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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 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.

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