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Message of the Vice-Chancellor

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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.

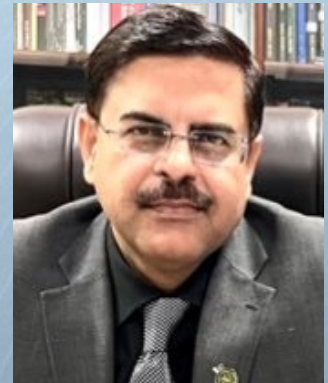
شکایت ہے مجھے یارب خداوندان مکتب سے
سبق شاہیں بچوں کو دے رہے ہیں حناک بازی کا



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.



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 2nd 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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