questions. At the end, Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of History and Pakistan Studies thanked the speaker and the audience, The activity was moderated by Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar. The Guest Speaker also presented his books to the Department.

ORIENTATION OF NEW PHD AND M.PHIL. CLASSES



An orientation session was arranged for newly admitted PhD Scholars and M.Phil Students on

22nd November. Beside introduction to the Department, faculty, scholars and students, it was emphasised that universities are known for and recognised for their research work and the doctoral studies play the most significant part in creating a culture of research and academic excellence.

Visit of the Ambassador of Azerbaijan



Visit of His Excellency Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan visited the Department on 24th November. He delivered a lecture on "Azerbaijan and Pakistan Relations: A Historical Perspective".

GET-TOGETHER OF PAKISTANI AND CHINESE PHD SCHOLARS AT PC

On 5th November, PhD Class Session 2020 arranged a High Tea at Pearl Continental Hotel Lahore. Both Pakistani and Chinese PhD scholars along with Faculty Members attended it and enjoyed the evening.

BS STUDENT SAIFULLAH WINS ASIA GHEE MILLS FOOTBALL CUP

All Pakistan Asia Ghee Mills Challenge Cup Football Tournament was won by Punjab University. The captain of the PU team is Saif Ullah, our BS History Student who played a key role in all the matches of the Tournament. The Department feels proud of him and congratulates him on his achievement.



The Book of His Excellency "Shavkat Mirziyoyev: A Visionary Statesman" launched

The Book of "His Excellency Shavkat Mirziyoyev: A Visionary Statesman" was launched on 30th November in the Undergraduate Block. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah, faculty member of the Department addressed book launching ceremony. Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, CGSS, Islamabad visited the Department and a Book of research articles compiled by CGSS was presented to Dr. Mahboob Hussain. The books will be kept in the Library of the Department for the study of PhD, graduate and post-graduate students.



PU 130[™] CONVOCATION

On December 19, Annual Convocation of the University was held in the Faisal Auditorium. Ms. Amina Anwar got gold medal in M.Phil. history while Nayyar Abbas received Gold Medal in M.A. History. The Department congratulates both of them.



VISIT OF SHAHZAD NAWAZ, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PM

On 20th December 2021, Mr. Shahzad Nawaz, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Culture, Arts and related Communications &



Management, with members of CGSS visited University of the Punjab, Lahore and met with Prof. Mahboob Hussain, and senior teachers of the department. Prof. Mahboob briefed the participants about the department and stated that the Department of History and Pakistan Studies is one of the oldest departments of the University. It has earned recognition owing to its high standard and expertise in a wide range of historical disciplines. It enjoys the status of being a premier institution with the most experienced faculty. Shahzad Nawaz appreciated the efforts of the Department and stated that it is a pleasure to witness that the academicians of the country are making enormous contributions. Prospects of future collaboration, particularly related to a conference, were also discussed. Prof. Mahboob thanked the guests for their interest in the activities of the Department.

FIRST DAY OF NEWLY Admitted BS History Students

On 20th December, the class of newly admitted BS History students was started. An informal orientation was arranged for them in the Seminar Room. The students and teachers introduced themselves while Prof. Mahboob Hussain apprised them of the history of the Department and the University. Prof. Faraz Anjum informed them about the detailed of BS History programme. All the teachers welcomed them and conveyed good wishes for their future.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BABUR LEGACY CENTRE



On December 18, PU Syndicate approved the establishment of "Babur Legacy Centre" at the Department which will work to strengthen bilateral relations between Pakistan and Uzbekistan and other Central Asian States as per the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan. The establishment of the centre, named after the first Mughal Emperor Zaheer uddin Babur, will boost various academic activities including exchange of teachers and students, sharing of manuscripts, seminars, workshop, etc. The Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab appointed Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar as the Director, Babur Legacy Centre. The Chairman and the faculty congratulated her on her appointment.

PHDS AWARDED

- Saeed Ahmed Butt, Contextualizing Marginality of Christian Community in Lahore from 1947 to 2015, 2 July
- Farzanda Aslam, Re-Contexualizing the Role of Mian Muhammad Mumtaz Daultana in Politics, 1947-1955, 2 July
- Beenish Khan, *Pakistan-Saudi Relations:* Historical Perspective, 9/11 to 2018, 6th August
- Muhammad Yusuf, Humanitarian Services of Abdul Sattar Edhi and its Implications for Pakistan, 6th August
- Mr Toheed Ahmad, Refocussing on Leftist Politics in Colonial Punjab: A Case Study of Kirti Kisan Party, 11th October

PHD SEMINARS

Keeping up with the tradition and the requirements of their doctoral programme, the Department arranged PhD seminars of the following students who presented their work before the faculty and PhD and M.Phil students in order to seek feedback and wide opinion before final submission of their dissertations:

- Fouzia Rasheed, A History of Representative Institutions in Pakistan: A Case Study of Senate (1973-77), 9th July
- Moazzam Wasti, British Transfer of Power: Recontextualizing Lord Linlithgow's Viceroyality, 1936-1943, 9th July
- Muhammad Imran, The Evolving Expression of Self-Awareness in Pakistani Paintings, 1st October
- Rahat Ara, British East India Company, its Economic Activities and Impact in India, 1700-1799, 1st October
- Muhammad Sohail Yousaf, Politics of Incoherence: Factionalism in the Punjab Muslim League, 1907-1954, 1st October
- Shahbaz Ahmad, The Constitutional and Political Developments in Pakistan, 2008-2018, A Critical Appraisal, 5th November
- Tahir Khan, Refugee Rehabilitation and Settlement, 1947-1971, Issues and Policies, 5th November

PHD SCHOLARS Awarded Fellowships

Three PhD scholars of the Department, Taqi Karamat, Jalal Bohier & Muhammad Waheed have been granted fellowships by PHEC, Lahore and HEC, Islamabad to conduct research work for 6 months in foreign universities related to their PhD dissertation. Taqi Karamat will be going to University of Florida, Jalal Bohier & Muhammad Waheed will be working University of Sheffield. The Department congratulates them for their achievements.

NEW LECTURERS SELECTED

This year, Punjab Public Service Commission announced the posts of lecturers, both male and female in which Department's students performed quite well. Amongst the females, Sana Zaheer, Amina Anwar, Noreen Fatima have been selected as lecturers while in the male category, Mubashar Saleem, Akhtar Ali, Dr. Amir Ali, and Usman Mansha have been selected as lecturers. The Department congratulates them and wishes that they will positively contribute in the academic field.













REMEMBERING OUR PIONEERS: PROFESSOR YAR MUHAMMAD KHAN

Professor Dr Yar Muhammad Khan, Ex-Chairman, the Department of History and Dean, Faculty of Arts University of the Punjab Lahore was one of the eminent scholars and historians of Pakistan. He remained Chairman of the Department from 1969 to 1973 and then from 1979 till the date of his retirement on 1st February 1990. He, thus, spent the longest period as Chairman of the Department.

Prof. Yar Muhammad Khan was born on February 1, 1929 in Jalandhar. After migration, his family lived in Sialkot. He got his Master's degree in the subject of History from University of the Punjab in 1953. Then he proceeded abroad for higher education and took Master's degree from University of London in 1956 and did Doctorate from the same university in 1958. He then joined Sindh University for a short period of



time and then moved to History Department, University of the Punjab. He had been attached to the teaching profession since 1953 till his death. He also taught for one year in Western Illinois University, Macomb, USA and Oregon State University, Corvallis, USA. After his retirement, he went to Mecca for performing Hajj and died there due to cardiac arrest on 20th May 1992.

His publications include three books and thirty research articles published in journals of international repute including six articles contributed to *Encyclopedia of Islam*, Lahore. A list of his books is as under:

The Deccan Policy of the Mughals (Lahore: United Book Corporation Urdu Bazar, 1971)

Iranian Influence on Mughal India (Lahore: Author, 1978)

Studies in the History of Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent (Lahore: Research Society of Pakistan, University of the Punjab, 1991)