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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.







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## 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)

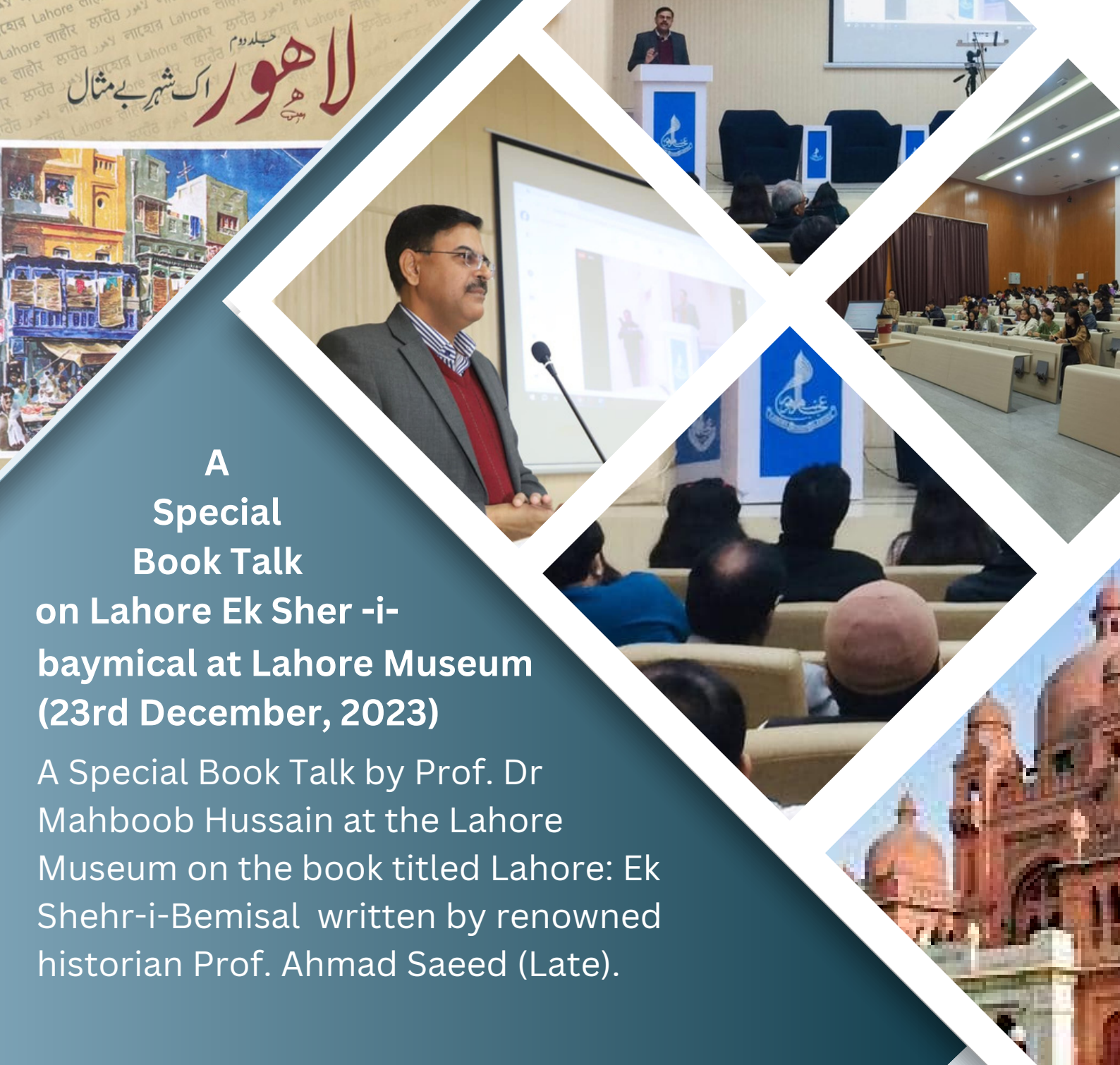
A student delegation from Karakoram University Gilgit visited the Department of History to foster collaboration and exchange between the two institutions.



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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