

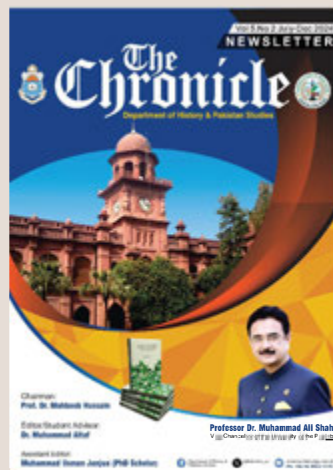
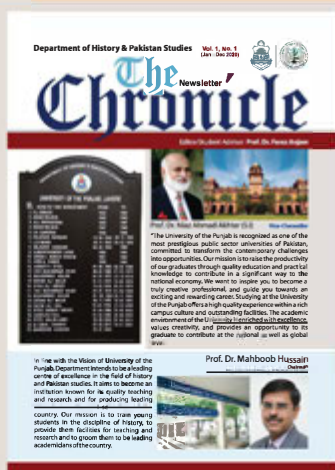
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**Vice-Chancellor**



"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 مشاعرہ" 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 gave 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.*

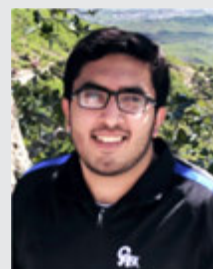
**Mr. Sheikh Shaukat Ali**, *Focusing on the History of Pakistan Police.*

**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.







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## Department's Team

- Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain (Chairman)
- Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar (Incharge Chinese Program)
- Prof. Dr. Tahir Mahmood (Editor Research Journal)
- Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum (Editor Newsletter / Student Advisor)
- Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran (Incharge Examination)
- Ghazi M. Abdullah (Co-ordinator MA Pakistan Studies)
- Dr. Maqbool Ahmad Awan (Co-ordinator M.Phil Program)



## CONDOLENCE REFERENCE FOR PROF. AHMED SAEED



Prof. Ahmed Saeed was a veteran historian of Pakistan and an alumnus of the Department who compiled more than 40 books on different aspects of Pakistan's history, particularly focussing on the pioneers of freedom movement. He died suddenly on January 13, 2021 which was a great loss for the historians' fraternity. The Department arranged a condolence reference on January 26 in which the family members, friends and students of Prof. Ahmed Saeed participated. Prof. Faraz Anjum conducted the proceedings while Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas, former Chairman of the Department chaired the session. Prof. Aurangzeb Alamgir, former Additional Registrar and Professor of Urdu, PU; Prof. Khalid Humayun, former Professor of Punjabi Department PU; Dr. Rizwan Ullah Kokab, Chairman Department of History, GCU Faisalabad; Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah of History Department PU; Dr. Irfan Waheed Usmani, from Government College University Lahore; Amir Raza Khan of City 42 News Channel and Dr. Raza Taimoor, Associate Professor of History, Government Science College Lahore spoke on the occasion and lauded the academic services of Prof. Ahmed Saeed.

They pointed out that it was due to his indomitable will and incessant hard work that despite unfavourable circumstances and limited resources, Prof. Ahmed Saeed was able to produce huge amount of historical work. From amongst his family, his daughter Dr. Shazia Seed, cousins Wajid sb and Tariq Ameer and

grandson Abdul Momin spoke on the occasion and recollected the memories of Prof Ahmed Saeed. Prof. Mahboob Hussain also spoke on the occasion and gave the assurance that the Department would do everything in its capacity to complete the mission of Prof. Ahmed Saeed and his unfinished projects would be undertaken with full zeal and zest.

At the time of his death, Prof. Ahmed Saeed was working on his book on Lahore which was in the final stages of completion. Prof. sb had spent about ten years in collecting its material and it had rare information on the social and cultural history of the city. Prof. Mahboob Hussain undertook to publish it from the Department to which the family of Prof. sb agreed. On June 30th, an agreement was signed between Dr. Shazia Saeed and Prof. Mahboob Hussain for publishing the book *لاہور ایک شہر بے مثال*. Insha Allah in coming months, the Department will publish the book in two volumes.

### PROFILE OF PROF. AHMED SAEED:

He was born on November 21, 1942 in East Punjab and did his BA in 1962 from Government College Lahore and MA History and Political Science from University of the Punjab. He opted for teaching profession and served as Chairman, Department of History, M.A.O. College Lahore (1967-1988) and Islamia College, Lahore (1989-1993). He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Pride of Performance on 23rd March 2016 for his research work about Quaid-e-Azam and Pakistan Movement. He also remained associated with Maulana Zafar Ali Khan Trust and undertook a huge project of editing Zamindar's editorials. Till his death six volumes covering the period of 1923-24 have been published. His other important publications include *Musulmanan-e Punjab ki Samaji aur Falahi Anjumanein; Islamia College, Lahore, 2 Vols.; Muslim India 1857-1947: A Biographical Dictionary; Reflections on Pakistan – Economic Aspect; Hayat-e-Quaid-i-Azam: Chand Naye Pehlu; Roznama Zamindar aur Tehrik-e-Azadi; Touzeehi Isharia; Bazm-e-Ashraf kai Chiragh; Quaid-i-Azam Muslim Press ki Nazar Main; The Eastern Times on Quaid-i-Azam; Guftar-i-Zafar Ali Khan; Trek to Pakistan.*

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZAHEER-UD-DIN MUHAMMAD BABUR



Zaheer-ud-Din Muhammad Babur, the founder of Mughal dynasty in South Asia, was an iconic figure who occupies a unique place in today's world as he is venerated not only in Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent but also in Central Asia and thus can be a bridge between these two geographical regions. To commemorate Zaheer-ud-Din Babur Day, the Department in collaboration with Punjab University Regional Integration Centre (RIC), the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Pakistan & Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, arranged a conference titled "Legacy of Zaheer-ud-Din Mohammad Babur and Its Relevance in Contemporary Bilateral Relations between Pakistan and Uzbekistan". It was organized on Thursday February 11, 2021 at Al Raazi Hall.

In the Conference, Uzbekistan's Ambassador to Pakistan Mr Oybek Arif Usmanov, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Saleem Mazhar, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Amra Raza, Centre for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS) member board of experts Dr Mahmood ul Hasan, Executive Director Col (r) Khalid Taimur, Chairman PU Department of History and Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, PU Institute of Communication Studies Director Prof Dr Noshina Saleem, PU College of Art and Design Principal Prof Dr Sumera Jawad, PU Regional Integration Centre Director Dr Fauzia Hadi Ali, University of Peshawar's Area Study Centre Director Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmad Khan, PU's Dr Faraz Anjum, Dr Rukhsana Iftikhar, other faculty members and a large number of students participated in the conference. Addressing the conference, Uzbek Ambassador Mr Usmanov said that he was immensely impressed by the artwork of PU students in which they had truly reflected the culture of Uzbekistan in a creative manner. He said that the life of Zaheer uddin Babur could be a guideline to promote bilateral relations between the two countries and there were many cultural similarities. He said that Lahore was very dear to every Uzbek citizen.

He said that Uzbekistan wanted to promote socio-economic relations with Pakistan. He said that the establishment of a rail track from Tashkent to Peshawar would play an important role in the promotion of trade and people to people contact. He lauded PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad for





establishment of RIC and promotion of the legacy of Zaheer uddin Babur in such a remarkable way. In his statement, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad said that PU would extend full cooperation to promote mutual relations with Uzbekistan's universities. He said that PU would play its role for strengthening regional cooperation among friendly countries and RIC had been established keeping in view this purpose.

Prof Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar in his remarks stated that PU would organize exchange programs for students and faculty. He said that promotion of bilateral relations between the two countries was a need of the hour and PU would play a lead role in this regard. In his address, Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain said that Zaheer-ud-din Babur was the first king who wrote an autobiography. He said that Babur invented Khat-e-Babri and he was also an excellent Sufi poet. He said that the life of Zaheer-ud-din Babur was a good source to promote strategic relations with Uzbekistan. He stated that a framework would be devised for academic exchange between PU and Universities in Uzbekistan to find out the relevance in the shared history for the study of the contemporary world. Dr. Mehmood ul Hassan Khan stated that Babur was the most captivating personality in the oriental history. He said that Babur created one of the most powerful empires in the history of the East and was the first one to establish a connection with the soil of Pakistan. Dr. Faraz Anjum highlighted the legacy which Babur bequeathed to his descendants and which served as an example for them to follow. He stated that Babur's personality became an example for the later rulers to follow. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar stated that Babur's life was documented more than any other figure before colonial rule in the subcontinent. Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmad Khan stated that Babur was a man of extraordinary qualities. He was a leader, a soldier, an architect and an administrator. He said that Zaheer-ud-Din Babur was a lover of nature and he was the best in generating loyalty and devotion amongst his followers. RIC Director Dr Fauzia Hadi Ali said that the centre would organize activities to enhance regional cooperation. The conference highlighted the socio-cultural and historic legacy and common heritage of the two countries and avenues of cooperation and collaboration between Uzbekistan and Pakistan. A Documentary was also screened at the occasion on "Uzbekistan-Pakistan: Shared Cultural & Islamic History" which was produced by the students of the PU Institute of Communication Studies. The Uzbek ambassador and others visited the art exhibition organized by PU College of Art and Design. Shields and certificates were distributed among faculty members and students for their outstanding performance.

Earlier on, Uzbek Ambassador to Pakistan Oybek Arif Usmanov called on PU Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed at his office to discuss enhancement of mutual cooperation among the universities of both the countries. A MoU was also signed between Punjab University and Uzbekistan's Tashkent State University for exchange of teachers, students and launching of joint research projects. On the occasion, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmed announced to give scholarships to Uzbek students and invited them to study in Punjab University.

## MUHAMMAD YUSUF RETIRES

Muhammad Yousuf joined the Department in 1986 as Naib Qasid at the age of 25 years. For about 35 years, he served the Department with



dedication and honesty. Humble and polite to the core, he was ready to help everybody, whether teachers, staff or students. Therefore, when the day of his retirement came closer, everyone was eager to give him a befitting farewell. On 23rd February, first he was presented with gifts in the Department and then both faculty and staff moved to University Club where a sumptuous lunch was arranged for him. He was bidden adieu with lots of prayers and wishes for his future life and good health.

## ANNUAL SPORTS GALA

After a drudgery atmosphere of Covid-19 and dry days of studies and exams, the first week of March was a week of jubilation and 'halla gulla' in the Department. On 3rd March, Sports Gala started in the Department. Prof. Faraz Anjum, as student advisor, coordinated all the activities. The Department was decorated with balloons, ribbons and colourful papers. In the morning of



3rd March, 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. The students enthusiastically participated in indoor and outdoor sports.

On 4th March, tugs of war (rassa kashi) were fought between the students of History and Pakistan Studies in the ground of the Department with a lot of charged emotions. First the boys tested their physical strength and then the turn of girls came. The teachers supervised the 'war' as the atmosphere was charged with emotions. Incidentally, both the contests were won by the students of Pakistan Studies. Then the venue of battle shifted 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 5th March, it seemed rainbow colours had been let loose in the Department as it was the Cultural Day. Students as well as teachers dressed themselves up in bright traditional attires. The students in the Department come from every region and ethnic group of Pakistan and therefore, it was cultural representation of the country in every sense of the word. Students presented regional music and dance. Outside,





the students installed stalls which exhibited the tasteful dishes and cultural symbols of diverse regions. Teachers fully participated in the event.

## STUDY TOUR TO ROHTAS FORT



On 7th March, the Department arranged a study tour of the students to the historical Rohtas Fort which is a 16th-century fortress located near the city of Jehlum. The two University buses were jam-packed with the students and staff members. Prof. Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Tahir Mehmood and Prof. Faraz Anjum accompanied the tour. The journey started from Lahore at about 9.00 am in the morning and after covering a distance of about 200 kms reached Rohtas Fort at about 2.00 pm. It was decided to take lunch first and then to go for excursion. Professor Faraz Anjum briefed the students about the historical importance of the Fort. The fort is one of the largest and most formidable in the subcontinent.

It was never stormed by force, and has survived remarkably intact. The fortress was built by Raja Todar Mal on the orders of Sher Shah Suri, partly to suppress the local Gakhar tribes of then Potohar region. The fort has 12 gateways and the Sohail gate features some of the best masonry work of the Sur Empire, and was likely the ceremonial main entrance to the fort. It derives its name from a local saint named Sohail Bukhari and the Kabuli gate derives its name from the fact that it opens towards the northwest in the general direction of Kabul. The students took keen interest in the history and archaeological remains of the Fort. The return

journey started at about 5.00 pm and buses reached the department at about 10.30 p.m. During the journey the students entertained themselves with music and dancing. It was both a joyful and informative tour.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “AZERBAIJAN'S RECONSTRUCTION TO RECONNECT: A WAY FORWARD”



On 8th March 2021, an Online International Conference was organized on “Azerbaijan's Reconstruction to Reconnect: A Way Forward”. This conference was jointly organized by Regional Integration Center, University of the Punjab, Lahore, ADA University, Azerbaijan, and Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad. The conference aimed to discuss the possible ways and means to facilitate the process of reconstruction and mega infrastructural development in the liberated areas of Azerbaijan.

Mr. Fariz Ismailzade, Executive Vice-Rector, ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan highlighted that during his visit to Pakistan, he firsthand witnessed the strategic importance of Pakistan and its potential in the region. Pakistan and Azerbaijan have cooperation's in multiple fields like education, diplomacy, and think tank

cooperation as well. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore briefly shared the history behind the Armenia and Azerbaijan conflict. Armenia breached the ceasefire contract and attacked civilians and Azerbaijan Armed forces breaking several humanitarian accords.

Dr. Mehmood-UI-Hassan Khan, Regional Geo-Political Analyst & Member Board of Experts, CGSS highlighted the atrocities committed by Armenia. Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, Chairperson of Political Science Department, University of Punjab, Lahore highlighted that regional connectivity is gaining more and more importance. Dr. Adam Saud, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Bahria University, Islamabad highlighted that Armenia's destruction and aggression have destroyed the cultural heritage and history of Azerbaijan. Prof. Azer Babayev, ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan that this occupation by Armenia is one of the longest occupations. Dr. Mariam Kamal, Assistant Professor, South Asian Studies Center, University of Punjab, Lahore discussed the security dilemmas involved in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of liberated areas..The conference was moderated by Ms. Palwasha Nawaz, Project Executive, CGSS, and was attended by experts and analysts from Azerbaijan and Pakistan. The conference was also viewed live by 300 viewers on social media platforms.

## BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING

A meeting of Board of Studies was held on March 16, 2021. It was chaired by Prof. Mahboob Hussain while Prof. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Tahir Mehmood, Prof. Naumana Kiran, Dr. Maqbool Ahmed Awan from History Department, Rana Shahid Waseem, Principal, Govt. College Model Town Lahore; Dr. Akhtar Hussain Sandhu, Vice-Principal and Hanif Abbasi, Head of the History Department, from Islamia College Civil Lines Lahore; Shahbaz Ahmed from Govt. College



Gujranwala, Waseem Mehmood from Govt. Postgraduate College Samanabad, Faisalabad, Waqar Sultan from Govt. Shalimar College Lahore attended the meeting.

The meeting discussed different issues concerning the curricula, syllabi and exams of BA, BS and MA. The most important item was the start of BS Pakistan Studies. The outline and courses of reading were presented which were discussed in detail. Members gave different suggestions. Ultimately the programme and courses were approved unanimously. At the end, Prof. Mahboob Hussain thanked the members for their guidance and constructive suggestions.

## NATIONAL WEBINAR ON “LAHORE RESOLUTION AND ITS REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES” ON PAKISTAN DAY

The Department organized an online seminar on “Lahore Resolution and its Regional Perspective” on 25th March in connection with the celebration of Pakistan Day. The aim of the webinar was to discuss the significance of the Lahore Resolution and to highlight its different aspects to the young generation. The following renowned subject experts participated as Guest Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Fakhar ul Islam, Director, Pakistan Study Centre, University of Peshawar

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafique, Chairman, Department of History, BZU, Multan

Prof. Dr. Samina Awan, Chairperson, Department of History, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Kaleem Ullah Barech, Chairman, Department of History,





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Department of History  
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**Host**  
**Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain**  
Chairman, Department of History &  
Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab

University of Balochistan, Dr. Moiz Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Karachi

Prof. Mahboob Hussain coordinated the seminar which was chaired by Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed. It was attended by scholars and MPhil/PhD scholars from various universities of Pakistan. Addressing the Seminar, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmed urged the academia to guide the nation and the government for the development of the country so that the objectives of establishment of Pakistan could be achieved. He said that it was the duty of the historians to guide young generation in historical perspective so that they could contribute towards prosperity of Pakistan keeping in view our glorious past. He said that Pakistan was full of human and natural resources and it had the potential to become a great country of the world. Dr Fakhar Islam, Director Pakistan Study Centre University of Peshawar, highlighted the active role of the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the establishment of Pakistan. He said that Sardar Aurangzeb participated in Lahore Resolution with 800-member delegation and the people of the province were ready to give any sacrifice for the sake of Pakistan. Dr Muhammad Shafique, Chairman Department of History BZU Multan,

said that the Muslims of the Sub-continent lacked unity and direction at that time and the Lahore Resolution resolved this problem. Dr Samina Awan, Chairperson Department of History AIOU, said that the objective of commemorating Pakistan Day was to explain its message to the young generations. Dr Moiz Khan, Department of History, Karachi University, highlighted the role of the people of Sindh in the establishment of separate homeland for the Muslims of the sub-continent. Dr Kaleemullah, Chairman Department of History, University of Balochistan, said that Qazi Muhammad Esa of Balochistan endorsed Lahore Resolution which activated Muslim League in Balochistan. He said that unfortunately we were not pursuing various goals set which we must have followed after the establishment of Pakistan.

The Seminar unanimously passed the resolution that "This Seminar considers it essential for people of Pakistan that as per will presented through the Resolution of 23rd March 1940 and expressed through first Constitution of Pakistan in 1956, an environment for the development of a collective and consensual Pakistani will to live in harmony according to the dreams and aspirations of our founding fathers, be enhanced in public spirit. It resolves that democrat Muslim narrative presented through the Resolution of 23 March 1940 be promoted and made part of education curriculum. The Seminar recommends that principles of equality, freedom of speech, decision making based on consensus amongst the various communities of the nation through dialogue, devolution of power to the people through best democratic practices, freedom of practicing religion must be implemented in letter and spirit according to the actual demands of our leaders who led the freedom movement and carved an independent land for us by pursuing these principles." In the end, Chairman Department of History and Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mehboob Hussain thanked the participants.

## WEBINAR ON NEW PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL BUREAUCRACY IN PAKISTAN



Department of Political Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a webinar on New Public Management and the Role of Civil Bureaucracy in Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore discussed the role of bureaucracy through the historical perspective of Pakistan. He discussed that bureaucracy in Pakistan has been politicized over the past few decades. He added that strong bureaucracy in Pakistan is a significant obstacle in the way of the stable parliamentary government in Pakistan. He mentioned that we need to create balance between the different state institutions including civil bureaucracy, military bureaucracy, judiciary and parliament. He further said that devolution of power at the district level and the redefining the power structure at the secretariate level is very essential. Similarly, Political leadership and civil bureaucracy needs to develop a transparent and effective partnership for promoting public interest and ensuring human governance. He added that civil service is the profession where the civil servants are expected to work for the welfare of the society, for the welfare of the citizens, bureaucracy should not have only

managerial professionalism it should have ethical dimension as well. Welfare of the citizens is the very important part of the bureaucratic setup. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Dr. Aamir Saeed, Assistant Professor, Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore. At the end of the session, Prof. Dr. Syed Mussawar Hussain, Chairman Political Science department, IUB also talked in the webinar.

## INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON “EMERGING TRENDS IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES”



The Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Punjab, Lahore, comprising of 8 academic departments, including Department of History and Pakistan Studies, hosted its first International Virtual Conference entitled, “Emerging Trends in the Arts and Humanities”. The conference was spread over two days—15 & 16 June—comprised of 14 sessions and 89 research presentations. Nine eminent global scholars presented their keynote speeches from USA, Canada, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, UK and Turkey.

Patron in Chief PU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Akhtar greatly encouraged this interdisciplinary endeavour. In the Inaugural session the Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Saleem Mazhar highlighted the significance of the Arts and Humanities in restoring a possible imbalance, caused by excessive exposure to science and technology in this day and age. The Advisory Committee members, Dean faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences Prof Dr Umbreen Javaid, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities &



Conference Chair Prof Dr Amra Raza, Dr Anjum Sabri, Dr Mahboob Hussain, Dr Muhammad Saeed, Dr Sumera Jawad, Dr Muhammad Hameed, Dr Shamaila Dodhy, Mr. Shahid Mahmood Gul, Dr Zafar Iqbal Butt, Dr Saleha Nazeer and Imran Qureshi were present on the occasion.

In her welcome address, Dr Amra stated that progress in education and research is mostly evaluated in quantitative terms such as CGPAs, rankings, and research publications. This conference aims to highlight the qualitative contribution to human growth and progress achieved through the pursuit of disciplines such as Philosophy, Archaeology, History, English Studies, French, South Asian, and Pakistan Studies as well as Sports Education, and Fine Arts. She elaborated that these disciplines focus on Emotional Quotient (EQ) development, which is very significant in a world of war, instability, pandemics, conflict and strife. She said that the success of our children should not only be measurable in CGPAs or A grades, but in terms of the human values nurtured by our institutions. Unity must safeguard diversity, and tolerance must protect the minority. Thus, the Arts and Humanities could forge a mutual coexistence and a respect for the natural world.

In this interdisciplinary conference, Prof. Ian Talbot, Head of History, University of Southampton and Prof. Matthew McCartney, Director of South Asian Programme, University of Oxford were the two keynote speakers of history discipline. Prof. Talbot's talk focused on "The History of British Diplomacy in Pakistan: Themes and Insights" while Prof. McCartney discussed "CPEC and Pakistan: The Creation of a New Asian Miracle Economy." Prof. Mahboob Hussain chaired a session on "Institutions, Education and Decolonization" in which Prof. Naumana Kiran presented her paper entitled, "Composition and Working of the Federal Cabinet during Zia ul Haq, 1977-1988."

## UPLIFTING OF DEPARTMENT'S LIBRARY

Libraries play the most vital role in education and learning. A student of the Punjab University is fortunate in the sense that s/he becomes entitled to huge library resources, at least member of two libraries, Punjab University Library (often referred to as the Main Library) and the Department's Library. The Library of the History Department has in recent months seen some new positive developments. Its collection of



books and journals has reached a staggering number of 22000 Which include many rare as well as latest books. About 800 books have been added in this academic session only. On June 15, family of a dear alumnus Hasan Riaz (Session 2003-2005, MA Pakistan Studies) donated his collection of books, comprising of about 500 volumes. Hasan had the passion for reading books and he used to purchase rare and important books on history and literature. But unfortunately he had a short life and he died two months ago due to cardiac arrest. His family and friends, considering it to be *sadiqa-e-jariya*, donated his books to the Department's library. Prof. Mahboob Hussain and other teachers on that occasion thanked Hasan's family, particularly his brother, and his friend and class fellow Ali Raza for this donation of books. This however is not the only occasion when books have been donated to our library. On May 31, Director Regional Integration Centre PU, Dr Fozia Hadi along with Ms Laraib Hassan from CGSS Islamabad visited History Department and presented books for the library.

The Library has also got its new Catalogue Cabinets, new wooden almirahs and two Chillers. Insha Alla in a couple of years the library will be fully digitized. We congratulate the librarian Ms. Faiqa Bhatti and her staff for the good work.

## SPECIALIZED COURSE, "CONTEMPORARY DYNAMICS OF PAKISTAN" JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY THE RIC, PU LAHORE & CGSS, ISLAMABAD

On 31st May 2021, the First Session of the Specialized Course "Contemporary Dynamics of Pakistan" was held. The specialized course is jointly organized by the Regional Integration Center (RIC), University of the Punjab, Lahore and the Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad for the foreign diplomats and nationals.

The theme of the first session was "History of Pakistan" and the speaker for this session was Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab. During his presentation, Dr. Mahboob explained the ancient history of the region, Muslim Rule in India (Sultans and Mughals), Muslim Struggle of Independence, and Post-Independence status.

## TWO BS STUDENTS AWARDED LAPTOPS

Two special students of BS History Programme, Sharjeel Ahmed and Muhammad Umair, have been awarded laptops under HEC's Prime Minister Laptop Scheme.



## NEW LECTURERS PAKISTAN STUDIES SELECTED

Last year, Punjab Public Service Commission announced posts of lecturers Pakistan Studies. Our students performed very well both in male and female categories. Ahsan Raza Mehmood and Waseem Akram have been selected in the male category. The Department congratulates them on their success and prays that they will play their positive role in the academic uplift of the nation.



## NEW PHDS AWARDED

- Basharat Hussain, *Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Politics of Pragmatism: A study in opposition governance and party organization from 1979 to 2013*. (January 12)
- Yawar Haroon, *Resistance against Dictatorial Regime, 1977 to 1988*. (January 25)
- Amir Ali, *Recontextualizing the Sikh Quest for Khalistan*. (February 26)
- Farzanda Aslam, *Recontextualizing the Role of Mian Muhammad Mumtaz Daultana in Punjab Politics, 1947-1955*. (July 02)
- Saeed Ahmed, *Contextualizing Marginality of Christian Community in Lahore from 1947-2015*. (July 02)





## REMEMBERING THE PIONEERS OF THE DEPARTMENT SHEIKH ABDUR RASHID, CHAIRMAN (1961-1964)

He was born on November 6, 1898 in Pindi Bhattian and did his graduation from Islamia College Lahore. Then in 1924, he got his Masters in History and degree in Law from Aligarh Muslim University where he came under the influence of veteran historian Professor Muhammad Habib. Later he joined History Department, Aligarh University as a teacher and remained its Chairman from 1950 till his retirement in 1958. He shifted to Lahore in 1959 and joined the History Department, Punjab University. In 1961, he was appointed as Honorary Head of the Department which position, he continued to hold till his resignation in June 1965. Then he shifted to Karachi where for next six years, he taught in the Karachi University. When in 1971, veteran historian Dr. A.H. Dani was given the responsibility to establish Departments of History and Archaeology in University of Islamabad (now Quaid-i-Azam University), he asked Prof. Abdur Rasheed to teach there which he did for a couple of years. He also donated his personal collection of books to the Library of University of Islamabad.



Prof. Sheikh Abdur Rasheed can be considered as the real founder of the Department after the creation of Pakistan. Till his appointment, Department was working on adhoc basis with hardly any permanent teachers. Teaching was done in the Department by adjunct faculty either visiting teachers from nearly affiliated colleges or foreign British and American Professors who joined the Department for one year term. Through the efforts of Sheikh Abdur Rasheed, Dr. Yar Muhammad Khan, Syed Ali Abbas and Ikram Ali Malik joined the Department on permanent basis. Then he established Historical Research Institute and Research Society of Pakistan (with the assistance of his close relative and prominent historian Sheikh Muhammad Ikram) through which he trained a number of young historians, including M. Rafique Afzal, Ikram Ali Malik, Zawwar Husain Zaid, Sher Muhammad Grewal and Ahmed Saeed. He remained Director of Historical Research Institute from 1961 to 1965 while he remained Advisor of Research Society for eight years from 1964 to 1972.

Sheikh Abdur Rasheed was not just an exceptional teacher but also a researcher and a historian par excellence who edited a number of important Persian sources of Medieval India. He chaired a number of sessions of Indian History Congress and Pakistan History Conference and delivered thought provoking presidential addresses. He died on January 10, 1994 in Karachi at the age of 96 years. Prof. Irfan Habib wrote in the obituary note of his teacher in *Proceedings of Indian History Congress* that "his lectures on the Delhi Sultanate would be long remembered by all his students who had the privilege of hearing them. It remained a matter of regret that these were never given a written form and published. He endeavoured to support in Pakistan the tradition of a critical source-based history at which he was most at home." His notable publications include:

Sh. Abdur Rashid, *History of the Muslims of Indo-Pakistan Sub-Continent, 1707-1806*, Vol. I (Lahore: Research Society of Pakistan, University of the Punjab, 1978)

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

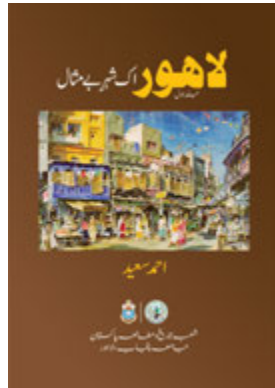
Punjab University has developed close cooperation with Centre for Global and Strategic Studies in various fields of mutual cooperation. On August 2, Executive Director, Colonel (retired) Khalid Taimur Akram presented a letter of appreciation to Prof. Mahboob Hussain for his cooperation and participation 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 alumnus of the 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> October, the Department celebrated the 204<sup>th</sup> 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 (گوشہ سرسید) 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. Ahmed Saeed's book لاہور اک شہر بے مثال 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 book 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 geo-economically 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 students of the historical importance of Lahore, a one day local trip was arranged on 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Iqbal 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 Iqbal. 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 Get-together 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 Quran. 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 Iqbal Mujaddadi, Prof. Jamil Khan, Prof. Shabbir Khokhar, Ch. Mushtaq 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 question-answer 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November. The former Principal Oriental College and a reverent scholar, Prof. Dr. Fakhr-ul-Haq Noori was the guest speaker who shed light on the different aspects of Allama Iqbal 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-Iqbal in Urdu and Persian. Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah coordinated the session. Prof. Mahboob Hussain in his presidential speech emphasised the message of Allama Iqbal 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 16<sup>th</sup>





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 Waqa-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 unmatched. 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 24<sup>th</sup> November. He delivered a lecture on "Azerbaijan and Pakistan Relations: A Historical Perspective".

## GET-TOGETHER OF PAKISTANI AND CHINESE PHD SCHOLARS AT PC

On 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



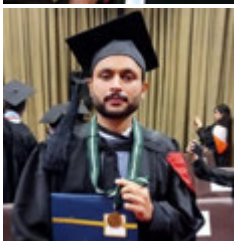
## THE BOOK OF HIS EXCELLENCY "SHAVKAT MIRZIYOYEV: A VISIONARY STATESMAN" LAUNCHED

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<sup>TH</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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-Contextualizing the Role of Mian Muhammad Mumtaz Daultana in Politics, 1947-1955*, 2 July
- Beenish Khan, *Pakistan-Saudi Relations: Historical Perspective, 9/11 to 2018*, 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Muhammad Yusuf, *Humanitarian Services of Abdul Sattar Edhi and its Implications for Pakistan*, 6<sup>th</sup> August
- Mr Toheed Ahmad, *Refocussing on Leftist Politics in Colonial Punjab: A Case Study of Kirti Kisan Party*, 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

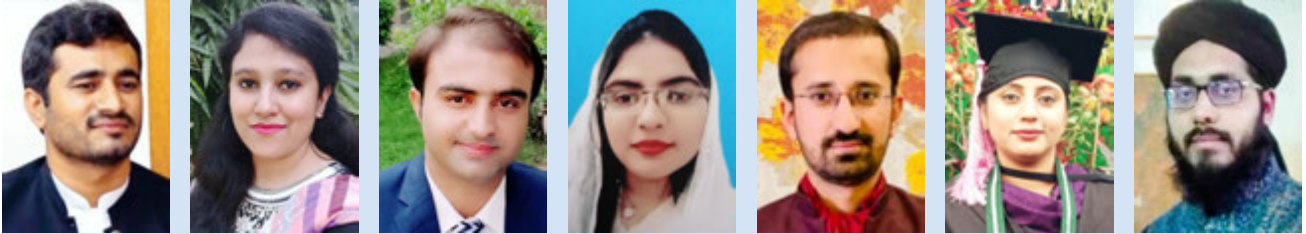
- Fouzia Rasheed, *A History of Representative Institutions in Pakistan: A Case Study of Senate (1973-77)*, 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Moazzam Wasti, *British Transfer of Power: Recontextualizing Lord Linlithgow's Viceroyalty, 1936-1943*, 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Muhammad Imran, *The Evolving Expression of Self-Awareness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





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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 McCartney 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 Raghieb Hussain, Principal Jamia Naeemia 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 Raghieb Naeemi 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. WAEEL 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.

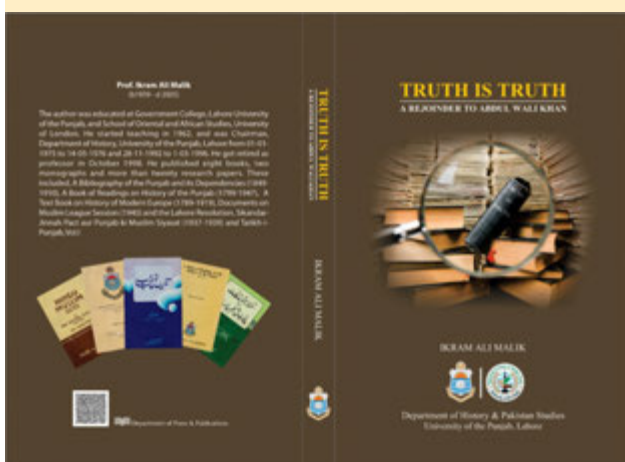
## STUDY TOUR TO KHANASPUR

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. Ikram 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.

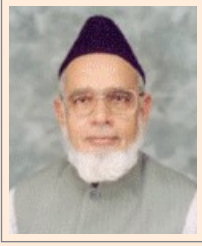
## PHD SEMINARS

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)
- وفیات ۱۰ مشاہیر پاکستان (اسلام آباد: مقتدرہ قومی زبان، ۱۹۹۰ء)
- خفتگان کراچی (لاہور: ادارہ تحقیقات پاکستان، دانشگاه پنجاب، ۱۹۹۱ء)
- "سلاطین دہلی و شاہان مغلیہ کا ذوق موسیقی،" مشمولہ جرنل آف پنجاب یونیورسٹی پبلیک سوسائٹی (۱۹۹۲ء)؛
- اشاعت نو (لاہور: ادارہ ثقافت اسلامیہ، ۲۰۲۱ء)
- خفتگان خاک لاہور (لاہور: ادارہ تحقیقات پاکستان، دانشگاه پنجاب، ۱۹۹۳ء)
- تحریک پاکستان (لاہور: ریاض برادرز، ۱۹۹۳ء)
- ملفوظاتی ادب کی تاریخی اہمیت (لاہور: ادارہ تحقیقات پاکستان، دانشگاه 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 عبید اللہ سندھی کے سیاسی مکتوبات (لاہور: ندوۃ المصنفین، س ن)



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## Message of the Vice-Chancellor

**Prof. Dr. Syed Asghar Zaidi (TI)**  
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The University of the Punjab is known as one of the most esteemed public sector universities of Pakistan which has the vision of transforming the contemporary challenges into opportunities. Our goal is to increase the efficiency of our graduates through quality education and practical knowledge so that they can make a major contribution in the field of knowledge. Studying at the University of the Punjab offers a high quality education and healthy learning environment. It has a rich culture and outstanding facilities. Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal's following verses perfectly not only capture the current state of affairs in our educational institutions but also provide a glimpse of what our great poet expected from our teachers.

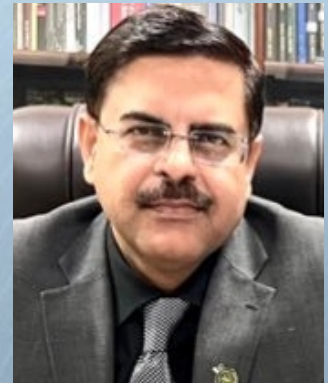
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## Message of the Chairman

**Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain**  
Department of History and Pakistan Studies

Keeping in view the vision of University of the Punjab, Department of History and Pakistan Studies has aimed to be the center of excellence in the field of History. It strives to become an institution distinguished for its excellence in both teaching and research. It also seeks to produce outstanding historians and social scientists that will greatly benefit the nation. In this regard, in the outgoing year 2022, the Department has the privilege of hosting a three-day international conference, various roundtable discussions and lecture series on important issues as well as one-day National History workshop to promote the study of history. Thus, it is reaching to the heights of glory and becoming a beacon of light.



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## **Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain Assumed the Charge as Director Research Society of Pakistan vide order no. D/2064/Est.I Dated 28 July 2022**

### **Orientation of Newly Enrolled PhD and MPhil Classes**



### **Punjab Tourism for Economic Growth Project Internship Program 2022**

This project was a collaborative initiative of Punjab Tourism Department and the World Bank. The objective of the project was to prepare historically accurate tourist-oriented pamphlets on various historic monuments of Lahore along with documentaries for digital space. Fifteen students of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies were elected for the paid internship program. They completed their assignments on time and the quality of their work was appreciated by the donor bodies.

### **Interactive Session with Professor Mathew McCartney, Senior Research Fellow, Charter Cities Institute, Washington, D.C.**

On 4th of July, the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, Lahore, organized an informal talk with Professor Dr. Mathew McCartney, Senior Research Fellow, Charter Cities Institute, Washington, D.C. (Former Director of the South Asia Programme University of Oxford). Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, of the Department moderated the session. Prof McCartney talked about his academic interests and recent on-going project on CPEC. He stated that CPEC will likely improve Pakistan's economic and infrastructural issues. It would bring prosperity and sustainable peace in the region. In the end, Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain thanked Dr. McCartney for sparing time for the students of the department and hoped to have a long academic partnership with him in future.







## International Delegates Visited Department of History and Pakistan Studies

The department of History & Pak Studies collaborated with Regional Integration Centre, University of the Punjab, and Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Pakistan to organise a three-day International Conference on "Significance of the Belt & Road Initiative in Regional Connectivity" from 6th to 8th of July 2022. On the second day of the conference, a large number of foreign delegates from different countries visited the department and have an interactive session with the faculty and students



### **Farewell Dinner to Graduating Students of Department of History and Pakistan Studies.**

On 3rd of September 2022, the department of History & Pakistan Studies organized a farewell dinner in honour of the graduating batches of BS and MPhil programs.



## Publication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Volume of Prof. Ahmad Saeed's Book on Lahore



# Degree Awarding Ceremony

On 25th of September, the Department organised its 4th Convocation. Prof Dr. Niaz Ahmed Vice-Chancellor University of the Punjab presided the degree awarding ceremony and the Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir was the chief guest. They shared their views and congratulated to the graduating students. In the convocation, a total of 117 degrees were being awarded including three Ph.D., thirty-five MPhil, eleven in M.A. History, and sixty-eight in M.A Pakistan Studies.



## Punjab University Announced the Results of MA Pakistan Studies Semester System (Regular Session 2020-22).

Muhammad Hanan Amjad (3.78) stood first, Maryam Arshad Tarr (3.44) stood second and Mr. Abdullah Cheema (3.43) got third position



## Teacher Day Celebrated.

The students of the department celebrated the Teachers Day on 5th of October.





## PhD Seminars

Ph.D. seminar is a regular activity of the Department. It provides the research scholars an opportunity to share their ongoing research with the faculty and students of the department and get feedback. This time around, Miss Chaman talked about her research entitled Politics of languages in Pakistan: The Case for Urdu as an Official Language. One of the Chinese students Miss Qu Qiumei gave her seminar talk on A Comparative Study of Poverty Reduction Policies in China and Pakistan 1947-78.



## Visit of Brannon D. Ingram



On 3rd of October, Dr. Brannon D. Ingram, Professor of Islamic Studies at North-western University, US, visited Department of History & Pakistan Studies and shared his research with the faculty and research scholars.

## Visit of Prof. Dr. Rauf Rafiqi

On 7th of October, Prof. Dr. Rauf Rafiqi, a well-known scholar on Iqbal, visited the Department of History and Pakistan Studies and talked to the students and teachers about his research on Iqbal. It was a well-attended session.



## **3-day International Conference on “South Asia@ 75: past, Present and Future Organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies**

The key highlight of the year 2022 was the Three-Day International Conference on 'South Asia@75: Past, Present, and Future'. The mega event was held between 26th and 28th of October 2022. The prime objective of the conference was to see how future of South Asia could be predicted based on the lessons learned during the last seventy-five years. In total, the department received 250 abstracts from Pakistan and abroad. Out of which 127 papers were being accepted to create coherent panels on various themes and aspects of South Asian history and politics.

Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, chairman Department of History and Pakistan Studies University of the Punjab, warmly welcomed the worthy guests for the inaugural ceremony. It was inaugurated by chief guest Prof. Dr Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission. He said that the countries of South Asia must learn from past mistakes and make new agreements to move forward and develop their nations. On this occasion, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Amra Raza, Dr Iftikhar Ahmed Malik of Oxford University, Dr Sara Ansari from University of London (online), Convener of Parliamentary Research Group Zafarullah Khan, faculty members, students and researchers from all over the world participated. Dr Iftikhar Ahmad Malik said that there are numerous institutions for higher education in Pakistan, but good research must be promoted to improve the quality of education. He said that to promote quality education in Pakistan's public and private universities, an atmosphere of competition must be created because without it the process of development is inevitable. Dr Sarah Ansari discussed the history of South Asia. Zafarullah Khan said that there has been a lack of communication between the countries of South Asia. He said that Pakistan and Bangladesh have gone through the experiences of good and bad democracies. Dr Amra Raza while thanking the distinguished guests congratulated the organizers for organizing such an impressive conference.

Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain welcomed the worthy guests for coming to the closing ceremony. He said that 17 sessions were held in the three-day international conference in which more than 100 delegates from India, Turkey, China, UK and Pakistan presented thier research papers. He highlighted the recommendations made in the light of the research papers presented in the conference:



The scholars have unanimously resolve that in the past 75 years, the region of South Asia has lagged behind in human and social development due to political, cultural and social conflicts, both in the nature of inter and intra-state, and which have seriously hampered and created hurdles in the way of prosperity and progress of the region. In order to create an environment friendly, for resolving these conflicts, the conference recommended that people to people contact should be encouraged at all



levels, academic, cultural and intellectual exchanges among the people of different states of the region should be promoted and encouraged. The conference recommended that Bangladesh, Pakistan and India, being share-holders of rich cultural, literary, historical and archaeological heritage of thousands of years, must work together to explore this heritage. The participants agreed that joint collaborative projects, such as in the areas of art and architecture, history-writing and archaeology should also be launched. The moot recommended that the looming environmental crises, particularly the dwindling water resources, are seriously impacting the people of South Asia and there is a strong need to join hands to combat the harmful effects of environmental change as no single country with its meagre resources can counter such change singlehandedly. The conference endorsed its resolve that peace and harmony, instead of war and confrontation, provides windows of opportunity for developing the human potential of South Asian people and for asserting themselves as civilized people of the world. The researchers said that forces of extremism and liberalism are bound to fail and an era of human progress and prosperity would ultimately dawn on the people of South Asian.

Prof Dr Hassan Askari, Former Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab, was the chief guest of the closing ceremony. He said that the South Asian region could not highlight its positive identity in the world despite being the guardian of old and new civilizations, historical buildings and cultural heritage. He said that tension in India-Pakistan relations was an obstacle in bringing South Asian countries closer. Chairman Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Prof. Dr Mukhtar Ahmed also addressed the closing ceremony of the 3-day international conference on '75 years of South Asia: Past, Present and Future' online organized by Punjab University Department of History and Pakistan Studies in Al Raazi Hall. He said that the countries of South Asia must take steps for educational diplomacy for the development of the region. He also said that research conducted in universities should identify problems and provide solutions. In addition to this, His Excellency Mr. Yarzhan Kistafin Kazakhstan's Ambassador to Pakistan, and Mr. Aybek Arif Usmanov Uzbekistan's Ambassador to Pakistan took the privilege to speak on the importance of bilateral relations and regional connectivity. While speaking online, Yerzan Kustafin and Aybak Arif Usmanov called for strengthening people-to-people ties and South Asia for the development of the region.



## **Six Students of Department of History & Pakistan Studies got selected as Lecturer in Higher Education Department, Government of the Punjab.**

Department of History & Pakistan Studies, Congratulated to its current and former students on their appointments as a lecturer of History by the Punjab Public Service Commission.



Adeeba Akram



Nayyer Abbas



Sajjad Hussain Shah



Tasleem Raza



Ujala Khan



Zulqarnain Ali

## **Visit of Dr. Wafa Yazdan Manish (Tehran University, Iran)**

On 8th of November, Dr. Wafa Yazdan Manish from Tehran University visited Department of History and Pakistan Studies. She met with the Chairman Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain and discussed various aspects for increasing academic cooperation and joint research in both universities.





## Professor Dr. Tahir Kamran's talked on the philosophy of history and historiography in the Department of History & Pakistan Studies

On 11th of November, Professor Dr Tahir Kamran, Former Chairman, Department of History, GCU, Lahore, gave a talk on the philosophy of history and the state of historiography in Pakistan.



## PHD Awarded



Muhammad Waheed, Parliament Under Military Rule: A Study of Ayub Khan Era



Tahir Khan, Refugee Rehabilitation and Settlement 1947-71: Issues and Policies





Fouzia Rashid, A History of Representative Institutions in Pakistan: Case Study of Senate (1973-77)

**A delegation from Turkey visited the Department of History, Punjab University, & discussed various proposals to further enhance bilateral relation.**



**Exhibition of books related to East Pakistan in the Department of History and Pakistan Studies.**





# Faculty Contributions 2022

## Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain

- Meetings with the ambassadors of Turkey, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and China to develop the academic linkages between Department of History and their respective countries
- Paper on *National Integration and Parliament: A Case Study of Proceedings of the Senate of Pakistan 1973-77*, presented in the national conference IIU Islamabad
- HEC research project completed titled *National Assembly of Pakistan and History of Institutions*
- Organized a National History Workshop as Principal Organizer on *Emerging Trends in History Writing & Teaching*
- Participation in the 10th Moscow International Conference on International Security Scheduled from August 14-17, 2022
- Organized an International Conference as Conference secretary on *South Asia @ 75: Past, Present and Future* organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies
- Presented a paper and jointly organized an international conference on *Significance of the Belt & Road Initiative in Regional Connectivity*
- Presented Paper on Populism as a Tool of Change in Political Culture: An Appraisal of Z.A Bhutto Era in Pakistan in the International Conference Iqra University Islamabad

## Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar

- Paper on *Maharani Jind Kaur: A Symbol of Colonial Resistance in Punjab*, presented in the 3day international conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies
- Paper on *The Unparalleled Contribution of Muslim Scientists in middle Ages*, presented in the International conference organized by center of Islamic civilization Uzbekistan
- Paper presented on *Women in Afghanistan: Rights and Realities*, in the conference organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- A research article published titled *Refurbishing the civil administration in Punjab; an appraisal of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh*
- Paper published on *Oriental Harem, A comparative study of Ottomans and Mughals*
- Coordinated an academic session in the International Conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies

## Prof. Dr. Tahir Mahmood

- Secured Punjab University research project
- Coordinated an academic session in the International Conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies
- A paper on Potential of Pakistan's Soft Power and Its influence on the region, presented in session in the International Conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies

## Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum

- Paper presented on *Two Early Modern Global Networks in Asia: The Society of Jesus and the Dutch East India Company*, in the University of Warsaw, Poland
- Paper on *History-Writing in Pakistan: An Overview of Major Trends and Key Issues*, presented in the National Conference IIU Islamabad
- Paper on *Regional Connectivity in the Pre-Modern World: A Study of Chinese Admiral Zheng's Seven Voyages in the Indian Ocean*, presented in International Conference on BRI and Regional Connectivity at University of the Punjab
- A research project completed on *Historians of Pakistan: An Introductory and Analytical Survey*
- Secured Punjab University research project

## Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah

- Coordinated an academic session in the International Conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies
- Paper on A Discourse on the Bengali Muslim's Political Leadership: Understanding the Role of Abul Hashim in Pakistan Movement, presented in the 3day international conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies
- A paper on Problem of National Unity & Integration in Pakistan: A Discourse on Bengali Political Leadership, presented in an International Conference IIU Islamabad

## Dr. Maqbool Ahmad Awan

- Coordinated an academic session in the International Conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies
- Paper on *Evaluating Perusal of Punjab's role in the paradigm of Pakistan Movement*, presented in the 3day international conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies

## Dr. Muhammad Altaf

- Coordinated an academic session in the International Conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies
- Paper on *Entangled Sovereignties: The Politics of Colonial Railway Development in Princely India*, presented in the 3day international conference organized by Department of History and Pakistan Studies

## Remembering our Pioneers:

# Ikram Ali Malik (1939-2005)



Born in August 1939 at Lahore, he got his early education at Government High School, Sheran Wala Gate, and later at Government College Lahore. He then did his Masters in history from Department of History, University of the Punjab. He did his B.A. Honours from School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. In 1962, he started his academic career as a research assistant in the Institute of Historical Research which had been established by Professor Sheikh Abdur Rashid in the Department of History, University of the Punjab. Later he joined the Department as Lecturer. He twice served as Chairman of the Department in 1975-76 and 1992-96. He got retired as Professor of History in October 1998. In 1999, he donated his personal collection to the Library of the Department. He died in 2005.

He published eight books, two monographs and more than twenty research articles. Some his important works include:

A Bibliography of the Punjab and Its Dependencies (1849-1910).

A Text-book of the History of Modern Europe, 1789-1919 (Lahore: Gosha-i-Adab, 1971)

Punjab Muslim Press and the Muslim World, 1888-1911 (South Asian Institute, 1974)

Hindu Muslim Riots in the British Punjab, 1849-1900, (Lahore: Gosha-i-Adab, 1984)

A Book of Readings on the History of the Punjab, 1799-1947 (Lahore: Research Society of Pakistan, 1970, second ed. 1985)

Muslim League Session 1940 and the Lahore Resolution: Documents (Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, 1990)

Truth is Truth: A Rejoinder to Abdul Wali Khan (Lahore: Book Services, 1990; Reprint, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, 2022)

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## PHD SEMINAR

**PhD Seminars:** PhD seminars have now become a permanent feature of academic activities of the department. This provides an opportunity to the research students to share their work with an academic audience in a formal setting and get valuable feedback and fine tune their dissertations before the final submission. During the first half of the year 2023, the department organised 5 PhD seminars of the following scholars.

- **Muhammad Javaid** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023: *Anglo-Baloch Relations during Colonial Period: A Historical Perspective*
- **Muhammad Sajid Hameed** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023: *Socio Economic Reforms in Pakistan: A Case Study of Punjab (2002-2007)*
- **Zhang Xuepei** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023: *National Identity and Cinema: Comparison of Chinese and Pakistani Films*
- **Ma Zheng** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023: *Socio-Cultural History of Baluchistan (1840s-1940s): A case study of Makran Division*
- **Sana Zaheer** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023: *Islam and New Womanhood in South Asia: Rethinking of Miss Fatima Jinnah's role in Creation and Consolidation of Pakistan*



## SEMINAR ON BABUR'S 540 BIRTHDAY

13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023: The department runs Babur Legacy Centre under the directorship of Prof. Dr Rukhsana Iftikhar. The purpose of the centre is to find avenues of academic collaboration between the Department and Central Asian States especially Uzbekistan, the homeland of Zaheer-ud-Din Babur- the founder of Mughal Empire. Babur is a symbol of shared legacy between Pakistan and Uzbekistan. In this regard, the centre organised a mega event to celebrate the occasion of Babur's 540<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Ambassador of Uzbekistan, many renowned scholars, and students of the Punjab University attended the event. The speakers explored and highlighted aspects of history that are common between both the nations. The Ambassador reaffirmed his country's commitment to further strengthen the people-to-people links between Pakistan and Uzbekistan.



A Malaysian University  
Teacher's delegation visited  
the Department of History &  
Pakistan Studies on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023





## ANNUAL SPORTS GALA

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2023: The Department of History & Pakistan Studies organized its Annual Sports Gala at the end of February 2023. It was a three-day event with indoor sports on day one, Cricket and Football matches on day-two- and Cultural-day activities on day-three. The Gala was formally inaugurated by the worthy Chairman Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain along with the entire faculty of the department. The day one was dedicated for indoor sports. On the second day, the students from various ethnic backgrounds organised stalls to display their culture through exhibitions, cultural dresses, music, and dances. Chinese students also participated. One Chinese student even displayed her martial art skills which were quite impressive. On the third day, two cricket matches were played between students of BS history and BS Pakistan Studies. The later came out as the departmental winners for the session 2022-23. Overall, the students of the department enthusiastically participated in games. Such activities are a good way to make them learn and grown outside the monotonous routine of classes and lectures.



## ANNUAL DINNER ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PAKISTAN STUDIES



25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 The Annual Sports Gala was followed by the Annual Dinner. The purpose of the Annual dinner was to come and sit together and celebrate our association with the department of History and Pakistan Studies and University of the Punjab. Another purpose of this annual dinner was to formally welcome our new students who joined the department this academic year.



## KRITHIKA VARAGUR GAVE A TALK

On 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023, Krithika also gave a talk entitled, *The Princesses Duleep Singh: uncovering the History of an Anglo-Indian family at the end of the Raj*. A New York based American Indian writer visited the department to collect data for her new book on the daughters of Duleep Singh, the last Maharaja of the Sikh Kingdom of Punjab. She was particularly looking for historical material on one of the three daughters of Duleep Singh who continued to live in Lahore even after partition and died here.



## ABDUL RAHMAN GOT FIRST POSITION IN ALL PAKISTAN INTERUNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Representing Department of History & Pakistan Studies, Abdul Rehman, the BS-History (7<sup>th</sup> Semester) student got first position in all Pakistan interuniversity' championship on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



## BOOK TALK



On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023, a book talk was organised by the department. Prof. Dr. Satvinder Singh Juss from King's College London talked about his new book "*Bhagat Singh: A Life in Revolution*". Chairman Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain presided over the talk. The entire History department faculty, and a large number of students attended the talk. The book is a comprehensive tale of the life of Sub-continent's one of most celebrated revolutionary, Bhagat Singh. Coming from Sikh background himself, Prof. Singh sounded to have a special emotional attachment with the books. However, as his talk made it clear, this book is meticulously researched. Most of the archives he used were retrieved from the Punjab Archives, Lahore. He told the student that the archives is a treasure trove for historians, and that the students should make use of their own easily accessible local archives to write about lesser-known episodes of our history.



## A SPECIAL TALK

16<sup>th</sup> March 2023: Dr. Pippa Virdee from De Montfort University, UK, and Dr Ilyas Chatta from LUMS interacted with the research students of the department and talked about their ongoing research projects. Dr Pippa has extensively written on partition. However, her new project is about the cultural history of Pakistan International Airline. She told the students that she wanted to write the history of Pakistan, especially its women, through the rise and fall of the national carrier. She also highlighted that the students should look beyond conventional areas and sources of history writing as there is much that is still less explored about Pakistan's history. Dr Chatta, on the other hand, talked about his ongoing project which is based on oral accounts of the 1971 Pakistani Prisoners of War. The main concern of his book is to trace how was life for those POWs once they came back to Pakistan.



### A GROUP OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF OSAKA UNIVERSITY JAPAN VISITED DEPARTMENT 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



### ACADEMIC WRITING LECTURE SERIES

21<sup>st</sup> March 2023: As part of department's Academic Writing Lecture Series, Professor Iftikhar Haider Malik gave a well-attended talk on *Researching the Past: Journey through Archives*. He shed light upon the use of historical documents and various methods of research. He particularly emphasized the importance of Persian language for historians and urged the students to focus on Persian

sources to write the history of the sub-continent. This is how, he said, we can better know our past.





## BOOKS EXHIBITION REGARDING PAKISTAN DAY

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023: This year again, the department organised a book exhibition on Pakistan Day. The Day is a landmark in our nation's history. It was the day, when All India Muslim League, in its annual session in Lahore on 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 1940, formally demanded 'independent states' for the Indian Muslims. It is remarkable that within seven years, the League was able to achieve a separate homeland. The events such as exhibitions of books on Pakistan Movement are basically organised to commemorate the historic role played by our forefathers. It is with this objective in mind that the department of history holds this exhibition every year. This year too, we did organise it and the faculty and students attended the exhibition.

## CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 Prize Distribution Ceremony was held in the Department of History and Pakistan studies. The ceremony was held to encourage the students who participated in Punjab tourism and archaeology internship program and the students who participated and won in sports gala and cultural festival held in the department. Shields and certificates were awarded to the students. The guests of the ceremony were DG Archaeology Department, Dr Fareeha Tajammal, Director Archaeology Punjab, Mr Malik Maqsood director, and Deputy Director Mr. Salman Tanvir archaeology Punjab. The Ceremony was chaired by chairman Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain.



## KAZAKHSTANI SCHOLARS VISITED THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023



## QIRAT AND NAAT COMPETITION

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 The Ibn-e-Khaldun Society of the Department of History & Pakistan Studies organised a competition of Qiraat & Naat on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The *Qiraat* participants were Hafiz khushaal Khan, Umair Azeem and Hafiz Usman Abbasi. Meanwhile the *Na'at* participants were Zara Shabbir, Muqaddas Hussain, Jamshaid Raza, Tayyaba Tariq and Amir Hayat. While the *Qirat* competition was won by Hafiz Khushaal Khan, the *Na'at* competition was a tie between Tayyaba Tariq and Muqaddas Hussain. The competition was judged by the worthy faculty. The participants were presented with certificates and gifts by the worthy chairperson, Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain.



## BOOK TALK

14<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Prof. Faraz Anjum spoke on the book "*Mira Zamana Meri Kahani*" by Mah Para Safdar. This book talk was organized by Ibn-e-Khaldun Society, Department of History. The students got to listen about the life of middle class-woman who grew up during 1970s, 1980s, 1990s. Para Safdar was a celebrated Pakistani news presenter known for her classic style and presentation. She worked on Pakistan Television. Her book is not just about her own life. It is a story of Pakistan which went through various social, political, and cultural ups and downs.



## BOOK TALK ON PAKISTAN STUDIES: A BOOK OF READINGS

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023: Department of History & Pakistan Studies organized the launching ceremony of the book titled *Pakistan Studies; a Book of Readings* edited by renowned historian Prof Dr. Sikandar Hayat. On this occasion, the Chairman Department of History Prof Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Dr. Sikandar Hayat, Dr. Farzand Masih, Kashif Shafique, Dr Muhammad Younis, Dr Uzma Hanif, Dr Tahir Mahmood, faculty members, and students were present. In his address, Dr. Sikandar Hayat explained how he gathered 9 authors to produce this exceptional piece of research the primary purpose of which would be to help undergraduate students in universities who have to take a mandatory course on Pakistan Studies. He himself wrote the first chapter of the book entitled 'Genesis of Pakistan'. Dr. Farzand Masih shed light on the chapter 'Ancient civilizations of Pakistan' followed by Kashif Shafique who talked about his chapter 'Land and people of Pakistan'. Muhammad Younis explained the issues he discussed in his chapter on 'Politics and Government of Pakistan' while Dr Uzma Hanif summarized her chapter about 'Economic Development in Pakistan'. In his concluding remarks, Dr Mahboob Hussain thanked Dr Sikandar Hayat and his fellow authors for writing the book.



## THREE DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA: RE-CONNECTED

08 to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 The Department, in collaboration with the Regional Program Southwest Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) of Germany, organized a 3-day International Conference, entitled, "South & Central Asia Re-Connected". It was divided into 12 academic sessions and a concluding ceremony. The conference's main objective was to establish an extensive link among regional stakeholders along with enhancing people-to-people contact for understanding the significance of regional cooperation. In addition to this, the conference aimed to explore and analyse the regional





connectivity by providing an environment where academics, researchers and scholars could come together to have critical debate on many aspects and issues of the region. The conference proved a great avenue in formulating a future road map under the concept of connectivity. Many national and International scholars presented their research papers in the conference. The conference was held in Al-Razi Hall of the Punjab University. In his welcome speech, Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain, the Chairperson of the department of History & Pakistan Studies, welcomed the worthy guests and audience and reiterated the main objectives of the conference. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission was the chief guest of the inaugural session. In his speech, he congratulated the History department for organizing such a mega conference. While talking about the main theme of the conference, he emphasized that connectivity should not be taken just as infrastructural links, but as people-to-people connectivity. Over 12 sessions, the presenters talked about various aspects of South and Central Asian history, politics, culture, and possibilities of cooperation and connectivity. The concluding session was chaired by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed. During the concluding sessions, academics and other leading participants gave their policy recommendations. The conference ended with a note of thanks by Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain, followed by a certificate distribution ceremony.



## AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH PROFESSOR MATTHEW MCCARTNEY

12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the Department of History organised a special interactive session with Prof. Mathew McCartney. He talked about the general strengths and weaknesses of Pakistani research scholars. His observations were based on his evaluation of several PhD dissertations. The talk was quite enlightening for current research scholars who got to know how they could make their research projects better.





MR. MAQSOOD AHMED  
(NAIB KASID) RETIRED  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HISTORY AFTER  
FORTY-ONE YEARS  
OF SERVICE



## PHD DEGREES AWARDED TO CHINESE SCHOLAR



MR. TIAN



MS. REN GUANGXU



MR. GU ZHONG

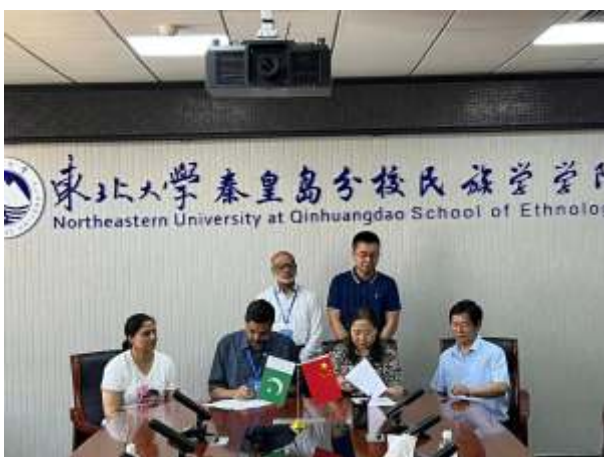


## CHINA VISIT BY DELEGATION OF THE DEPARTMENT



From June 15 to 28, 2023, a delegation of 9 Professors and PhD scholars from the Department of History & Pakistan Studies, Punjab University (PU) paid a friendly visit to different universities in China. It is the first visit to China after the end of the three-year COVID19 period. The delegation was led by Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department, and included Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum, PhD scholars, Amna Latif, Noreen Fatima, Muhammad Usman Janjua, Abdul Sattar, Aqsa Zafar and Chinese PhD scholar Cheng Linsheng. During this visit, the delegation had exchanges and communications with Chinese universities such as North-eastern University at Qinhuangdao (NEUQ), Yunnan Normal University (YNNU), and Inner Mongolia Honder College of Arts and Sciences (IMHCAS).

The first stop was NEUQ. Since the establishment of cooperation between PU and NEUQ in May 2018, the department has admitted 4 sessions of Chinese doctoral students, of which 35 PhD scholars have completed registration. According to the MOU between the two universities and long-term communication, the two-week visit to China was finally determined. During the visit, Professors of the department discussed MOU-related matters with NEUQ. Professors and PhD scholars of the two universities also exchanged and discussed overseas study, postgraduate training and academic research interests.



During the period, Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar was invited to give lectures on "Cultural Heritages in Pakistan" to the teachers and students in YNNU, which was very meaningful for them to know and understand Pakistan. In addition, a PhD Supervisor Workstation was established in YNNU, laying a solid



foundation for promoting cultural exchanges between Pakistan and China. During her visit to Beijing, she also visited the Pakistan Study Center of Peking University and the Palace Museum.

The delegation also visited IMHCAS and participated in the “China-Pakistan International Symposium on History and Culture”. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum, PhD scholars Aqsa Zafar and Muhammad Usman Janjua did their presentations in the symposium. A lecture entitled “A Brief History of Pakistan from early times to present day: an Overview” was given by Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, which was held in the School of Foreign Languages, IMHCAS and contributed to the promotion of Pakistan-China relations and cultural and academic exchanges. Subsequently, the two parties signed a memorandum of understanding on future cooperation.

In addition, the delegation also visited China's historical and cultural relics, folk customs and museums. The delegation visited three sites of the Great Wall: Jiumenkou Water borne Great Wall in Suizhong City, Liaoning Province, The Dragonz Head Great Wall in Shanhaiguan, Qinhuangdao City, Hebei Province, Badaling Great Wall in Yanqing District, Beijing; visited Tiananmen Square and its surrounding cultural buildings; Visited the Chinese folk sea god belief temples; experienced the customs of ethnic minorities in Yunnan and Inner Mongolia; visited the China Numismatics Museum, Glass Museum, and other important sites.





## PROF. BRUCE, J.F.

پروفیسر جے۔ ایف بروس

Prof. Bruce, J. F.

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## Chairman's Visit to Uzbekistan as an International Observer (08th to 10th July, 2023)

In July 2023, Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, visited Uzbekistan as an International Observer during the presidential elections in the Central Asian country. His presence underscored his valuable scholarly contribution to the history of parliament and democracy in Pakistan and beyond. Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain's expertise was invaluable in ensuring the integrity of the elections and contributing to international efforts to uphold democratic principles during his visit he arranged meetings with different Uzbek Universities and think tanks to promote bilateral relations with both countries.

## Dr. Harjinder Singh Dilgeer presenting his new book to the History Department (31st July, 2023)

Dr Harjinder Singh Dilgeer is a renowned intellectual and well-aware of Punjabi literature and cultural history and associated Guru Nanak Research Institute, Birmingham, England presented his new book to the department through the Chairman of the Department, University of the Punjab.





# An International Conference on Community of Shared Future for Mankind (28th August, 2023)



The International Conference on "Community of Shared Future for Mankind" was organized by the Punjab University Department of History & Pakistan Studies, Communication University of China, and PRCCSF Islamabad in collaboration with the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan. The conference explored China's vision of a global community, especially in the context of CPEC. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman Department of History; Mr. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director of PRCCSF; Professor Li Huailiang, Dean of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future; Professor Zhang Yanqiu, Deputy Dean of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future; Professor Dr. Ge Yanling, Section Chief of the office of the Institute for a Community with Shared Future; Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Dr. Faraz Anjum, Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah, Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid and Dr. Fouzia Ali Hadi were the speakers.

## Punjab University Archive Committee's Meeting at Department (17th August, 2023)

With the idea to protect and preserve the history of Punjab University, The Punjab University Archive Committee constituted under the convenorship of Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, its first meeting convened at the Department of History and Pakistan Studies to discuss and strategize the preservation of invaluable historical records and documents so far its three meetings called for the said purpose.



## The Department Organized a Seminar (28th September, 2023)



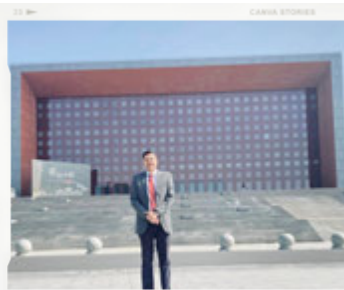
Punjab University Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, addressed a seminar on "Genetic and Historical Relations between Central and South Asia," highlighting the deep cultural and historical ties between the regions through the Silk Road. Emphasizing Central Asia's historical significance in shaping South Asia politically, spiritually, and culturally, he noted the contributions of Sufis and intellectuals from Central Asia. The event, organized by the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, featured discussions on mutual contributions, potential research collaborations, and genetics' role in unravelling historical connections. Honorary Consulate General Rao Khalid Mahmood Khan emphasized the need for increased cooperation, while Prof Sabitov Zhaksylyk highlighted the importance of genetics in studying genealogy and history.



Dr Mahboob Hussain underscored Kazakhstan's rich history and the crucial role of genetics in understanding the historical relations between Central and South Asia, promoting scholarly exchange and exploration of Kazakhstan's multifaceted history.

## Chairman's Visit to China (25th October to 2nd November 2023)

Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain went to China to attend an International Conference. He was invited by the Institute for a Community with Shared Future. The title of his paper was The Global Civilization Initiative: How Diversity Creates Unity. During his visit, he delivered lectures at Nan Jing and Lan Zhou universities.







## Seminar on 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey and Pak-Turk Relations (17th October, 2023)

A significant seminar marking the 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey and Pak-Turk Relations was organized in collaboration with the Department of History and Pakistan Studies



The seminar fostered a deeper appreciation for the historical connections that bind Pakistan and Turkey, celebrating a century of mutual respect and collaboration.

## Annual Dinner of the Department (18th November 2023)



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of Punjab, Lahore, continued its longstanding tradition by organizing an annual student dinner. The event, attended by faculty and students, fostered a sense of community within the department, providing a platform for academic and social interaction.



## **Letter of Appreciation to Chinese Scholar (24th November, 2023)**

The chairman of the Department of History and the supervisor gave a letter of appreciation to a Chinese scholar Dr. Cheng Linsheng for his excellent services in the establishment of educational links between China and Pakistan.



## **Prof. Dr Rukhsana Iftikhar's visit to Uzbekistan (19th September, 2023)**

Prof. Dr Rukhsana Iftikhar, director of Babur Legacy Centre, Department of History, visited Uzbekistan after receiving an invitation from Ali-Shir Navai University. The primary objective of her visit was to strengthen bilateral relations between academic institutions and commemorate the birthday of Babur, the founder of the Mughal Empire with roots in Central Asia. It also aimed to enhance collaboration by organizing joint lecture series, workshops, and conferences.

## **A delegation of students of Karakoram University Gilgit visited the Department of History (15th December 2023)**

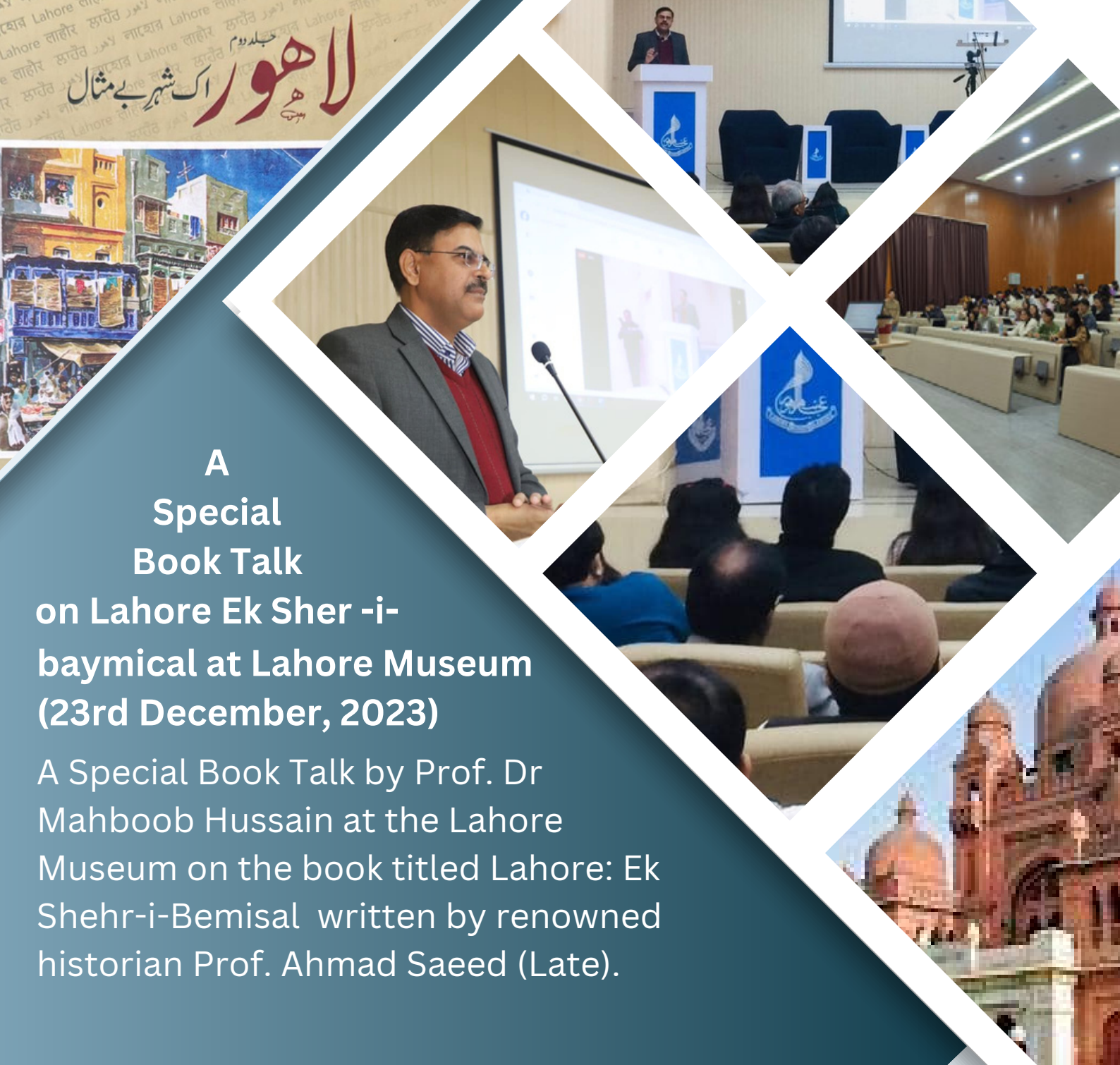
A student delegation from Karakoram University Gilgit visited the Department of History to foster collaboration and exchange between the two institutions.



The visit also aimed to strengthen ties and facilitate mutual engagement in academic endeavours.







**A  
Special  
Book Talk  
on Lahore Ek Sher -i-  
baymical at Lahore Museum  
(23rd December, 2023)**

A Special Book Talk by Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain at the Lahore Museum on the book titled Lahore: Ek Shehr-i-Bemisal written by renowned historian Prof. Ahmad Saeed (Late).

**Academic Writing Workshop (20th December, 2023)**

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies organized an Academic Writing Workshop. Ms. Masooma Zafar, a PhD Scholar from NTU Singapore, was a guest speaker. It aimed to enhance writing skills and promote academic excellence among participants.



# PhD Public Defence in the Department



- Mr. Tang Baicheng titled: The Great Wall of China and Its Impacts on Eastern Hebei Province
- Mr. Cheng Linsheng titled: A History of the Relationship between Sandalwood and Human Beings in Chinese Civilization
- Ms. Rehana Iqbal titled: Refocusing on the MQM's Electoral Politics, 1986-2028
- Ms. Naila Rehman titled: Pakistan-China Relations (2013-2018)
- Mr. Shahbaz Ahmad titled: The Constitutional and Political Development in Pakistan 2008-2018: A Critical Appraisal



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## CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO US TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO (4<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)

Dr. Mahboob Hussain presented at the 2024 annual meeting of the American Historical Association, held in San Francisco, California, in the United States of America, from January 4 to January 7, 2024. Dr. Mahboob presented an academic paper titled "The Failure of Parliamentary Institutionalization in Pakistan: The Performance of the First Constituent Assembly, 1947-54".



## PROFESSOR NAVEEDA KHAN'S SEMINAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE (12<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)



A seminar on "The Architecture of Global Climate: Negotiations and Its Inner Contradictions" was arranged in the Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab Lahore. The seminar was presided over by Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, chairman of the Department of History. Professor Naveeda Khan was invited to this seminar. She is a Professor of Anthropology at Johns Hopkins University. Her doctoral and postdoctoral projects focused on Islam, the state, and every day in

Pakistan. She is the editor of *Beyond Crisis: Re-Evaluating Pakistan* (2010). She spoke of Pakistan and Lahore's climatic and environmental changes in the seminar. She also discussed her interactions with different social classes. She suggested sociological, political and environmental research topics for the department's students and concluded the seminar with a question-and-answer session.

## DR. SHER ALI TAREEN'S COMPELLING BOOK TALK (13<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)

Ibn-e-Khuldoon Society, Department of History, organised a seminar, and Dr Sher Ali Tareen was invited as a guest speaker. He is Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Franklin and Marshall College, Pennsylvania, USA. The seminar was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain. The topic of discussion was his book, *Perilous Intimacies: Debating Hindu-Muslim Friendship After Empire*. He comprehensively discussed different sects to illuminate the disparities between Hindu and Muslim communities. He also





mentioned the idea of sovereignty and religious aspects. The session was very interactive and ended with a remarkable question and answers.

## SLANDERING THE SACRED: J. BARTON SCOTT'S PROVOCATIVE BOOK TALK ON FREE SPEECH IN COLONIAL INDIA (15<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)



A lecture was arranged on the topic "Slandering the Sacred: Free Speech and Religious Feelings in Colonial India" by J. Barton Scott. He is an associate professor of historical studies at the University of Toronto, Canada. He very informatively described the religious freedom and feelings in colonial India. He briefly talked about different secular states and free speech. The book talk ended with an exquisite question-and-answer session.

## FOLLOWING FOOTSTEPS: AMARDEEP SINGH'S INSPIRING TALK ON BABA GURU NANAK IN PAKISTAN (15<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)

The Ibn e Khuldoon Society organised a Special Talk at the Department of History on "Footsteps of Baba Guru Nanak in Pakistan". Amardeep



Singh, an author and filmmaker in Singapore, was invited as a guest speaker. He talked about the teachings of Baba Guru Nanak. He guided the student to follow their passion and face all the challenges. He showed the documentary and guided the students about different trends and traditions he observed worldwide.

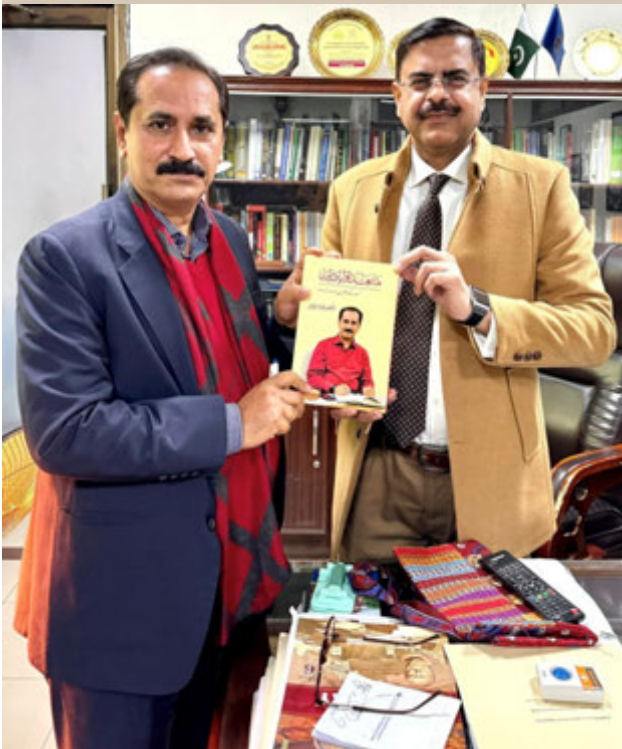
## DR. ZIA UL HASSAN'S CAPTIVATING TALK ON 'KAI CHAND THE SAR-E-AASMAN' (17<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)

The Ibn Khaldun Society organized a talk on the famous novel "Kai Chand the Sar-e-Aasman,". The Society invited Dr. Zia ul Hassan as the guest speaker. Dr. Zia ul Hassan's expertise and engaging presentation captivated the audience, sparking a lively discussion and deep appreciation for the novel. At the end, the Chairman of the Department of History, Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, thanked the guest speaker for sparing his time to interact with the students.



## PROFESSOR NASIR ABBAS NAYYER'S BOOK TALK ON 'MABA'AD NAU ABADIYAAT' (23<sup>RD</sup> JAN 2024)

Professor Nasir Abbas Nayer talked on his book Maba'ad Nau Abadiyaat. The event provided an in-depth exploration of postcolonial themes, highlighting the book's critical perspectives on contemporary issues. Professor Nayer's



insightful commentary and scholarly expertise engaged the audience, fostering a deeper understanding of postcolonial discourse. The session concluded with a round of questions and discussions, enriching the academic experience for all attendees.

## PRESERVING KARACHI'S LEGACY: HAREEM MIRZA'S ENLIGHTENING TALK ON CULTURAL HERITAGE (25<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)

Ibn e Khaldun society organised a special talk in the Department of History, University of the



Punjab, Lahore. Ms. Hareem Mirza was invited from the University of Royal Holloway, London in this talk. This talk on the preservation of cultural heritage in Karachi, Pakistan, proved to be an enlightening and thought-provoking event. She shared valuable insights into the rich history of Karachi and the challenges and opportunities associated with preserving its



cultural heritage. She explained the architectural heritage of Karachi, shedding light on the unique structures that stand as witnesses to the city's storied past. Examples included were colonial-era buildings, ancient marketplaces, and religious sites that reflect the city's multicultural identity. In the end, the Chairman of the department, Prof. Dr Mahboob Hussain, commented that this was a comprehensive overview of Karachi's cultural heritage and emphasized upon the steps needed to preserve its rich history. The session ended with an exquisite question and answer session.



## DR. ALI USMAN QASMI'S DISCUSSION ON 'QAUM, MULK, SULTANAT' (26<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024)

Dr Ali Usman Qasmi, Associate Professor, History Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, LUMS, was invited over for a book talk on his book "Qaum, Mulk, Sultanat" in the Department of History, University of the Punjab Lahore. In his talk, he discussed the summary of his book by highlighting the main points of each chapter he wrote. He began by delving into the foundational principles that shaped Pakistan's ideology. He explored the concept of an Islamic state and how it has been articulated in the country's constitution. The author emphasized the dynamic nature of this ideology and its evolution over time. He provided insights into the events surrounding partition, emphasizing how the ideology of Pakistan emerged as a response to the aspirations of a separate Muslim identity. At last, there was an interchange between queries and answers. Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, thanked the scholar for his excellent talk.



## A SEMINAR ON KASHMIR DAY (2<sup>ND</sup> FEB 2024)



In the Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, a Seminar on Kashmir Day was organised by the Ibn-e-Khaldun society. The society requested Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the department, to speak regarding February 5th, Kashmir Day, in Pakistan. The seminar began with introductory remarks from Mr Hussain Khawar; he explained the importance of the Kashmir issue and that the rights of Kashmiris

should be given to them internationally. Then, Dr Mohammad Altaf explained the brief historical context of how this issue began, the mistakes made, and the role of princely state rulers and the Political parties. At last, Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain said it is a day to express solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He raised awareness about the ongoing Kashmir conflict and advocated for their right to self-determination. He said that events like seminars, rallies, and discussions are essential to highlight the Kashmiri struggle for freedom and justice.





## ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER AND SUFI NIGHT

(6<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024)



The Ibn-Khaldun Society organized an annual Get-together and Sufi Night for the students, creating an evening filled with camaraderie and cultural enrichment. Students had the opportunity to connect, relax, and enjoy the mystical melodies of Sufi traditions, making it a memorable and enriching experience.



## THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL ALUMNI

DINNER (18<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024)



The department arranged an annual alumni get-together. Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Vice Chancellor of the University of the Punjab, was the chief guest of this dinner. A large number of students, particularly alumni, participated, making it a memorable event.





## DEPARTMENT'S SPORTS GALA (21-23 FEB 2024)

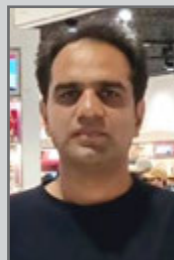


The Department of History & Pakistan Studies organized its Annual Sports Gala at the end of February 2024. It was a three-day event with indoor sports on day one, Cricket and Football matches on day two- and Cultural activities on day three. The Gala was formally inaugurated by the worthy Chairman, Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, along with the entire faculty of the department. Overall, the students of the department enthusiastically participated in games. Such activities are an excellent way to make them learn and grow outside the monotonous routine of classes and lectures. On the last day, the students from various ethnic backgrounds organized stalls to display their culture through exhibitions, cultural dresses, music, and dances.



## DEPARTMENT'S PHD STUDENTS GOT SELECTED FOR BRITISH ACADEMY WRITING WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY ROYAL HOLLOWAY AND GCU, LAHORE (19-21 FEBRUARY 2024)

It is a proud moment for the Department as four of its PhD students were selected to participate in the British Academy Writing Workshop, organized by Royal Holloway and GCU, Lahore, where they presented their research work.





## DR. MARKUS DAECHSEL'S ENGAGING LECTURE AND WORKSHOP (26<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024)

Department of History and Pakistan Studies arranged a special lecture. A large number of the audience attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, welcomes Dr. Markus Daechsel, an Associate Professor at the Department of History, School of Humanities, Royal Holloway University of London. Dr Markus is the author of two books on Pakistan, the politics of self-expression, Islamabad, and the politics of international development. He told about his exploration of magical practices in South Asia, spanning various historical periods.



Dr. Markus Daechsel also provided invaluable guidance to the students, empowering them to choose their research topics. The hands-on archive workshop, a key highlight of the event, was particularly beneficial for students eager to enhance their research skills. Dr. Markus's expert advice on navigating archives and extracting pertinent information was not only appreciated but also instilled confidence in the students.

Practical exercises, such as deciphering historical manuscripts and accessing archival materials, empowered students to apply learned techniques directly to their research projects. The seminar ended with a question-and-answer session.

## DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED A CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL LANGUAGE DAY (27<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2024)



Regarding the National Language Day, a conference was organized in the history department, chaired by Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain. The participants expressed their views on the importance of the Urdu language.



## PROF. DR. SIKANDAR HAYAT'S LECTURE ON THE PAKISTAN RESOLUTION (22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024)



The department organized a special talk concerning Pakistan Day on 23rd March 2024. Prof Dr Sikandar Hayat was the distinguished guest speaker. He addressed challenges or criticisms faced by the Pakistan Resolution, such as concerns about the feasibility of creating separate Muslim-majority states and the implications for minority rights. Then he sorrowfully explained that we do not prefer Regional writers and prefer foreign authors instead. He also clarified the misconceptions of leftists on the topic of the resolution of Pakistan. He talked about the dynamic and underrated role of Quaid e Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah regarding the independence movement. He reflected on the enduring legacy of the Pakistan Resolution in contemporary Pakistan and its continued relevance in shaping national identity and politics. The session concluded with a remarkable question-and-answer session, where the audience responded very well. Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, chairman of the department, thanked the scholar.

## PLANTING IN THE DEPARTMENT'S GARDEN (22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2024)



Eminent historians Prof. Sikander Hayat and Prof. Qamar Abbas planted saplings in the history department's green garden as part of the tree plantation campaign. They were accompanied by Chairman Prof. Mehboob Hussain and other faculty members.



## QIRAAT AND NAAT COMPETITION (20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024)

The Department organized a Naat and Qiraat Competition during the holy month of Ramzan, fostering a spirit of devotion and reverence among the participants. The event showcased remarkable talent, with students reciting beautiful Naats and Quranic verses. At the conclusion of the competition, Professor Dr.



Mahboob Hussain presented gifts to the winners, acknowledging their outstanding performances and dedication.

## PROF DR KIRAN SIDDIQUI JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS THE PROFESSOR (5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024)

The Department organized a faculty get-together at the PU Executive Club to welcome new colleague as the Prof. Kiran Siddiqui. The event provided an opportunity for faculty members to meet and interact with Dr. Siddiqui in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. Her addition to the team was celebrated, and the evening was filled with engaging conversations, warm welcomes, and a shared commitment to academic excellence.



## SHAPING THE FUTURE: DR. FAISAL BARI'S ANALYSIS OF EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND ITS IMPACT

(10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024)

The Department recently hosted Dr. Faisal Bari for an insightful discussion on the Current State of Education. During the session, Dr. Bari analysed the various policy decisions that have



contributed to the present condition of the educational system. The event highlighted the importance of informed policy-making in shaping the future of education.

## INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BAIT BAZI AND POEM COMPETITION

(18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024)

Jafar Ali Jafar, a student of the Department of History, won the second position in the inter-departmental Bait Bazi and Poem competition.





## HISTORY DEPARTMENT'S PHD SCHOLAR MR. ABDUL SATTAR PRESENTED HIS WORK AT YALE MACMILLAN CENTER, NEPAL (29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024)



Mr. Abdul Sattar, a PhD scholar from the History Department, presented his research at the Yale MacMillan Centre in Nepal. His participation underscored the department's dedication to academic excellence and global engagement, contributing valuable insights to the international scholarly community.

## RETIREMENT CEREMONY OF SALAMAT ULLAH (3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2024)

Department organized a farewell ceremony on the occasion of the retirement of Salamat Ullah who had served as the Naib Qasid.



## DR. RIZWAN ZAMIR'S DISCUSSION ON 'GUARDING RELIGION IN MODERNITY' (7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024)



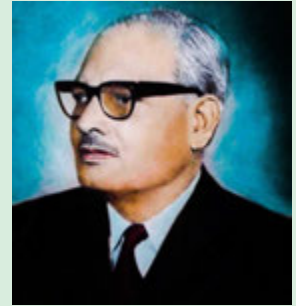
The Department invited Dr. Rizwan Zamir, an Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Davidson College, USA, to present his ongoing project, "Guarding Religion in Modernity." His expertise and thought-provoking discussion enriched the audience's understanding of the intersection between religion and modernity, sparking meaningful dialogue and reflection.

## PHD PUBLIC DEFENCE

- ★ Ms. Ma Zheng titled "Socio-Cultural History of Balochistan (1840-1940): A Case Study of Makran Division" (16th Jan 2024)
- ★ Ms. Chaman under the topic titled "Politics of Language in Pakistan: The Case for Urdu as an Official Language". (16th Jan 2024)
- ★ Mr. Zhang Naiwen titled "Mutual Influence between Gandhara Art and Buddhist Art in Northwest China from the fourth to sixth Centuries (1st March 2024)
- ★ Ms. Zhang Xuepei titled "National Identity and Cinema: Comparison of Chinese and Pakistani Films" (18th March 2024)
- ★ Mohammad Imran titled "The Evolving Expression of Self-Awareness in Pakistani Paintings" (3rd May 2024)
- ★ Mr. Yu Jinshan titled "Educational Policies in China and Pakistan: A Comparative Analysis, 1971-1999 (16th May 2024)
- ★ Mr. Yang Ming titled "Pak-China Cooperation in Cultural Heritage of Pakistan: A Case Study of Lahore Fort" (3rd June 2024)

## REMEMBERING OUR PIONEERS

Prof. I. H. Qureshi is one of the leading historians of Pakistan and has been hailed as the creator of a "master-narrative for the history of Pakistan." He was born at Patiali, a small town in U.P. in 1902. He first got education in Muslim University Aligarh but later did M.A. History and M.A. Persian from St. Stephens College, Delhi. Because of his outstanding performance, he was appointed lecturer in St. Stephens College. He did his PhD from University of Cambridge writing his dissertation on the administration of the Sultans of Delhi. In Cambridge, he got associated with Chaudhry Rehmat Ali's Pakistan National Movement. After his return to India in 1940, he joined the Delhi University as Lecturer, later promoted to be Reader and then Professor. As Pakistan Movement was in full swing in those days, he fully supported the cause of All-India Muslim League and wrote many pamphlets as part of Pakistan Literature Series, including "The Development of Islamic Culture in India" and "The Future Development of Islamic Polity" in support of the demand for Pakistan. He developed close relations with Muslim League leadership and he was given Muslim ticket for contesting the 1946 elections for a Muslim seat from Bengal for the Central Legislative Assembly. As he won the elections, he was an eyewitness to the cataclysmic events resulting in the partition of India and creation of Pakistan. During the riots in Delhi, his house was surrounded and his library was burnt which had rare collection of history books and manuscripts. He with his family had to take refuge in Pakistan Embassy in Delhi and from there, he migrated to Pakistan.



**Ishtiaq Hussain Qureshi,**  
Chairman of the Department  
(1948-1949)

After coming to Pakistan, in November 1948, he got selected as Professor of History in University of the Punjab and he also became Head of the Department. However, he could continue with his academic work only for a few months as in February 1949, he was called by the Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan and was appointed as Cabinet Minister. Till 1954, he held different ministerial portfolios. He also played a leading role in the negotiations which led to the passing of Objectives Resolution. In 1954 when the Constituent Assembly was dissolved, he joined Columbia University as Professor of South Asian History. His five years' tenure in Columbia was academically the most fruitful period of his life in which he wrote some of his most important works.

In 1960, he returned to Pakistan as head of the newly established Islamic Research Institute but in 1961, he was appointed as Vice Chancellor of Karachi University which he served till 1971. During this period, he worked for the preservation of the historical material related to Quaid-i-Azam and Pakistan Movement and for the establishment of Freedom Movement Archives. In 1979, he was appointed Chairman of the newly created National Language Authority. On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1981, he died in Islamabad due to cardiac arrest. For a long period of time, he remained associated with Pakistan Historical Society and Pakistan Historical Records and Archives Commission. For his services, he was awarded Sitar-i-Pakistan and Nishan-i-Imtiaz by the Government of Pakistan. His important works of history include:

- *The Administration of the Sultanate of Delhi* (Lahore: Sh. Muhammad Ashraf, 1942)
- *Pakistani Way of Life* (Karachi: Royal Book Company, 1956)
- *The Muslim Community of the Indo Pakistan Subcontinent* (Karachi: Karachi University, 1962)
- *The Struggle of Pakistan* (Karachi: Karachi University, 1965)
- *The Administration of the Mughal Empire* (Karachi: Karachi University, 1966)
- *Education in Pakistan: An Inquiry into Objectives and Achievements* (Karachi: Maaref, 1975)
- *Ulema in Politics* (Karachi: Ma'aref, 1976)
- *Akbar: The Architect of the Mughul Empire* (Karachi: Ma'aref, 1978)





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## A New Chapter Begins: Faculty Get-Together to Welcome Prof. Kiran Siddiqui

(7th Jul, 2024)

A faculty get-together was held at the PU Executive Club to welcome new colleague, Prof. Kiran Siddiqui. The event provided an opportunity for faculty members to connect, share experiences, and extend their support to Prof. Siddiqui as she joins the team.



## Board of Studies Meeting

(25th July, 2024)



The Meeting of Board of Studies took place in the department where academics gathered to discuss and make decisions about curriculum, courses, and other academic matters.

It also assessed whether academic programs are up-to-date and aligned with current trends.

## Academic Writing Workshop

(7th Aug, 2024)

The Department arranged an informative Academic Writing Workshop with Irfan Waheed Usmani as the resource person. His session provided practical tips and strategies to enhance and improve writing skills.





## Regional Implications of Political Change in Bangladesh

(15<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2025)



Dr. Moonis Ahmar, Meritorious Professor of International Relations and former Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Karachi, delivered an insightful talk on the regional implications of political change in Bangladesh. His lecture explored how shifts in Bangladesh's political landscape affect South Asia and broader regional dynamics.

## Department Organises Book Talk

(20<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2024)

Prof. Aman Ullah, Principal of Punjab University Law College, gave an engaging talk on his book *Meine Ain Bante Daikha* at the Department. He talked about constitutional journey of Pakistan and highlighted the significant events that shaped the legal and political framework of the country. He said that the book also covers process of constitution-making, political struggles, and the role of various key figures in this transformative period.





## Academic Writing Workshop

(10th Sep, 2024)

The department organized an academic writing workshop with Dr. B. Markus Daechsel from Royal Holloway, University of London, as the guest speaker. His session provided valuable guidance on enhancing academic writing skills, offering students and faculty expert advice on research and publication processes.



## Department Publishes a Book

(16th Sep, 2024)



The book Pakistan@75: History, Politics, Culture got published. This marked another significant milestone for the department, showcasing its commitment to enriching academic resources and contributing to a deeper understanding of Pakistan's history and socio-political landscape.

(23rd Sep, 2024)



### **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Resumed the Charge of VC of University of the Punjab.**

The University of the Punjab, Lahore, proudly welcomes Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali as its new Vice Chancellor, appointed on 23rd September 2024 for a four-year term. With his vast experience in academia and administration, Dr. Muhammad Ali is committed to leading the university toward new heights of academic excellence and institutional development.

## Department's Research Journal Gains Recognition in HEC's New Publication List

(27th Sep, 2024)

The department's research journal gains recognition in the HEC's newly uploaded list, marking a significant milestone. This recognition highlights the journal's academic credibility and commitment to promoting high-quality research in its field.



## A New Chapter: Orientation for the Incoming BS, MPhil, and PhD Scholars

(9th Oct, 2024)



The department organized a comprehensive orientation session for the incoming BS, MPhil, and PhD batches. This event provided the new students with essential information about their academic journey, resources available, and opportunities for personal and professional growth during their time at the university.

## A Special Talk on Constitutional Court, Parliament and Contemporary Issues

(17th Oct, 2024)

Zafarullah Khan, a journalist and expert on parliamentary studies, visited Department to discuss Pakistan's constitutional issues. He emphasized that a constitution must evolve with time and stressed the importance of understanding it to avoid crises. He outlined two approaches to constitution-making in Pakistan, highlighted judicial and political challenges, and criticized the lack of respect for democratic values. He called for greater public awareness, especially among youth, to improve understanding of constitutional matters and address the country's ongoing challenges. At the end, Dr. Mahboob Hussain presented him with a book and thanked him for his visit.





## Dr. Dalvir S. Pannu Talks About His Book and the Journey of Writing

(1st Nov, 2024)



Dr. Dalvir S. Pannu gave a talk on his book *Tawarikh Sikhi: Pakistan Mein Sikh Aasaar* at the Department of History. He discussed the historical significance of Sikh artifacts in Pakistan. Dr. Pannu also visited the Punjab University Library, where he expressed his delight in seeing the rare Sikh religious and historical books written in Gurmukhi, commending the library for its excellent preservation efforts.

## Chairman's Talk on Civic Education

(22nd Nov, 2024)



Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain delivered an insightful talk on the importance of Civic Education at the University of Home Economics. His presentation highlighted the crucial role of civic awareness in shaping responsible and engaged citizens, emphasizing its relevance in today's societal context.

## In Search of Babar: A Cinematic Journey from Andijan to India

(27th Nov, 2024)

Dr. Hasan Baig gave a talk on Zahiruddin Babar, during which he presented a 49-minute video and sound piece titled *In Search of Babar*. The film traces Babar's journey from Andijan to India, following in his footsteps. This insightful work would be a valuable resource for historians and students alike and is highly recommended for screening.



## A Special Book Talk

(19th Dec, 2024)



Professor Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah gave a talk on the book *Safarnama Mashriqi Pakistan*. He highlighted the key themes and narratives in the book and emphasized how the text contributes to historical knowledge and appears as the alternate source of history.

## PhD Defences



### **Mr. Khizar Jawad**

*Governor Mudie and the Politics of West-Punjab, 1947-1949. (2nd August 2024).*

### **Mr. Tian Chong**

*Cinematic Representation of Shaolin Culture: A History. (2nd August 2024)*



### **Miss Wang Tianyi**

*Language and Politics in Modern Nation States: A Comparative Study of Pakistan and China (2nd August 2024)*

### **Muhammad Sajid Hameed**

*Socio Economic Reforms in Pakistan: A Case Study of Punjab (2002-2007). (13th August 2024)*







### **Ma Chunying**

*National Identity and Sports: A Study of Cricket in Pakistan (10th October 2024)*



### **Mr. Sun Ce**

*India-Pakistan Disputes: The Role of People's Republic of China (7th November 2024)*



### **Xue Chennan**

*The Blending of Jataka Stories with Ancient Chinese Social Life: An Analytical Study (10th October 2024)*



### **Manzoor Abbas**

*Maken, Socio-Political Transformation in the Colonial Punjab (1849-1947): Role of the Landed Elite of District Shahpur (6th December 2024)*



### **Mr. Zhu Kecheng**

*Public Art and National Identity: A Comparative Study of Pakistan and China (7th November 2024)*



### **Miss Rahat**

*Ara British East India Company, its Economic Activities & Impact in India 1700-1799. (20th December 2024)*



### **Mr. Yuan Bolan**

*Development of Vocational Education in Wu-Ling Ethnic Areas: An Analytical Study (7th November 2024)*



### **Mr. Zhang Tong**

*Provincial Administration in China and Pakistan: A Comparative Study of Heilongjiang and Punjab Provinces. 20th December 2024.*



### **Mr. Yuan Xuyang**

*the Influence of Bilateral Political Relations on China-Pakistan Trade During the Cold War 1951-1991 (7th November 2024)*

## **Alumni Get-together**

Department is going to organize Annual Alumni Get-together on 12th April 2025

# Remembering Our Pioneers

## Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Syed

(1946-2024)

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Syed was a prominent historian in the contemporary world, born on August 15, 1946. His family migrated from India to Pakistan during the partition. Dr. Syed earned his master's degree in history from the University of Punjab in 1968. He then pursued an MPhil and a PhD at Columbia University in New York, completing these degrees in January and May of 1978, respectively. While he possessed ordinary language skills, he was fluent in English, Urdu, and Punjabi, and he had expertise in translation and research in Persian, Arabic, French, and German.

Dr. Muhammad Aslam Syed began his professional career as a research scholar at the Pakistan Research Society in Lahore from 1968-1969. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Department of History at the University of Punjab in Lahore as a lecturer, a position he held until 1973. In that same year, he became a Lecturer in the Department of History at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad, where he advanced from lecturer to professor between 1973 and 2003, achieving full professorship in 1987. During this time, he also served as a Quaid-i-Azam Distinguished Professor at Columbia University, where he earned his MPhil and PhD. Additionally, he was the Director of the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research in Islamabad from 1996 to 1997.

From 1980 to 2003, Dr. Syed frequently delivered lectures as a visiting fellow at several prestigious universities, including: The South Asia Regional Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, the Centre for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University, the Department of Religion, at the City University of New York, and both Humboldt University and Freie Universitat in Berlin.

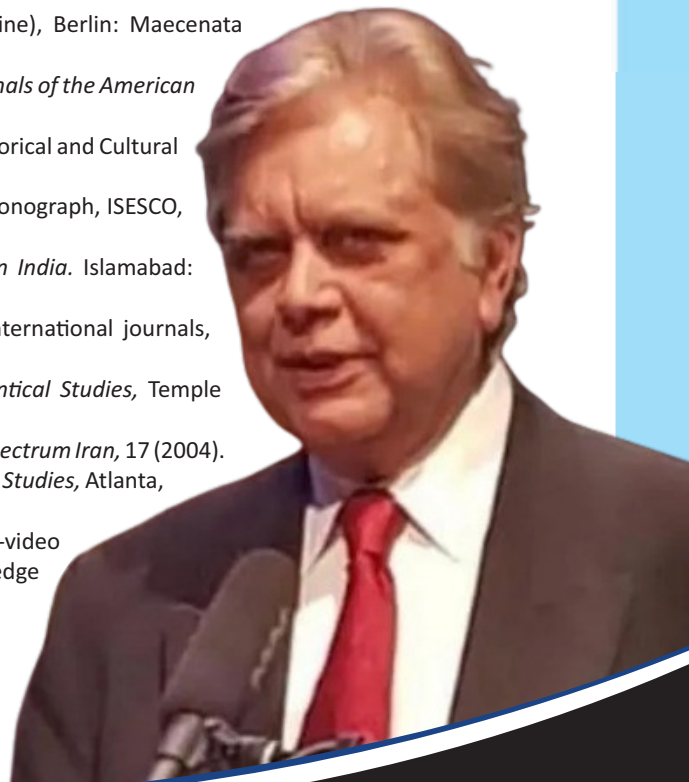
After retiring from Pakistan, he began an international journey dedicated to serving humanity through education. For nearly two decades, he worked at various international academic institutions, including the East-West Centre in Honolulu, Hawaii; the institut fur Asiatische und Afrikawissenschaften at Humboldt University in Berlin; and the International Consortium for Research in Humanities at Ruhr University in Bochum.

His research interests included transcultural historiography, Urdu literature, the relationship between Islam and the West, the Middle East and South Asia, Islamic mysticism and philosophy, the philosophy of history, as well as topics related to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Throughout his academic and professional career, he received various awards and honors, including: the Asia Foundation Fellowship (1975-78), the Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement at Columbia University (1977-78), the American Institute of Pakistan Studies Award (1980), the Senior Fulbright Award at Harvard University (1987-88), the Pakistan Television Award for Pride of Performance (2001), the Freeman Professorship at the University of Hawaii (2005), and the Mercator Professorship at Humboldt University in Berlin (2006-07). Additionally, he had the honor of representing Pakistan at the International Seminar on the Science of History organized by UNESCO in New Delhi (1987) and led the Pakistan delegation to Uzbekistan for the Anniversary Celebrations of Amir Taimur in 1997.

Dr. Aslam Syed presented his research at numerous national and international conference and seminars. His notable publications include:

- *Muslim Philanthropy and Engagement* (coauthored with Peter Heine), Berlin: Maecenata Verlag, 2005.
- "Islam: Enduring Myths and Changing Realities", Special Editor, *the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, Vol. 588, July 2003.
- *Islam and Democracy in Pakistan*. Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, 1995.
- *Islam and Other World Civilizations: Cultural and Military Aspects*, Monograph, ISESCO, Rabat, 1992.
- *Muslim Response to the West: A Study of Muslim Historiography in India*. Islamabad: National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, 1988.
- Additionally, he published an extensive list of articles in various international journals, including:
- "A Muslim Contribution to Confidence-building", *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Temple University Philadelphia, No. 39 (2002).
- "From the Rhine to the Indus: The Intellectual Journey of Schimmel", *Spectrum Iran*, 17 (2004).
- "The Idea of the Islamic State: East-West Connections", *Review of Asian Studies*, Atlanta, No. 7 (2007).

Dr. Aslam Syed left this world on November 3, 2024. His writings, and audio-video lectures across various platforms will serve as a valuable source of knowledge for future generations.







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## EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO LAHORE MUSEUM (9<sup>TH</sup> JAN, 2025)



Students of MPhil History visited the Lahore Museum as part of their academic study under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Kiran Shahid Siddiqui. The students explored various galleries gaining hands-on experience with historical artifacts. This visit provided them with valuable insights into Pakistan's rich cultural heritage and helped them connect theoretical knowledge with practical observations. The students' curiosity and enthusiasm were evident as they engaged with museum staff and asked questions about the exhibits.

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WITH DR. B. MARKUS DAECHSEL (14<sup>TH</sup> JAN, 2025)

The Department hosted Dr. B. Markus Daechsel, Associate Professor of History at Royal Holloway, University of London (UK), for a thought-provoking and enriching talk on research methodology. During his session, Dr. Daechsel shared his deep expertise on navigating the complexities of historical research. He offered valuable guidance on formulating compelling research questions, designing robust methodologies, and critically analysing sources—skills essential to any serious historian.

The talk was followed by an engaging Q&A session, where students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to interact directly with Dr. Daechsel and gain further insights into academic research practices.



## HISTORY AS METHOD: A SESSION WITH PROF. AYESHA JALAL (20<sup>TH</sup> JAN, 2025)

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of the Punjab hosted an insightful session featuring Prof. Ayesha Jalal, a renowned historian and Professor of History at Tufts University. The talk, titled "History as Method," attracted a keen audience eager to engage with one of the field's most influential scholars.





Prof. Jalal emphasized the importance of viewing history as an investigative and analytical discipline rather than a vehicle for ideological messaging. She expressed concern over the prevalence of ideology and propaganda in Pakistani historiography, noting how such tendencies have profoundly influenced the narrative of the nation-state.

"History is not just about dates, names, and events," she asserted, urging a shift toward critical inquiry. She underscored the multicultural and heterogeneous nature of Pakistan, arguing that the elevation of national myths to historical fact has contributed to a deep-seated identity crisis within the country. Calling for the creation of alternative popular histories and a more balanced national discourse, Prof. Jalal advocated for a nuanced understanding of the past. She also highlighted the practical challenges facing historians in Pakistan, including restricted access to archives and poor archival management.

In an effort to make history more accessible and engaging, Prof. Jalal championed the integration of literature into historical narratives. She voiced concern over declining Urdu literacy among youth and stressed the need to revive studies in Persian and early modern history to broaden historical consciousness. In her view, cultivating a robust



national identity depends on fostering critical and balanced historical narratives.

The session concluded with a dynamic Q&A segment, reflecting the audience's strong engagement. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department of History, expressed heartfelt thanks to Prof. Jalal for her thought-provoking lecture and the stimulating dialogue it inspired.

This event marked another significant step in the Department's ongoing efforts to encourage meaningful academic discourse on the vital role of history in shaping national identity and progress.

## THE ILLUMINATING LEGACY OF IQBAL IN THE MIDDLE EAST: A SPECIAL LECTURE (21ST JAN, 2025)



A special lecture titled "Middle East Mein Iqbaliyat ke Chirag" was organized by the Iqbal Academy Pakistan and the Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of Punjab. The event was presided over by Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of Punjab. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Khalid Abbas Asadi, while Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, Director of Iqbal Academy Pakistan, gave the concluding remarks. The event was hosted by Amal Islam. In his address, Dr. Khalid Abbas Asadi stated that Pakistan is the beautiful opening verse of Allama Muhammad Iqbal's modern ghazals.





The Muslims of the subcontinent made their journey from the green dome to the green flag through Iqbal's poetry. Egypt is often referred to as the mother of all civilizations, and even today, Iqbal's poetry is cherished in Egypt. The renowned Egyptian singer who has sung Iqbal's verses is loved worldwide. Dr. Asadi highlighted the efforts of Pakistan's Ambassador to Egypt, Abdul Wahab Azam, the Ambassador for Egypt and Saudi Arabia, Manzoor-ul-Haq, Hussein Jamal Al-Masri, Dr. Jamal Ibn Mahboob, and Ahmad Saeed in promoting Iqbal's thoughts.

Dr. Mahboob Hussain expressed his gratitude to the esteemed guests and emphasized that the Department of History's platform is always available for intellectual and scholarly engagement. He stated that Allama Muhammad Iqbal's thoughts serve as a guiding light for today's youth. Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi addressed the youth, saying that they are destined to shape a new world from this very soil, and that the Muslim Ummah has high expectations from them. He further mentioned that Iqbal's ideas have many admirers across Africa, the Middle East, and the Arab world. Iqbal is one of the most written-about figures in the world, second only to the Prophet's biography. Prosperity, progress, and greatness stem from Iqbal's philosophy.

At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi congratulated Dr. Mahboob Hussain and Dr. Naumana Kiran for organizing this remarkable gathering.

## SEMINAR ON KASHMIR DAY (4TH FEB, 2025)



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of the Punjab organized a thought-provoking seminar on the Kashmir issue, chaired by Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department. The guest speaker, Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah, Assistant Professor, offered a compelling analysis of the complexities surrounding this longstanding conflict.

Describing Kashmir as far more than a simple territorial dispute between India and Pakistan, Mr. Abdullah highlighted its deeply rooted historical, political, and social dimensions. The issue has long served as a flashpoint in South Asia, with far-reaching implications for regional stability.

Tracing the origins of the conflict back to the 1947 partition of British India, he emphasized the critical role played by the British Empire, the controversial accession of Kashmir to India, and the series of wars and military standoffs that followed. The conflict has not only led to repeated confrontations but also triggered insurgencies and grave human rights violations, leaving lasting scars on the region.



Mr. Abdullah stressed the importance of understanding the historical context in order to fully grasp the present-day challenges. He argued that any sustainable resolution must acknowledge the aspirations and voices of the Kashmiri people.

The seminar served as a timely reminder of the urgent need for peaceful dialogue. Mr. Abdullah called for renewed diplomatic efforts between India and Pakistan, aimed at reaching a mutually acceptable solution that respects both regional stability and the will of the Kashmiri population.

## SCREENING OF BOHAY KHULLAY RAKHNA AT THE DEPARTMENT (12TH FEB, 2025)



A documentary film titled “Bohay Khullay Rakhna” was screened at the Department of History, University of the Punjab. The film, based on the painful stories of the partition of Punjab and the separation of families, sheds light on the deeply human aspects of this historical event. It is a significant and timely contribution that helps in understanding the complex events surrounding Punjab's division, particularly by presenting first-hand accounts from witnesses and families directly affected by the partition.

The active engagement and questions from students highlighted the ongoing need for deeper research and dialogue on the subject. The documentary reflects the dedicated efforts of LUMS professors Dr. Ali Usman Qasmi and Dr. Ilyas Chattha, who brought forward these untold narratives through this powerful visual medium.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Mahboob Hussain, Chair of the Department of History at Punjab University, appreciated the filmmakers' initiative. He emphasized that such scholarly activities not only provide young researchers with new perspectives on history but also underscore the value of oral history as a research method.





## BOOK LAUNCH CEREMONY OF MOUNTBATTEN, CABINET MISSION, AND PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES (19TH FEB, 2025)



The Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, hosted the launch ceremony of *Mountbatten, Cabinet Mission, and Provincial Boundaries*, a new book authored by renowned historian Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla. The event brought



together esteemed scholars and academicians to discuss the book's significance in the historical discourse on the partition of India. The panellists for the talk included Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of History, University of the Punjab; Prof. Naumana Kiran; Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah; Dr Muhammad Altaf and Dr. Adnan Tariq from Government College University, Lahore. Each panellist shared their insights on the book's scholarly contributions and its critical analysis of the political developments surrounding the Cabinet Mission and the role of Lord Mountbatten in shaping the subcontinent's boundaries.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla, the author, provided an in-depth overview of his research, highlighting the key findings and the implications of British policies



on the partition process. He emphasized how the book offers a fresh perspective on the historical debates surrounding the partition and provincial demarcations.

The event concluded with a lively Q&A session, where the audience, comprising students, faculty members, and researchers, engaged in discussions on the book's themes. The launch ceremony marked an important academic contribution to studying South Asian history and the partition narrative.



## VISIT BY SIKH NUMISMATICS EXPERT (19TH FEB, 2025)

The Department welcomed Tanveer Singh, an independent researcher from Canada specializing in Sikh numismatics, to the Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of the Punjab.



## VISIT OF MUSHAAL MALIK AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KASHMIR (20TH FEB, 2025)



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of the Punjab hosted a thought-provoking seminar featuring Mushaal Hussein Malik, wife of prominent Kashmiri Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik. In her powerful address, she shed light on the ongoing human rights violations in Indian-occupied Kashmir and the sacrifices made by Kashmiris in their decades-long struggle for self-determination.

Mushaal Malik emphasized that the Kashmiri people are standing against India's massive military presence—claiming that without their resistance, India would have advanced towards Pakistan. She described the region as “the worst prison in the world,” particularly after the Indian government's revocation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, which she said has led to increased repression and killings.

Reflecting on the intergenerational nature of the struggle, she noted, “We are throwing our generations into the freedom movement. My mother made both her daughter and granddaughter the vanguard of this cause.” She asserted that when the history of Kashmir is written, it will expose atrocities even greater than those witnessed in Palestine.

Malik reiterated that Kashmir is not just a regional issue, but a deeply rooted conflict in international law and human rights, where people have long been denied their UN-mandated right to self-determination.

Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of the Department of History, also addressed the gathering. He emphasized the academic importance of critically examining the Kashmir conflict, noting that Mushaal Malik's call to study Yasin Malik's sacrifices and the biases within the Indian judicial system had drawn the attention of students and faculty alike. He further highlighted ongoing research on Kashmir at Punjab University and the Department's continued efforts to foster informed, scholarly dialogue on this pressing issue.

Faculty members and a large number of students participated in the session, making it a meaningful contribution to the academic and national conversation on Kashmir.

## ANNUAL SPORTS GALA (25TH FEB, 2025)



The Department of History at Punjab University launched its three-day annual sports event with great enthusiasm and celebration. The inauguration was formally conducted by Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chair of the Department, accompanied by the faculty. The event aimed to promote physical well-being and foster a spirit of healthy competition.





among students. Both teachers and students participated with great zeal, creating an energetic and vibrant atmosphere. Competitions are being held across a variety of sports, including cricket, football, badminton, and other engaging events.

## PRIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT: KASHIF AFZAL SECURES THIRD POSITION IN GHAZAL RECITATION CONTEST (26TH FEB, 2025)

Kashif Afzal, a talented student from the Department of History, earned third place in the Ghazal Recitation competition held at the University of Central Punjab as part of the event "Takra". His outstanding performance not only reflects his personal dedication and talent but also brings pride to the department.



## UNLOCKING CIVIL SERVICES EXAM: A SEMINAR (13TH MARCH, 2025)



The Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, successfully organized a special seminar on "Unlocking Civil Services Exam" on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the department's Seminar Room.

The event featured Dr. Ahtasham Jan Butt, Director (General) Colleges, Punjab, as the distinguished guest speaker. Dr. Butt provided invaluable insights into the structure, preparation strategies, and key challenges of the Civil Services Exam. His address aimed to equip aspiring candidates with practical guidance and motivation to excel in one of the country's most competitive examinations.

The seminar was well-attended by students, faculty members, and civil service aspirants who actively participated in the interactive discussion. The session highlighted the significance of perseverance, analytical skills, and strategic preparation for achieving success in the exam.

Chairman of the Department Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, said the Department of History & Pakistan Studies remains committed to organizing such educational initiatives to empower students with knowledge and career guidance.

## APPOINTMENT OF DR. MAHBOOB HUSSAIN AS DEAN (10TH APRIL, 2025)



Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain Appointed Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Punjab University.



## ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER (13TH APRIL, 2025)



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies at Punjab University hosted a graceful alumni dinner to honour its former students. The event witnessed a large turnout of alumni who joyfully reunited and reminisced about their academic journey and cherished memories from their time in the department.

Distinguished guests, including Punjab University Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Muhammad Ali, Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khalid Mahmood, and Chairman of the Department Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, delivered speeches highlighting the department's rich academic legacy and the notable achievements of its alumni both nationally and internationally.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Ali commended the department for upholding strong academic traditions and praised its graduates for their impactful roles in various fields. He noted that such gatherings not only reconnect alumni with their roots but also serve as an inspiration for current students. Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Mahmood emphasized the significance of alumni engagement in academic and institutional development.

Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain expressed his vision for the department's continued progress and thanked the esteemed guests for their presence. Former Chairpersons Professor Syed Qamar Abbas and Professor Dr. Iqbal Chawla also shared their reflections, adding warmth and wisdom to the evening. Faculty members including Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Dr. Faraz Anjum, Dr. Naumana Kiran, Dr. Kiran Siddiqui, Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah, and Dr. Muhammad Altaf, among others, spoke and relived fond memories.



The event concluded on a delightful note, with informal conversations and the sharing of old stories, making it a truly memorable evening. Participants emphasized the need for such gatherings to continue, fostering lasting bonds between the department and its alumni.



## CROSS-CULTURAL WORKSHOP (22ND APRIL, 2025)



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, in collaboration with The Mehfil-Cèilidh, hosted a cultural workshop featuring stone carving, instrumental music, storytelling, and talks.

This event is part of an international cultural exchange project connecting the communities of Lochalsh and Skye in Scotland with Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and Lahore in Pakistan. The project explores themes of cultural memory, conviviality, and connection.

Supported by the British Council's International Collaboration Grants, the workshop celebrated shared heritage through art, dialogue, and performance—strengthening cross-cultural ties and mutual understanding.

## SEMINAR ON WELL-BEING AT WORKPLACE: AN INSIDER OUTSIDER PERSPECTIVE (24TH APRIL, 2025)



Vice Chancellor of Punjab University, Professor Dr. Muhammad Ali, emphasized the under appreciation of history as a discipline in Pakistan, in contrast to its high regard in Western countries. He made these remarks while addressing a seminar titled "Workplace Health: Internal and External Perspectives" organized by the Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the Institute of Chemistry Auditorium.

The event was attended by Pakistan's



Ambassador to Spain, Dr. Zahoor Ahmed, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, faculty members, and a large number of students.

In his speech, Dr. Muhammad Ali highlighted how history is a core subject in American universities and stressed its importance in understanding the past, evaluating the present, and planning for the future. He noted that many distinguished civil servants and bureaucrats have emerged from history departments,

particularly at Quaid-e-Azam University. He expressed his desire for Punjab University students to engage with successful individuals and benefit from their experiences. Dr. Ali also encouraged students to work hard during their academic years to ensure a fruitful professional life.

Ambassador Dr. Zahoor Ahmed delivered a thought-provoking presentation on workplace health, emphasizing the overlap between mental and physical health. He pointed out that while people seek medical attention for physical ailments, they often turn only to friends or well-wishers rather than professionals for psychological issues. He stressed the need to change negative mind-sets and attitudes to foster peace and improvement in society. Dr. Zahoor noted that students of history tend to have a broader vision and advised them to embrace lifelong learning, rather than viewing education solely as a path to employment.

Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain praised Dr. Zahoor for his three decades of diplomatic service and his ability to address complex topics, including human psychology, with clarity and depth. He stated that the seminar aimed to raise awareness among students about mental health challenges and their possible solutions.

## DEPARTMENT WELCOMES CHINESE DELEGATION TO FOSTER ACADEMIC COLLABORATION (2ND MAY, 2025)

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of the Punjab had the honour of welcoming a distinguished delegation from China. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain warmly received the guests and provided a comprehensive overview of the department's academic programs, research initiatives, and esteemed faculty.

The visit centered on discussions around academic collaboration, cultural exchange, and prospects for future partnerships between the department and Chinese universities. Both sides expressed a strong commitment to



fostering mutual understanding and cooperation in the fields of historical and regional studies.

This visit marks a significant step toward building enduring academic ties and promoting shared learning experiences. The department looks forward to deepening engagement with international institutions in the spirit of scholarly exchange and global collaboration.

## BOOKS DONATION BY DR. HASAN BEG (16TH MAY, 2025)



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies extends its sincere gratitude to Dr. Hasan Beg (UK) for his generous donation of thousands of books. This remarkable

contribution is not only a valuable academic resource but also a testament to Dr. Beg's enduring commitment to Pakistan's intellectual and cultural heritage. The collection will significantly enrich research, stimulate critical thinking, and support scholarly pursuits in history and Pakistan studies for years to come.

## A SEMINAR ON STATE, IDENTITY AND ARCHITECTURE (21ST MAY, 2025)

An important and scholarly seminar was held at the Department of History, University of the Punjab, where renowned writer, researcher, and intellectual Dr. Ghaffar Shehzad delivered a keynote address. The title of his talk was "State, Identity, and Architecture", in which he analysed various historical buildings, monuments, and urban projects across Pakistan.



Dr. Ghaffar Shehzad emphasized how architecture not only reflects state identity but also encapsulates the civilization, power, religion, and political ideologies of the past. Using examples such as the Badshahi Mosque, Faisal Mosque, Minar-e-Pakistan, Aiwan-e-Sadr, and many others, he demonstrated that a building is not merely a structure of bricks and stones, but a mirror of the intellectual, ideological, and cultural landscape of its time.



## BOOK TALK ON GOHAR-E-FARDA (22ND MAY, 2025)

A ceremony was held at the Department to honour Professor Javed Iqbal Nadeem's book "Gohar-e-Farda". It was presided over by renowned journalist and intellectual Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami. Distinguished speakers at the event included Qayyum Nizami, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, former Chairman of the Department of Philosophy Dr. Sajid Ali, Dr. Jawad, Dr. Uzma Zareen, among others.



## A SPECIAL LECTURE ON HOW TO WRITE A GOOD DISSERTATION (2ND JUNE, 2025)

Renowned historian Professor Dr. Sikandar Hayat delivered a special lecture in the Department of History, titled: "How to Write a Good Thesis?" In this lecture, he shed light on various aspects of research methodology and presented useful tips to guide students in the field of research. A large number of PhD, MPhil students, and faculty members participated in it.



## PHD PUBLIC DEFENCE

- Abdul Sattar, Z.A Bhutto Regime and the Politics of Religious Parties: A Study of Punjab (17th Jan 2025).
- Zhang Wei titled "Islamic Culture In China: Perspective Of Hui Muslim Traditional Sports History", 17 February, 2025.
- Ms. Zhou Wei titled "Cultural Collaboration and Exchange between China and Pakistan under the Belt and Road Initiative: A Case Study of Films from 1980 to Present, 17 February, 2025.
- Mr. Sun Bowen, History and Culture of Pakistani Tea: An Analytical Study (14th May, 2025)

