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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Pakistan Study Centre, University of the Punjab is a research and academic institute of international repute and having witness its performance, I believe that it will be a

leading name in the avenues of the promotion of better understanding of Pakistan Studies. Since the taking of the charge by the incumbent Director, it has developed a culture of regularly organizing international and national events and has also enhanced the research output and linkages with the other research institutions.

I trust that my aim to augment the production of worthy graduates by inducing quality education and practical knowledge is followed in spirit. I am determined to extend my guidance and patronage to the academic and research activities carried out by the Centre and wish the Director, Faculty, staff and students to excel and prosper.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide quality education and promote research on Pakistan through developing skills of critical thinking and reasoning among the students.

ABOUT US

Pakistan Study Centre, University of the Punjab was established in 1981 and has been functioning as an independent unit since March 2003. The main objective of the Centre is to promote and undertake research on themes relating to history, politics, foreign affairs, economy, culture and languages of Pakistan.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to each of you through this first newsletter of Pakistan Study Centre. The year 2023 had been a testament to our collective determination and resilience and I am immensely proud of the strides we have made in advancing our mission to explore and understand the rich tapestry of Pakistan's history, culture, society, politics and foreign policy. In our pursuit of knowledge, we have not only delved into the annals of the past but also strived to connect it with the contemporary challenges and opportunities that shape our nation. The year ahead promises to be filled with exciting developments, engaging events, and meaningful collaborations. Our faculty members continue to be at the forefront of research, contributing valuable insights to scholarly discourse and enriching the academic landscape. Our students are the heartbeat of the Pakistan Study Centre. Their passion for learning and diverse perspectives contribute significantly to the vibrant tapestry of our academic community. Your journey with us is a journey of self-discovery and we are here to support and guide you on every step. The Pakistan Study Centre is not just a place of learning; it is a community bound together by a shared commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and the betterment of our society. I extend my gratitude to the dedicated faculty, staff, intelligentsia and students who make the Pakistan Study Centre a hub of intellectual curiosity and academic excellence. Together, let us continue to bridge the past with the future, forging a path of enlightenment and understanding for generations to come. Wishing you all a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

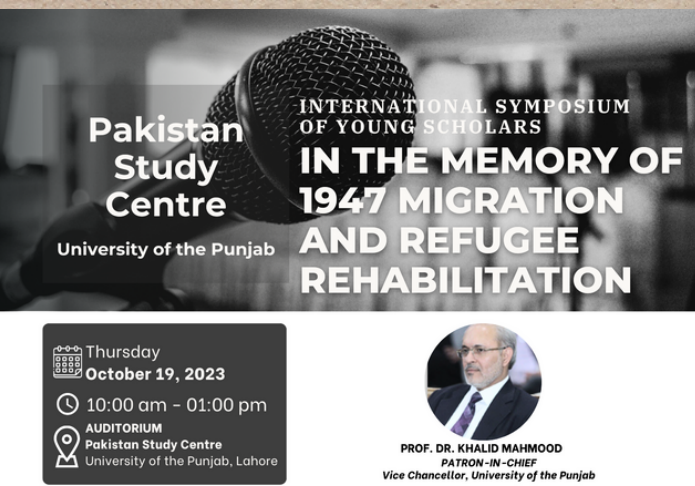


INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

An international symposium of Young Scholars "In the Memory of 1947 Migration and Refugee Rehabilitation" was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023. The Vice-Chancellor, Punjab University,



Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood presided over the symposium. Prof. (r) Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts & Humanities & Chairman, Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore was the keynote speaker. Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran, Director, Pakistan Study Centre welcomed the guests and the participants and Dr. Amjad Abbas Khan Magsi conducted the proceedings of the seminar. Ms. Masooma Zafar (PhD scholar, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore), Mr. Sunjay Mathuria (PhD scholar, Concordia University, Canada) and Dr. Tahir Khan (Virtual University of Pakistan) were among the young scholars who presented their research at the occasion.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

A national conference on "Allama Iqbal: Evolution of Muslim Nationalism & Iqbal's Ideology for Peace & Prosperity" was held on Thursday, November 30, 2023.



The Vice-Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood presided over the conference. Senator Walid Iqbal was the Chief Guest. Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqee, Director Iqbal Academy, Mr. Qayyum Nizami, eminent columnist & former Minister and Prof. Dr. Uzma Zareen Nazia from the Department of Persian, Punjab University were among the speakers at the occasion. Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran, Director, Pakistan Study Centre welcomed the guests and the participants.



MEHFIL-E-MILAAD

The Centre arranged a Mehfil-e-Milaad at the Committee Room of the Centre in context of Eid Milaad-un-Nabi ﷺ. The faculty, staff and students of the Centre participated in the spiritual sitting and paid homage to Nabi-e-Rehmat ﷺ.



DEFENCE DAY OF PAKISTAN CELEBRATIONS



The students of the Centre organized an event in connection with the celebrations of the Defence Day of Pakistan. The event commenced with the national anthem and scholars conducted speeches and quizzes while sharing insights about the 1965 War. The faculty and the scholars also had a lively discussion.

BOOK TALKS

- Book Talk on "Muslims under Sikh Rule in the Nineteenth Century: Maharaja Ranjit Singh and Religious Tolerance"

A Book Talk "Muslims under Sikh Rule in the Nineteenth Century: Maharaja Ranjit Singh and Religious Tolerance" was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023. The author Dr. Robina Yasmeen, Chairperson, Department of Pakistan Studies at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, spoke on the occasion. Renowned Historian Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla presided over the session. The Director, Pakistan Study Centre, Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran welcomed the participants. Dr. Amjad Abbas Magsi moderated the proceedings of the session.



- Book Talk on "US Security Policy Towards South Asia and Kashmir Dispute"

A Book Talk on "US Security Policy Towards South Asia and Kashmir Dispute," was organized on May 3, 2023. The author Dr. Ahmad Ejaz, Associate Professor at the Centre talked on the occasion. Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran welcomed the participants and conducted the proceedings on the occasion.



SEMINARS

- Seminar on "Politics of Crisis and Development: Contemporary Struggle for Identity in India"

A Seminar on "Politics of Crisis and Development: Contemporary Struggle for Identity in India" was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Dr. David Karnail Singh from France talked on the occasion. Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran, Director of the Centre presided over the session while the faculty members & students were also present on the occasion.



- Seminar on "Constructing a Historiographic Saga for the National Integration in Pakistan: Problems and Prospects"

A Seminar on "Constructing a Historiographic Saga for the National Integration in Pakistan: Problems and Prospects," was held on Monday, October 30, 2023. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafique Bhatti, Chairman, Department of History & Civilization Studies, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan was the keynote speaker. Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran, Director, Pakistan Study Centre welcomed the guests and the participants and shed light on the theme of the seminar, while Dr. Amjad Abbas Khan Magsi conducted the proceedings of the seminar.



SEMINARS

- Seminar on "Local Governance/ Government"

A Seminar on local Governance/ Government was held at Pakistan Study Center University of the Punjab on May 4, 2023. Forum of Federation (FoF) in collaboration with GIZ PLG organized the session on Roles and Function of Local Government in connection with the Support to Youth Participation and Local Governance (SYPLG) project.



- Seminar on "Pakistan & Changing Strategic Environment"

A seminar on 'Pakistan & Changing Strategic Environment' was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Eminent political scientist and educationist Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad Khan delivered keynote speech on the event, while faculty of the Centre was also present on the occasion.



- Seminar on "Golden Jubilee of Pakistan's 1973 Constitution: Salient Features and its relevance to Current Issues"

A seminar on "Golden Jubilee of Pakistan's 1973 Constitution: Salient Features and its relevance to Current Issues" was held on Thursday, May 26, 2023. Renowned historian, former Dean & Chairman History Department and Director Pakistan Study Centre, Punjab University Prof Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla was the keynote speaker. The Director Pakistan Study Centre Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran welcomed the participants. Dr. Amjad Abbas Magsi moderated the proceedings of the seminar.

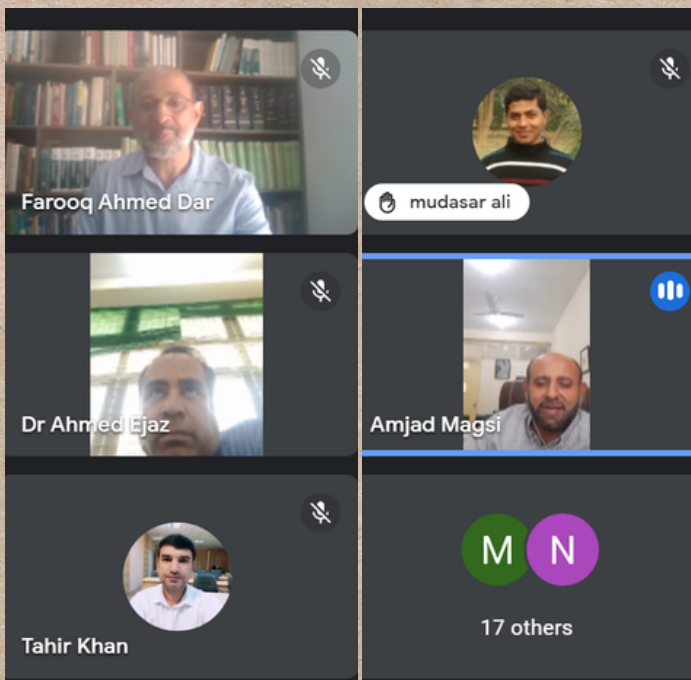
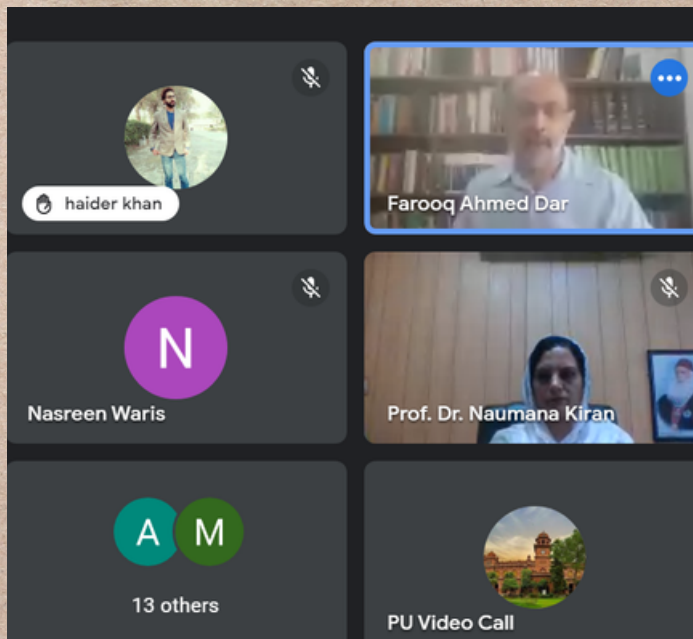
- Seminar on "Revival of Commitment with Pakistan"

A Seminar on "Revival of Commitment with Pakistan" was held on February 9, 2023. Engineer Abdul Waheed Khawaja, Mr. Qayum Nizami, Professor Jawad, Professor Syed Rozi Rizvi, Mr. Anwar Masood Khan, Ms. Raza Riaz and Dr Amra Raza delivered the speeches and the faculty of the Centre was present on the occasion.

WEBINAR

- Webinar on 'Quaid's Vision of Pakistan and Responsibilities of a Common Citizen'

In connection with the independence day celebrations, Pakistan Study Centre, University of the Punjab organized a webinar on 'Quaid's Vision of Pakistan and Responsibilities of a Common Citizen' on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Dr. Farooq Ahmed Dar, Professor of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, delivered keynote speech on the event. Dr. Amjad Abbas Khan Magsi welcomed the guests and the participants and conducted the proceedings; Dr. Ahmad Ejaz also spoke on the event and Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran, Director, Pakistan Study Centre concluded the discussion, while highlighting Quaid's vision of common citizen.



WORKSHOP

- Workshop on "Social Science Research Methods: Walking Interviews and Ethnographic Techniques"

A Workshop on "Social Science Research Methods: Walking Interviews and Ethnographic Techniques" was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Mr. Sanjay Mathuria (Concordia University, Canada), conducted the workshop. PhD & MPhil scholars of the Centre participated in the workshop.



SPECIAL LECTURES

- Special Lecture on "Evolution of Modern Nationalism in China"

A special lecture on "Evolution of Modern Nationalism in China," was held on December 19, 2023. Ms. Qu Qumei, PhD Scholar, delivered the lecture on the topic. PhD & MPhil scholars of the Centre attended the lecture.



- Special Lecture on "Evolution of Nationalism in Canada"

A Special Lecture on "Evolution of Nationalism in Canada," was held on November 6, 2023. Mr. Sanjay Mathuria (Concordia University, Canada) delivered the lecture. PhD & MPhil scholars of the Centre attended the lecture.



• Special Lecture on "Women's Rights in Canada"

A special lecture on "Women's Rights in Canada" was held on Monday, September 18, 2023. Mr. Sanjay Mathuria (Concordia University, Canada), talked on the occasion. MPhil scholars of the Centre attended the event.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

• Interactive Discussion with Afghan students on "Pak-Afghan Relations: Current Scenario"

An Interactive Discussion with Afghan students and faculty of University of Lahore on 'Pak-Afghan Relations: Current Scenario' took place on December 15th, 2023. The 15 Member Afghan students delegation, studying at the Centre for Security, Strategy & Policy Research, University of Lahore visited the Centre.



• Panel Discussion on "Quaid's Pakistan: Contemporary Challenges and Future"

A Panel Discussion on "Quaid's Pakistan: Contemporary Challenges and Future", was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran, Director, Pakistan Study Centre welcomed the participants and shared Quaid's vision of Pakistan. The two distinguished guests; Dr. Erum Muzaffar (Incharge, Pakistan

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Study Centre, Karachi University) and Dr. Mukaish Kumar (Director, Pakistan Study Centre, Jamshoro University, Sindh) talked about the current internal and external challenges being faced by Pakistan and the way forward. Dr. Amjad Abbas Khan co-related contemporary Pakistan with Quaid's vision. Dr. Ahmad Ejaz moderated the proceedings of the session. Dr. Naheed S. Goraya (Director, Centre for South Asian Studies, Punjab University) along with the faculty members was also amongst the panelists.



• Session on "Support to Youth Participation and Local Government (YoLoGo)"

A Session on "Support to Youth Participation and Local Government (YoLoGo)" in collaboration with Forum of Federations was held on Monday, September 19, 2023.



RESEARCH JOURNAL PAKISTAN VISION

Publication of Pakistan Study Centre's bi-annual research journal 'Pakistan Vision' is given top priority. Eminent and young scholars have been contributing original research articles for the journal.

The research journal of the Centre, Pakistan Vision, has been granted recognition in "Y" category by HEC Islamabad in its Annual Call for Recognition of Journals 2022-23.

MoUs

Pakistan Study Centre, Punjab University has signed three MoUs

- i. Pakistan Study Centre, Karachi University,
- ii. Pakistan Study Centre, Jamshoro University, Sindh and
- iii. Centre for South Asian Studies, University of the Punjab.



MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 22nd meeting of the Board of Governors, Pakistan Study Centre, University of the Punjab, Lahore was held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of the Vice Chancellor's office, University of the Punjab, Quaid-i-Azam Campus, Lahore. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Vic-Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore chaired the meeting.



EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS

- Mr. Sunjay Mathuria, PhD Scholar of Concordia University, Montreal, Canada worked on Split PhD programme in the Pakistan Study Centre on the "Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (MSFSS)" programme under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Naumana Kiran. 
- Mr. Zubair Ahmad, MPhil scholar of the Centre studied a semester in Sichuan University, Chengdu, China. He has availed BRI scholarship under the exchange of scholars programme. 

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

PhD & MPhil scholars produced by the Centre

05 PhDs and 12 MPhil scholars have successfully completed their degrees this year:

- PhDs Produced
 - Mr. Nasir Ali Khan, "Role of Print Media in Lawyer's Movement (2007-2009): A Comparative Study of Dawn, Nation, News"



- Ms. Humera Malik, "Basic Human Rights and State of Honour Killing in the Province of Punjab (200I-20I8)"



- Ms. YungHee Chun, "A Comparative Study of Economic Development between Pakistan and South Korea in the I960s-I970s"



- Mr. Nasir Amir, "Sufism and Spirituality in Pakistan Rethinking the Practices in the Dargah of Golra Sharif and Karmanwala Sharif"



- Mr. Muhammad Saleem Akhtar, "Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan; I985-I999: A Historical Perspective"



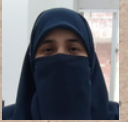
MPhil Degrees Awarded

- Amjad Ali,
- Qudsia,
- Sana Ullah,
- Kousar Abbas,
- Maimona Rehman,
- Hafsa Zafar,
- Waseelat Khan,
- Raees Ahmad Talha,
- Zubaida Waheed,
- Haider Abbas,
- Zulqarnain Haider,
- Maira Shahid

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STUDENTS

• Selections & Appointments

- Ms. Isra Sarwar was appointed Lecturer at University of Home Economics, Lahore.



- Ms. Samia Jamshed was appointed Lecturer at University of Home Economics, Lahore.



- Mr. Amjad Ali succeeded to pass the competitive examinations and secured the post of Subject Specialist.



- Mr. Sana Ullah has been appointed as Assistant Director (BS-I7) Social Welfare & Bait-Ul-Maal Department Government of the Punjab, after passing competitive examinations.



• Award of Laptop to the Scholars of the Centre

Ms. Adeela Batool and Ms. Mariam Shakeel, scholars of MPhil Pakistan Studies, Session 2022-24 have been awarded Laptops by the Government of Punjab.



LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The development of library of the Centre is being given high priority. The library of the Centre has a collection of more than I2000 books and numerous journals and theses. Following measures to enhance the capacity of the library had been taken:

- New books were being added on regular basis
- Digitization of the library has been initiated, indexing of the collection of resources is in progress after the installation of latest hardware.



WELCOME PARTY

A party to welcome the new cohort of MPhil and PhD of Fall 2023 was arranged in November. The entire Centre enthusiastically participated in the event. The function was especially planned to be held on the weekend immediately after the mid-term examinations.



RETIREMENTS & FAREWELLS

This year, the Centre bid farewell to one faculty member and two employees.

- Dr. Ahmad Ejaz, Associate Professor retired from services on 14 December 2023. The faculty, staff and students arranged a party in his honor to celebrate the successful completion of his tenure at the Centre.



- Mr. Muhammad Saleem (Farrash) and Mr. Amanat Ali (Mali) have also retired from the services. A gathering of faculty and staff was held in the committee room of the Centre to bid the farewell.



- Also this year, the Centre bore the unfortunate loss Mr. Rizwan Ali, Naib Qasid, due to the cardiac arrest.





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University of the Punjab, Lahore