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# President's Report

Dear Friends and Colleagues,



Kamran Asdar Ali

I have just returned from a successful AIPS-sponsored workshop at Arizona State University. This was the second in a three-part series of workshops that AIPS is coordinating with different member institutions (the first one was at University of Michigan) to discuss and debate the future trajectory of research on Pakistan in the coming decade. This series brings scholars from the US, Pakistan and, in this last case, also from Europe, to share their respective research. Like the workshop at UM, the one at ASU made it clearly evident that the scholarship on Pakistan has moved beyond the history of Muslim nationalism in South Asia, the study of Islam in the region, the woman question in Islam and the obsession with the security studies paradigm. Although hinting at these topics, the papers presented were refreshing in their new subject matter, methodological approaches, theoretical paradigms and innovative writing styles. We at AIPS should take some credit for this shift as we constantly encourage new scholarship and research on Pakistan

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and provide opportunities for its sharing and dissemination. In addition to this series, AIPS initiated conferences for junior scholars, launched during the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison in October 2015. Similar to the Michigan and ASU workshops, the first junior scholars conference in 2015 generated research papers on the media, literary debates, sexuality issues, the environment, waste management and on the diaspora. We are in the process of planning the second conference for October of 2016.

Similarly, AIPS has sponsored the ongoing Higher Education Workshop Series in Pakistan. Two of the three workshop series each have ended successfully (*Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management* and *Conflict and Peace Building*) and two (*Visual Analysis: Art, Architecture, and Media* and *Pakistan and Peace: Methods and Meaning*) are already underway. These workshops have brought selected junior colleagues from Pakistani universities into intense week-long discussions on pedagogy, research methods, and curriculum development not only to build capacity, but also to create scholarly networks within Pakistan. AIPS has the funds to sponsor 2-3 more of these workshop series.

Further, AIPS continues to support scholarly workshops at universities in the US and Pakistan. This past year these gatherings have been in Islamabad (PIDE University), Karachi (Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture) and at the University of Michigan. We have forthcoming workshops at Boston University, at Lahore College for Women, and at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). In addition, AIPS has funded a number of US-based scholars with summer research grants and provided funds for US-based faculty to assist with curricular and administrative needs of Pakistani universities. AIPS has also sponsored semester long academic visits to US universities by junior faculty and scholars from Pakistan. AIPS continues to fund Pakistani scholars to present papers at conferences in the US and similarly supports travel for US faculty to Pakistan to attend workshops and conferences. Finally, this past year AIPS, through a specific US Embassy grant, has funded the travel of five eminent US scholars and public figures to Pakistan. Coming from fields of literature, security studies, South Asian history, environmental studies and Islamic studies, these scholars gave public lectures, university seminars and media interviews while in Pakistan.

AIPS' partnership with the University of California, Berkeley continues in the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Program. We had a successful second year and the recruitment of faculty and students for the Fall 2016 session is complete. Additionally, the program is sponsoring two Urdu teachers from Pakistan to be trained in the pedagogical methods of teaching Urdu as a second language at the South Asia Summer Language Institute program at UW-Madison this summer.

This coming academic year (2016-2017) is my final year as the President. I am delighted to report, that as an organization we remain financially secure and are committed to broadening our core mission of enhancing the study of Pakistan in US universities,

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## The Study of Pakistan in the 21st Century: AIPS Conference Series

Farina Mir, University of Michigan

In early 2015, AIPS President, Kamran Asdar Ali, conceived of a conference series that would consider the study of Pakistan in the 21st century. The goal is to explore themes beyond those that currently dominate academic work on Pakistan—security studies, gender, and Islam/Islamic radicalism. The series is therefore intended to bring more breadth to areas of inquiry in the study of Pakistan. The inaugural conference was held at the University of Michigan (UM), the second was held at Arizona State University (ASU) in April 2016, and the third will be hosted by the University of Washington.

On April 4, 2015, the Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS) at UM hosted the first of these conferences, "Future Directions in Pakistan Studies." Jointly organized by Farina Mir and Kamran Asdar Ali, and jointly supported by the CSAS and AIPS, the conference brought together eight external scholars to share their research on Pakistan. CSAS faculty participated in the conversation as chairs and respondents. The conference was timed to correspond with the fifth UM Pakistan conference, which was held the day before. Holding the conferences back-to-back allowed for a critical mass of individuals actively engaged with and in Pakistan, allowing both conferences to benefit from this synergy.

The conference was focused on themes of particular scholarly strength at UM: art and architectural history, urban studies, and cultural history. The conference opened with welcoming remarks from Farina Mir, Vice-President of AIPS, Associate Professor of History, and Director of the CSAS. Kamran Asdar Ali then framed the day's discussion in terms of the broader intellectual goals for the series. The first panel, on Art/Architectural History, included presentations from Iftikhar Dadi (Cornell University), who spoke on contemporary art in Pakistan, and Kishwar Rizvi (Yale University), who discussed three architectural sites (Mohenjo-Daro, Makli, and Mohammad Ali Jinnah's mausoleum) that represent three moments in the history of Southern Sind. Christiane Gruber of the UM Department of History of Art served as the respondent for the panel.



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The second panel, chaired by UM's Matthew Hull (Department of Anthropology), on urban issues in Pakistan, featured Rabia Nadir (Lahore School of Economics) and Haris Gazdar (Collective for Social Science Research, Karachi). Nadir presented on her ongoing research into the lifeworlds of Pathan communities in the walled city of Lahore. Gazdar's talk focused on the ways that the city—in this case Karachi—serves as a productive site for interdisciplinary work. William Glover of UM's Department of History responded to the panel and kicked off discussion.

The final panel of the day was on cultural history, and was chaired by Juan Cole of UM's Department of History. Framji Minwalla (Institute of Business Administration, Karachi), Manan Ahmed (Columbia University), and Kamran Asdar Ali (University of Texas, Austin) presented. Minwalla spoke on contemporary theater in Pakistan. Ahmed spoke about questions of space, scale, distance, and alterity

in the writing of history, drawing on his work on the early history of Sind. Asdar Ali discussed homosociality and desire in Pakistani cinema. Yasmin Saikia (ASU) served as discussant for the panel.

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The second conference in the series was hosted by the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at ASU. Titled, *Trending Pakistan: A History Workshop*, the conference featured presentations by 13 emerging scholars. A report on the conference will be featured in the Spring 2017 newsletter. ■



# Impacting Higher Education in Pakistan: AIPS Workshop Series & Faculty Mentoring Program

AIPS has been devoting considerable time to helping build capacity in Pakistan's higher education. Currently, it is running a number of programs with this aim, one of which is the AIPS workshop series, which takes place in Pakistan. The other is a mentoring program, which brings Pakistani faculty to the US.

## AIPS Higher Education Workshop Series

Two years ago, with funding provided by the Department of State/US Embassy in Pakistan, AIPS initiated a program aimed at building capacity in Pakistani higher education. It currently is running a number of programs with this aim, one of which is the AIPS workshop series, which takes place in Pakistan. The goal of the workshops is to provide the selected group of faculty, who attend all three workshops, both pedagogical and research methods training. In order to expose Pakistani faculty to varied perspectives, each workshop is ideally led by a different faculty mentor. Working collaboratively with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan on this program, AIPS has now successfully sponsored two out of four series of workshops. The latest to be completed was organized by Paula Newberg (University of Texas) whose report follows. Also below is a report from Yasmin Saikia on the latest series to be initiated, on Peace Studies.

## AIPS Higher Education Workshop Series on Conflict and Peace-building

Paula R. Newberg  
University of Texas at Austin

From late 2013 to mid-2015, AIPS hosted three workshops for junior faculty members from several universities in Pakistan on the broad subjects of conflict and peace-building. The participants came from three provinces, five social science fields, and seven universities. The workshop series was meant to introduce participants to subjects in which they were not previously trained, expose disciplinarily-based faculty to cross-disciplinary training, provide a basis for their future research in their own areas of concentration, introduce them to the use of public policy analysis in their own teaching (as well as to foreign and international research organizations working in these fields), and open the possibility of adding to their roster of research and teaching subjects. The sessions were participatory and interactive, and included a small number of guest lectures.

Although it is too early to tell whether all of these goals will be reached, my conversations with the participants (individually and collectively) suggest that some of our intentions are bearing fruit. Most report that they have used workshop materials in their own teaching (particularly non-traditional, non-lecture models); several report that their research has broadened (including for local research conferences they have

hosted); and a few have begun to incorporate questions of conflict into their courses. (Two or three have, I believe, drafted papers on these topics.) This was probably informal as much as formal, since junior professors rarely set course and degree requirements.

More generally, however, I think the subject matter has helped the participants to think through the contexts in which they teach. Although the workshops were not intended to be about Pakistan, current events inevitably intruded on theoretical discussions. (The second workshop was held immediately after the Peshawar shootings at the end of 2014.) Our three guest lecturers spoke variously about bilateral water relations and climate change in South Asia; United Nations regional peace negotiations in central America; and international human rights investigations in Gaza and Sudan. The effect of their contributions was profound: these were individuals (among Pakistan's best in global affairs) to whom our workshop participants had not previously been exposed, and their ability to help our participants draw lessons from the global to local (and back again) augmented our formal agenda.

Lastly, few of the workshop participants knew one another, and I was surprised to learn how infrequently their universities collaborate and share resources. Those from the north have now begun to establish informal relationships with one another, and report that they have discussed the possibility of co-sponsoring future conferences.

## AIPS Higher Education Workshop Series on Peace Studies

Yasmin Saikia, Arizona State University

The Peace Studies workshop is a three-part series broadly conceived to introduce peace concepts, peace research methods, and peace communication to colleagues in Pakistan. Each workshop in the series aims to achieve one of these goals. Taken together, our goal is to both broaden and deepen the study of peace as a teaching



and research tool and use the knowledge effectively for scholarly and public communication to create awareness of peace in Pakistan.

Yasmin Saikia led the first session of the three-part workshop, which was held at LUMS January 10-14, 2016. Ten participants were selected from a pool of over two dozen applicants, and eight attended the workshop. The selection of participants was based on merit, diversity, gender, and regional representation. The workshop included three women and five men, representing different disciplinary and scholarly backgrounds. It was a good mix, but more importantly they were an eager group of learners. One unfortunate weakness was the lack of religious diversity due to no religious minority representation in the application pool. The workshop mixed lecture and presentation methods with interactive group discussions and problem solving approaches. The workshop had three teaching objectives – peace concept, peace methods, and peace practice. We began by reading different concepts of peace, both western and non-western, religious and secular, and positive and negative peace. Next, we investigated several peace methods, such as the role of the economy, art, law and the relationship between institutions and individuals in peace-making. We also explored some of the peace methods like

Truth and Reconciliation, Transitional and Restorative justice, and War Criminals Tribunal. Finally, we discussed some of the practices of peace that are lived in everyday context and the relationship of peace with pluralism, co-existence, tolerance and harmony.

Toward the end of this segment of the workshop, we engaged the participants to outline research topics and work on a draft syllabus in preparation of the second part of the workshop that focused on research methods. This is planned for early Fall 2016 and will be led by Anthropologist Chad Haines and Computer Scientist Hasan Davalcu.

The workshop was interactive, engaging, and we hope it helped the participants to think of new issues, ideas and problems, as well as, the possibility of peace. Through the three-part series of the Peace Workshop, we hope we will be able to establish a small circle of peace faculty who can work collaboratively within Pakistan and also establish linkages with American universities. Several of the participants in this first cohort seemed promising, and we would like to see them succeed in their careers. We hope the approaches to peace we have introduced will benefit further conversations with their students, colleagues, and communities for developing synergies to take the work of peace forward in Pakistan.

## AIPS Faculty Mentoring Program

Initiated three years ago, and supported in part by a grant from the US Embassy in Pakistan, this program brings faculty from Pakistani universities to the US, to be mentored at an AIPS member institution. The program has brought eight fellows to the US to date. A recent participant in this program, Mr. Siraj Ahmed Soomro, Assistant Professor of Pakistan Studies at Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, was a visiting scholar at Florida International University's (FIU) Department of Religious Studies in Miami in Fall 2015. His time at FIU was focused on professional development in five ways.



One, he audited Professor Iqbal Akhtar's *Development of International Relations* course to learn new pedagogical techniques, which included site visits and guest lectures. Two, Professor Soomro helped organize the AIPS-sponsored conference, *Western Indian Ocean Studies*, in November at FIU. Three, he attended an AIPS-sponsored junior scholars workshop at the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison. Four, he gave the annual FIU alumni dinner keynote lecture, *The Federal Integration of Sindh Nationalism in Pakistan*. Lastly, he is collaborating with Prof. Akhtar to formulate a research paper on an ongoing project for submission to an international scholarly journal. ■





## The City in South Asia Workshop

### January 3-6, 2016 • Karachi Pakistan

The City in South Asia workshop encouraged a broader discussion on the life worlds of the poor in urban South Asia, specifically on how working class men and women experience the economically uncertain urban milieu. Rather than concentrating on perceived failures of the South Asian mega-city—whether in terms of infrastructure, governance, or economic development—the papers emphasized seeing the emerging fabric of urban South Asia as the result of ordinary peoples' sustained productive deployment of sensibilities, practices, efforts, and collective formations. The workshop presentations sensitized the audience to the changing cultural, political and social milieu of Karachi, Dhaka, Colombo, Mumbai, Chennai, Lahore, and other cities. It addressed how issues of gender, caste, religious and ethnic difference, and sexuality are pivotal to understanding contemporary urban lifeworlds in South Asia.

The workshop was organized by William Glover (UM) and Kamran Asdar Ali (UT), AIPS, the American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies, the American Institute of Indian Studies, and the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (with added funding from the South Asia Institute, UT, Austin), in collaboration with Oxford University Press and NED University in Karachi. To attract a broad audience of scholars, students and the community at

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large, the panels and film showings were organized at different venues. The opening session was at the cultural space and café, T2F, where the documentary, *Q2P (a film about toilets and the city)* was shown on the evening of January 3rd. The film observes who has access to toilets and who doesn't while helping the viewer understand the imagination of gender that underlies the city's shape. The filmmaker and writer, Paromita Vohra, who traveled from Mumbai, was present during the showing. Similarly, on the last day of the workshop there was a special showing of the recent film *Bombay Velvet* to a full house. Following the film, the historian Gyan Prakash, who wrote the screenplay, took questions from the audience. Between these two events were panels and round table sessions at T2F, Oxford University Press, and at the NED University's Architecture Department by scholars who work on

Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Topics ranged from a discussion on Colombo's Urban Poor by Udan Fernando from the Center for Poverty Analysis, Colombo, to Nusrat Chowdhury's (Amherst College) analysis of crowds and violence related to the ambivalent state of Democracy in Bangladesh.

Despite the problems of visas, reporting and logistical issues involved in a conference held at multiple venues in Karachi, people participated with enthusiasm, scholarly engagement, and good humor. Students and scholars from local colleges and universities came to listen, debate, and discuss making each session unique and eventful. Finally, the support that the organizers received from colleagues and friends in Karachi was invaluable. Among them were Multinet, Lyceum School, Getz Pharma, Arcop and Geo TV. All receive our collective thanks. ■

## Junior Scholars Conference on Pakistan

### Madison, 2015

In the last decade there has been a substantial increase in the number of students admitted into social science and humanities graduate programs in the United States whose focus of study is Pakistani culture and society. Where an earlier generation of scholars working on Pakistan were primarily found in the fields of economics and political science, we now have a new group of graduate students and recent PhDs in cultural anthropology, archeology, sociology, education, media studies, history, religious studies, literary studies and a range of other disciplines. AIPS has been in the forefront of this wave of change and has given ample support to these scholars through its numerous programs, including: long-term research grants, summer research grants, writing fellowships, and travel grants to attend conferences. Building on these initiatives and mindful of the fact that these young researchers are indeed the future of AIPS and the study of Pakistan in US academia, AIPS' Executive Committee decided to organize a Junior Scholars Conference on Pakistan just prior to the South Asia Conference in Madison on October 22, 2015. We encouraged those graduate students who were writing their dissertations and post-doctoral scholars who had completed their PhDs in the last three years to apply. AIPS received 25 proposals out of which 12 were selected, and 10 were able to attend the conference. Each participant's domestic travel and accommodations was provided by AIPS.

The conference brought together a group of highly talented and intellectually bright scholars who presented excellent papers on Pakistan's new electronic mediascape, the history of its radio broadcast, environmental and climate change, sexuality and on literary themes. These new and refreshing topics were in contrast to the representation of Pakistan linked to Islamist radicalism, security studies, female seclusion, Muslim revivalist movements and the rehearsing of Pakistan nationalism, tropes that in most cases informs how the rest of the world views and imagines the country. Senior AIPS affiliated scholars were pres-



ent throughout the day to serve as panel discussants and participated with the assembled audience of students and faculty in the general discussion and exchange. One of the main aims for this conference was to create a network of young scholars



who work on Pakistan in US universities. By all indications AIPS succeeded in its mission and has sent out a call for papers for the second such conference to be held at the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin in 2016. ■

### PARTICIPANTS AND PRESENTATION TITLES:

**Majed Akhter**, Assistant Professor of Geography, Indiana University - Bloomington

"The long hydraulic partition: Producing national space in the Indus Basin"

**Andrew Amstutz**, PhD candidate in History, Cornell University  
"Urdu in Karachi before Pakistan: Language Politics & Indian Ocean Commercial Connections, 1914-1946"

**Yelena Biberman**, Assistant Professor, Government Department, Skidmore College  
"How We Know What We Know about Pakistan: *New York Times News Production, 1954-1971*"

**Elizabeth Bolton**, PhD Candidate in Radio-Television-Film, University of Texas at Austin  
"Khabarnak: Satirizing Current Affairs Television in Pakistan"

**Waqas H. Butt**, PhD candidate in Anthropology, University of California, San Diego  
"Waste and Its Infrastructures: Networks of Work in Contemporary Lahore"

**Abdul Haque Chang**, PhD candidate in Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin

"Different Histories and Geographies of the Indus Delta"

**Mariam Durrani**, PhD candidate in Educational Linguistics and Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania  
"Desi/Brown as Mediatized Muslim Youth Personae: The Online and Offline Lives of Transnational Pakistanis"

**Isabel Huacuja Alonso**, Postdoctoral Fellow in History, University of Texas at Austin  
"*Awaz de Kahan*: Nur Jehan's Radio Voice and the Making and Unmaking of Borders"

**Faris Ahmed Khan**, Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University  
"Contextualizing Khwaja Sira Rights: Toward a History of the Pakistani State's Gender and Sexuality Politics"

**Farhan Navid Yousaf**, PhD candidate in Sociology, University of Connecticut  
"Women's Trafficking in Pakistan: Intersecting Vulnerabilities and Repeated Exploitation"



## Islamabad Center News



The Islamabad Center has been busy this past year! Coordination was successful for the Higher Education Workshop Series, the US Embassy-funded speaker series in Pakistan, the City in South Asia workshop and the BULPIP-AIPS program. The AIPS Center provided facilitation services for many of the US Embassy-funded partnerships between American and Pakistani Universities and will continue offering these services to new partnering institutions. For these partnerships and other events, the Center hosts meetings and receptions for local scholars, academics, and other institutional representatives, including a meeting with Dr Nasir Ali Khan (Vice Chair, University of Hazara) and Dr Ihasn Ali (Vice Chair, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan) (photo right); and a recep-

tion for the Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences, Pakistan (see photos above).



In addition, the Pakistan Center has facilitated a greater than usual number of flights, logistics, and accommodations for AIPS scholars, grantees, and visitors due to our increased programming both in the US and in Pakistan. Over the past year, the center has assisted with Pakistan-based scholars' travel to the US for lectures and conferences, US-based scholars' travel for



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lectures and visits to Pakistan, summer research grantees, AIPS long-term and short-term fellows, visiting faculty to the US for the faculty mentoring program, and visiting lecturers to Pakistan for the Speaker Series. The Speaker Series, made possible through a grant from the US Embassy, brings US experts to Pakistan to present a series of lectures in various cities and academic and/or public institutions. These lectures are intended to promote a global dialogue in Pakistan and scholars are chosen based on the excellence of their intellectual work, breadth of knowledge, ability to engage large audiences, and/or the importance of their contribution to debates in contemporary Pakistan. Over this past year, four scholars have come to Pakistan for this purpose. If you travel to Islamabad, do not hesitate to coordinate a visit to the AIPS Center!

### SPEAKER SERIES IN PAKISTAN



**Professor Hassan Abbas**, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University, Washington DC. He traveled to Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad, November 24-28, 2015. His talks included: *"The Future of Iraq"* at Habib University; and *"Are Taliban History"* at Quaid-i-Azam University.



**Professor Barbara D. Metcalf**, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, University of California-Davis. Professor Metcalf traveled to Karachi and Lahore, February 3-11, 2016. She participated in the Karachi Literature Festival, where she gave two lectures: *"Writing History"* and *"What's Liberal about the Liberal Arts,"* February 5-7. She then traveled to the Lahore University of Management Sciences to hold speaking engagements on February 8-9, 2016.



**Professor Timothy Beach**, Professor, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas-Austin. He traveled to Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad, January 18-26, 2016. Professor Beach held meetings with faculty members from the Climate Change Research Department followed by a seminar at COMSATS on January 20th, 2016. The seminar was based on studies showing that South Asia will be severely impacted by the harmful effects of climate change. Dr. Beach discussed how this will influence key economic sectors of the region (i.e. agriculture) and what should be the specific adaptation measures. On January 22nd, 2016, he gave a lecture, *"Is the Development of Global Climate Policy (Paris Agreement) Calibrated with the Latest Scientific Evidence with Particular Reference to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report to Effectively Address both Short and Long Term Threats of Climate Change?"* at the Punjab Higher Education Commission & COMSATS.



### BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Language Program

In the Fall of 2015, the BULPIP-AIPS Urdu Language Program hosted its second batch of students in Lahore. A cohort of six, these students came from a variety of departments and programs (Public Health, Near Eastern Studies, International Studies, Conflict Resolution, Art History, and Comparative Literature) and institutions (Columbia, University of Michigan, Georgetown, Cornell, University of Washington, and Princeton). The students spent approximately fifteen weeks on the campus of LUMS undergoing intensive Urdu language training under the tutelage of two experienced Urdu teachers—Faiza Saleem (who also taught on the program the previous year) and Umar Anjum (who has been an Urdu lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison). Returning as the Program Manager and lecturer in Urdu poetry was Gwen Kirk (doctoral candidate in Anthropology, University of Texas-Austin).

Although everyone had to take basic security precautions, none missed any opportunity to explore Lahore, meet residents of the city, and pursue their research. By all accounts, program highlights included the weeklong road trip to tour Rohtas, Islamabad, Taxila, the Katas Raj Temple, the Khewra Salt Mines and Muree as well as the Friday speaker series. This year's series hosted artist Salima Hashmi, calligrapher Abdul Basit, traditional Punjabi wrestlers, and actress and dancer Zareen Suleiman, among others. Reflecting back on their experience, individual students noted: "the BULPIP program was an amazing experience"; "my Urdu was good before the program, it is excellent now"; the Urdu teachers were "absolutely amazing" and "deeply caring"; "LUMS was a comfortable and welcoming space"; "I'm in love with Lahore "; and, "I highly recommend BULPIP to anyone interested in Urdu or Pakistan". For more information about the program, please visit: <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/BULPIP>. ■



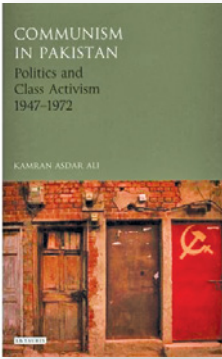
# Member News

**Dean Accardi**  
Visiting Assistant Professor,  
Connecticut College  
Accardi was awarded an AIPS Domestic Travel Grant to present two papers at the 44th Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison: A Pakistani Hero in Sanskrit Sources: *‘Ali Hamadani and Body Politics* at the Sanskrit in Persianate India Pre-Conference and *Ascetic Discourses and Trans-Religious Community Formation in Early Modern Kashmir* on the panel, *Re-Defining Religious Community: Shifting Boundaries, Strategies, and Sources of Authority in Early Modernity*. These two presentations not only served to raise issues pertinent to Pakistan Studies within scholarly venues in which they are rarely discussed, but they have also contributed to the development of Accardi’s future article, *Secular Genealogies and the Kashmir Conflict*, and his second book project on the appropriation of early modern figures for contemporary politics in Pakistan and Kashmir. Accardi was also elected to the AIPS Board of Trustees in January 2016.

**Iqbal Akhtar**  
Assistant Professor,  
Florida International University  
Akhtar is pleased to announce the publication of his monograph: *The Khojas of Tanzania: Discontinuities of a Post-colonial Religious Identity* (Leiden: Brill, 2015). *The Khojas of Tanzania* attempts to reconstruct the development of Khoja religious identity from their arrival to the Swahili coast in the late 18th century until the turn of the 21st century. This multidisciplinary study incorporates Gujarati, Kacchi, Swahili, and Arabic sources to examine the formation of an Afro-Asian Islamic iden-

tity (jamati) from their initial Indic caste identity (jinati) towards an emergent Near Eastern imaged Islamic nation (ummati) through four disciplinary approaches: historiography, politics, linguistics, and ethnology.

**Kamran Asdar Ali**  
Professor, University of Texas  
Ali was elected to CAORC’s (Center of American Overseas Research Centers) Executive Committee in 2015. He published two books this past year, a monograph and an edited volume. The first is *Communism in Pakistan: Politics and Class Activism 1947-1972* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2015). The book is also available in Pakistan, published there by Oxford University Press (*Surkh Salam: Communist Politics and Class Activism in Pakistan 1947-1972*). *Communism in Pakistan* presents the first extensive look at Pakistan’s communist and working class movement. The book critically engages with the history of Pakistan’s early years while paying special attention to the rise and fall of the Communist Party of Pakistan (CPP), from Partition in 1947 to the aftermath of Bangladeshi independence in 1971. He also edited, with Sheema Kermani and Asif Farrukhi, *Gender: Politics and Performance in South Asia* (Karachi: Oxford UP, 2015) which was republished in India as *Centre Stage: Gender, Politics and Performance in South Asia* (New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2016). This volume brings together, for the



first time, accounts, analyses and anecdotes by practitioners from Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, that explore this history of innovation and protest, and present a subcontinental narrative of aesthetic experimentation, political engagement and progressive social change.

**Richard Barnett**  
Associate Professor, University of Virginia  
Barnett received an AIPS International Travel Grant to attend the 25th Annual Pakistan History Conference in Karachi in January 2016, where he presented the paper *Structure and Method in Assessing the Deeper History of Pakistan*. Barnett also presented an extemporaneous talk on the closing day of the conference, entitled *Historical Research and Teaching in Pakistan: a Critical Appraisal*, which gave an assessment of the conference. While in Pakistan, he also presented a lecture at I.T. University of the Punjab, in Lahore, where he spoke on Culture and Environment in Cholistan.

**Mariam Durrani**  
Graduate Student,  
University of Pennsylvania  
Mariam Durrani defended her dissertation in April, entitled, *A Study on Mobility: Pakistani-Origin Muslim Youth in Higher Education*. She will be awarded her PhD in Anthropology and Educational Linguistics from the University of Pennsylvania. She will be joining Harvard University this fall, with a two-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in their Graduate School of Education.

**Shahla Haeri**  
Associate Professor, Boston University  
Haeri was awarded a short term Fellowship from AIPS. With this fellowship, she went to Pakistan in February 2016 and conducted several high level interviews on Benazir Bhutto’s family life and upbringing, politics, and leadership. *Muslim Women’s Paths to Power: From Bilqis to Benazir* is the tentative title of her up-coming

book project, in which Benazir Bhutto’s life story forms a chapter. This grant enabled Haeri to begin her research in Boston with an interview with Ambassador Peter Galbraith, she continued her research in London where she interviewed Sanam Bhutto, Ambassador Wajid Shamsul Hassan, and Victoria Schofield, and ended it in Lahore. In Lahore, she interviewed several individuals, including Senator Aitzaz Ahasan, Ambassador Abida Hussein, Asma Jahangir, Nahid Khan and Safdar Abbasi. She screened her video documentary, *Mrs. President: Women and Political Leadership in Iran* at Beaconhouse National University (BNU) on February 22, and at Faiz Ghar on February 29. At both venues the screening was preceded by a short talk, leading to much discussion and debate regarding Muslim women and political leadership. In Islamabad Haeri gave her keynote at the Social Sciences Expo 2016 on February 24, and was presented with an appreciation plaque afterward. Haeri extends her deep appreciation for the professional help she received from the AIPS staff and particularly from AIPS Pakistan Director, Mr. Nadeem Akbar.

**Farhat Haq**  
Professor, Monmouth State University  
Haq was chosen to take part in the 2015-2016 fellowship class for the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C. The 19 fellows include scholars and practitioners from the United States, Australia, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, and the United Kingdom. While at the Wilson Center, Haq is working on a book project tentatively entitled, *Sacralizing the State and Secularizing Sharia: Pakistan in a Comparative Perspective*. She was awarded an AIPS short-term fellowship to conduct fieldwork for this project in summer of 2015, and an AIPS Publications/Write-Up Fellowship to further her writing in summer of 2016.

**Marc Kelley**  
Graduate Student, University of Chicago  
Kelley received an AIPS Summer Research grant, which enabled him to spend a productive month in Lahore and Islamabad. Kelley is a second-year Ph.D. student in anthropology at the University of Chicago and plans to do long-term ethnographic research on energy crisis in Pakistan. On this trip he focused on developing contacts in Pakistan, particularly in policy think tanks, academic programs for energy systems engineering, and state energy and electricity departments. He also had the pleasure of networking with many fellow social scientists in Pakistani universities.

**Sahar Khan**  
Graduate Student,  
University of California, Irvine  
Khan received an AIPS Summer Research grant, which allowed her to spend two months in Lahore and Islamabad (September-November 2015) conducting in-person interviews and collecting primary data for her dissertation, *Legitimizing State-sponsored Militants: The Role of Civil Institutions in Pakistan*. Using ontological security, she studied the persistence of militancy within Pakistan by examining its civil institutions (specifically the police, judiciary, and legislative bodies), and how these institutions influence—and provide legitimacy to—Pakistan’s counterterrorism strategies and narratives. While in Lahore and Islamabad, she conducted 48 interviews, 30 of which were identifiable and on-the-record. These interviews were with criminal lawyers, Anti-Terrorism Court judges and other members of the judiciary, police officers, bureaucrats working on counterterrorism issues, political analysts, journalists, and academics. She also collected key documents as primary data, such as parliamentary debates (both Senate and National Assembly) of anti-terrorism legislation; think tank reports on anti-terrorism legislation and courts, and the police; Anti-Terrorism Court judgments; and statistical information, such as provincial crime rates and conviction rates of Anti-Terrorism Courts.

**Farina Mir**  
Associate Professor, University of Michigan  
Mir was on leave from both the Department of History and the Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan (UM) in 2015-16, during which she was the Norman and Jane Katz Fellow at the Institute for the Humanities at UM. Her fellowship was awarded for her project, *Producing Modern Muslims: Everyday Ethics in Colonial India*. During the year, she published: “Introduction: AHR Forum on ‘The Archives of Decolonization’”, *American Historical Review* 120.3 (June, 2015): 844-851; and “Muslim Religious Reform Movements” in *Keywords in Modern Indian Studies*. Dharmpal-Frick, et al, eds (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2015), 178-183. In Fall 2016, she will be returning to the Department of History and to the directorship of UM’s Center for South Asian Studies for a two-year term.

**A. Sean Pue**  
Associate Professor,  
Michigan State University  
Pue has received an Andrew W. Mellon New Directions Fellowship for his project, *Publics of Sound: Data-Driven Analysis*



*of the Politics of Poetic Innovation in Modern South Asia*. This fellowship will allow him to receive twelve months of advanced training in data science to enrich his humanities research.

Over the year, he will be taking classes at Michigan State University in the fields of computational mathematics, computer science, and natural language processing. The fellowship will also support travel to conferences and field sites as well as the recording, transcription, and digital archiving of poetic texts and performances over three years. His project will explore how poets used sound to address their

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publics in twentieth-century South Asia and how the mathematical and computational tools of data science can be harnessed to study poetry's affective address.



### SherAli Tareen

Assistant Professor, Franklin & Marshall University  
Under the auspices of an AIPS Senior Fellowship, Tareen conducted research for his book project "Islam and the Ethics of Authenticity: Tradition, Reform, Innovation" in Lahore and Islamabad during winter 2015. The project dealt with traditions of intra-Muslim scholarly debates and polemics on questions of law, theology, and ritual practice in modern South Asia. In Islamabad, he conducted research at the Ganj Baksh Library at the Iran-Pakistan Institute, examining their collection of rare Persian and Arabic manuscripts. He delivered a public lecture in Urdu at the Islamic Research Institute (affiliated with International Islamic University) "*Shamal Amrika mein darasat-i Islami ki Surat-i Hal par aik tab-sara*" (Reflections on the State of Islamic Studies in North America). In Lahore, he

conducted archival research at numerous libraries and archives including Punjab Public Library, Punjab University Library, Diyal Singh Library, and the Quaid-i Azam Library at Bagh-i Jinnah. He also spent many hours hunting rare books in Urdu Bazar, Data Market, Anarkali, and other inner Lahore locations. While in Lahore, he also delivered a public lecture at Forman Christian College: *Debating the Boundaries of Innovation in Islam: Law, Theology, and Community* that was attended by students and faculty at the university.

Along with his AIPS fellowship, Tareen has been the recipient of a number of awards this past year, including: Luce Visiting Fellowship, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame; NEH Fellowship, Summer Institute on "American Muslims: History, Culture, and Politics;" International Institute of Islamic Thought Residential Fellowship; American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant; and American Academy of Religion Collaborative International Research Grant.

He has published the following essays:

*Narratives of Emancipation in Modern Islam: Temporality, Hermeneutics, and Sovereignty. Islamic Studies Journal* 52, 1 (September 2015): 5-28.

*The Politics of Friendship in Colonial Muslim India. South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 38, 3 (September 2015):419-433.

*Revival and Reform in Islam*. Co-authored with Ebrahim Moosa. *Islamic Political Thought: An Introduction*, Ed. Gerhard Bowering (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), 202-219.

And edited: *Imagining the Public in Modern South Asia* (edited with Barton Scott and Brannon Ingram), *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, Volume 38, Number 3 (September 2015).

### Yasmin Saikia

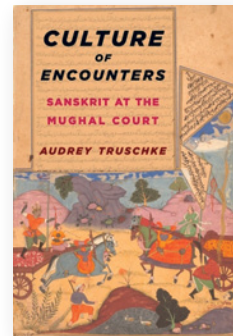
Professor, Arizona State University

Saikia has been recognized as one of the twenty "Global Research Fellows" selected from Arizona State University (ASU) for the Planning and Learning United for Systems-Change (PLuS) Alliance, a global network of scholars located in Kings College, London, University of New South Wales, Australia, and Arizona State University, USA. The nomination to this alliance is in recognition of her research on peace and social justice and its impact on ASU's overall educational and research vision. Saikia attributes her work on Pakistan as playing a major role in the selection to be a PLuS fellow.

### Audrey Truschke

Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University

Truschke published *Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court* (New York: Columbia UP, 2016). Culture of Encoun-



ters documents the fascinating exchange between the Persian-speaking Islamic elite of the Mughal Empire and traditional Sanskrit scholars, which engendered a dynamic idea of Mughal rule essential to the empire's survival. After she completes her Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Religious Studies at Stanford University, she will be taking up a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Rutgers University. ■

## AIPS Fellows and Grantees

AIPS awards fellowships and awards for research, writing, conferences, and consulting at higher education institutions in Pakistan. All awards are made through a competitive review process by committees comprised of a combination of AIPS officers, Executive Committee members, and Trustees. In the past year, AIPS has awarded the following 72 awards.

### AIPS Fellowships

AIPS awarded both short-term research fellowships (1-4 months, funded by the US Embassy in Pakistan) and long-term research fellowships (2-9 months, funded by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers) during the past year. Due to security restrictions, Junior Scholars (those without a PhD) are required to conduct long-term fellowships in countries other than the US and Pakistan. However, advanced graduate students and senior scholars can travel to Pakistan on short-term fellowships. These awards have been extremely competitive, and AIPS is pleased to announce the recently awarded fellows. Full abstracts and final reports for all fellows can be accessed on the AIPS website ([www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/fellowship-archives](http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/fellowship-archives)).

#### 1) Katherine Blank

Field and Institution: History, University of Washington  
Project Title: "O Women, reform and mend your ways": The Gendering of Knowledge in the Muslim Reformist Discourse  
Duration of Research: 3 Months  
Destination: London, UK

Abstract: This research seeks to understand the ways in which knowledge was gendered within the larger discourse of Muslim reform in South Asia in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Thanwi's Bihishti Zewar (Heavenly Ornaments) was and continues to be a popular guide for women in religious and quotidian matters, especially amongst people who subscribe to Deobandi ideology. This

research hopes to delineate the extent to which knowledge was gendered in the reformist discourse and whether these boundaries shifted (in women's Urdu-language magazines) with the increased education of women, the changing nature of colonial rule, and proliferation of reformist materials throughout the early twentieth century.

#### 2) Brian Bond

Field and Institution: Ethnomusicology, The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Project Title: Sindhi Sufi Poetry Performance in the India-Pakistan Borderlands  
Duration of Research: 9 Months  
Destination: Kachchh, Gujarat, India

Abstract: This research attempts to answer the questions: How does Sindhi-language Sufi poetry performance in contemporary Kachchh, Gujarat, maintain and create cultural, social, and historical connections with Sindh, Pakistan? It examines how the sustained relevance of four Sindhi Sufi poetry performance genres (kafi, shah jo rag, molud, and bait) has generated an ongoing relationship with Sindh since Partition in 1947.

#### 3) Jeffrey Diamond

Field and Institution: History and Asian Studies, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University  
Project Title: An Alternative to Aligarh? Muhammad Hussain Azad, G.W. Leitner/Abdur Rasheed and Muslim Identity  
Duration of Research: 3 months  
Destination: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

Abstract: This research proposal is on Muslims intellectuals and educational reform in British colonial Lahore (in the context of larger Pakistani/Indian nineteenth century history) during the later nineteenth century. The forthcoming book, *Negotiating Muslim Identity: Education, Print, and Intellectuals in Nineteenth Century Colonial North India*, begins to analyze this history in Lahore by examining the development of colonial educational systems in order to promote the develop-

ment of Urdu and an Urdu education that could replace the precolonial Perso-Islamic culture of Mughal and Sikh Punjab.

#### 4) Shahla Haeri

Field and Institution: Cultural Anthropology, Boston University  
Project Title: Muslim Women Rulers: From Bilqis to Benazir  
Duration of Research: 2 months  
Destination: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

Abstract: This book project brings to life stories of the legendary and historical women who have reached the apex of authority and power in patriarchal Muslim societies. Taking an ethno-historical view of Muslim women's path to power and a cross-cultural anthropological perspective, this research intends to make visible the circumstance surrounding women's ascent to power from medieval to modern times. Juxtaposing the Quranic story of the Queen of Sheba, and the purported Prophetic hadith: "Those who entrust their affairs to a woman will never know prosperity," this project situates women's sovereignty in the intersections of these two supreme sources of authority, and on the ground patriarchal political institutions in Muslim societies.

#### 5) Farhat Haq

Field and Institution: Political Science, Monmouth College  
Project Title: Sacralizing the State and Secularizing the Sharia: Islamic Politics and the Pakistani Nation-State  
Duration of Research: 4 months  
Destination: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

Abstract: This project explores a process, "sacralization of the state," whereby governments have selectively used and inserted Islamic law in order to strengthen their political power. This research aims to demonstrate that statutes such as Blasphemy Law and Hudood Ordinance have increasingly facilitated "mob rule." Growing numbers of individuals and groups have used these laws to target and victimize their opponents. This project will show



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that despite enormous criticisms of these statutes the elected government was unable to remove or significantly modify the Blasphemy Law and similar Islam-based legislation. The unique contribution of this project is the engagement of the growing scholarship on Islamist political parties in the electoral process, and the emergence of civil Islam, to explore the mechanisms that allow for accommodation of faith in public life without focusing exclusively on making the state Islamic.

6) Waris Husain

Field and Institution: Law, American University  
Project Title: The Judicialization of Politics: Comparative Study of Pakistan, India, and the United States  
Duration of Research: 1 month  
Destination: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

Abstract: There is a spectrum that becomes apparent if one considers and compares judicial review exercised by the Supreme Courts of the United States, Pakistan and India. On one side of this spectrum, there is the role of the judiciary as a guarantor of justice and check on Executive excesses, on the other there is the doctrine of separation of powers between branches of government. Certain conditions create a need for a dynamic judiciary in the Indian Subcontinent. Despite this political requirement for an active judiciary, the Supreme Court of India has balanced its duties to foster justice while remaining vigilant of the Separation of Powers doctrine. The Indian judiciary has been able to avoid creating crises in leadership unlike the Pakistani Supreme Court which has been accused of upending the political process with its activism. In Pakistan, if the Supreme Court can adopt repeatable standards to limit judicial review, it will foster access to justice and relative inter-branch stability in Pakistan.

7) Rajbir Judge

Field and Institution: History, University of California, Davis  
Project Title: Occult Intrigue: Sikhs, Anti-Colonial Resistance, and the Theosophical Society  
Duration of Research: 5 Months  
Destination: Chennai, India; Budapest, Hungary; London, United Kingdom

Abstract: This research examine alliances the Theosophical Society forged with Sikhs in the Punjab and the role these alliances played in Maharaja Duleep Singh’s attempt to overthrow British rule at the end of the 19th Century. By foregrounding the dynamic nature of Theosophy, Sikhism, and tradition in general, this research contends that colonized subjects constantly refashioned Theosophy to each other under very specific local contexts and forms of power that were also continuously encroached upon by British and Russian imperial projects.

8) Neelam Khoja

Field and Institution: Histories and Cultures of Muslim Societies, Harvard University  
Project Title: Politics, Power, and Persianate Punjab, 1707-1857  
Duration of Research: 3 Months  
Destination: UK, France

Abstract: This research inquires how changes in political and nonpolitical power lead to new or reimagined representations of land and space, language and culture, self and community in eighteenth and early nineteenth century Punjab. More specifically, it investigates the implications of Persian and Afghan invasions and intermittent rule of Punjab from roughly 1738 to the 1790’s.

9) Sameer Lalwani

Field and Institution: Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Project Title: Selective Leviathans: Explaining South Asian State Strategies of Counterinsurgency and Consolidation  
Duration of Research: 6 weeks  
Destination: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

Abstract: This project examines state strategies to suppress, co-opt, or contain violent ethnic mobilization and rebellion within their borders. Specifically, it asks why the state incumbent chooses different strategies to fend off these threats within its territory. This research argues that the strategy is shaped by a core-periphery relationship prior to rebellion—that is between the state’s geopolitical core and the contested region (geography), as well as the between the core state elites and the group rebelling (identity). These factors of geography and identity serve to incent and constrain the state’s strategy in particular ways.

10) Yasmin Saikia

Field and Institution: History, Arizona State University  
Project Title: Azadi: Middle actors’ imagination of emancipation from British Colonialism  
Duration of Research: 4 Months  
Destination: Islamabad and Lahore, Pakistan

Abstract: This archival research will contribute to Professor Saikia’s book project tentatively titled *Freedom Dreams: Middle Actors, International Networks, and Azadi from Colonialism*, which focuses on the visionary ideas and political work of three understudied, but significant, revolutionary middle actors, namely Obaidullah Sindhi, Fazal Illahi, and Iqbal Shedai. Research in Pakistan will examine and document the historical and processual development of azadi (freedom) ideas of Illahi, Sindhi, and Shedai that are of particular relevance in understanding the concept of freedom in Islam and Muslim contribution to the anti-colonial freedom struggle against British rule in South Asia.

11) William Sherman

Field and Institution: Islamic Studies, Stanford University  
Project Title: Mountains and Messiahs: Revelation, Language, and Afghan Becomings in the 16th-17th Centuries  
Duration of Research: 1 month  
Destination: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

Abstract: This project is a socio-literary study of early modern Sufi and millenarian movements on the frontiers of the Mughal Empire. Focusing primarily on the religious imaginations of Bayazid Ansari and the Rawshaniyya, this project draws upon manuscript sources in order to trace the development and transformation of categories of belonging in South Asian religious discourses. The primary argument of this project is that conceptualizations of “Pashto” and “Pashtun” as, respectively, “vernacular” and “ethnicity” emerged out of heated religious debates over saintly authority, revelation, and the power of language in light of the looming Islamic millennium (1000 AH /1592 CE).

12) SherAli Tareen

Field and Institution: Religious Studies/ Islamic Studies, Franklin & Marshall College  
Project Title: Islam and the Ethics of Authenticity: Tradition, Reform, Innovation  
Duration of Research: 1 month  
Destination: Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan

Abstract: This book project examines intra-Muslim traditions of debate and contestation on critical ethical issues such as the relationship of Islam and democracy, minority rights in Islam, the boundaries of friendship between Muslims and non-Muslims, and the limits of innovation and creativity in Islamic law and theology. The focus of this project is on the intellectual history of modern South Asian Islam, with particular emphasis on the intellectual traditions and history of one of the most prominent Muslim seminaries (madrasa) in the modern Muslim world, the Deoband Madrasa.

AIPS Summer Fellowship  
Grantees 2016

Since 2014 AIPS has been able to offer research travel grants (summer research grants) funded in part by the US Embassy in Pakistan, to allow scholars to do preliminary and/or exploratory research in Pakistan. Abstracts and final reports for these projects can be found on the AIPS website ([www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/summer-grant-archives](http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/summer-grant-archives)).

1. Karim Gillani

Field and Institution: Ethnomusicology, Florida International University  
Project: Khoja Ismaili Muslim Hymns Ginans

2. Rehan Jamil

Field and Institution: Political Science, Brown University  
Project: Relationship between political competition and service provision

3. Shabana Mir

Field and Institution: Anthropology, American Islamic College, Chicago  
Project Title: Pathways of Pakistani Faculty: Faculty Employment, Development, and Resilience

4. Shehram Mokhtar

Field and Institution: Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon  
Project Title: Mapping the Relationship of Folk Culture and Modern Media In Pakistan

5. Azfar Nisar

Field and Institution: Public Administration and Policy, Arizona State University  
Project Title: Managing the Margins: Public Administration and Lives of Hijras of Lahore, Pakistan

6. Luther Obrock

Field and Institution: South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania  
Project: Mercantile Sanskrit: Trade, Religion, and Literature along the Indus

7. Amna Qayyum

Field and Institution: History, Princeton University  
Project Title: Planning the Islamic Republic: Economic Expertise and Development in Pakistan, 1947-71

8. Mubbashir Rizvi

Field and Institution: Anthropology, Georgetown University  
Project Title: Masters Not Friends: Land, Labor, and Politics of Place in Rural Pakistan

9. Mashal Saif

Field and Institution: Philosophy and Religion, Clemson University  
Project Title: Dreaming of Guit: Insulting Muhammad in Contemporary Pakistan

10. Cristin McKnight Sethi

Field and Institution: Art History, The George Washington University  
Project: Phulkari Textiles

AIPS Advising Travel Grants

Through a grant from the US Embassy in Pakistan, AIPS is able to fund the travel of scholars from US academia to Pakistani universities as advisors for specific programs. In 2016, AIPS funded one advisor who went to Pakistan twice to advise COMSATS on the redesign of their Architecture and Design Program.

Hasan-Uddin Khan

Field and Institution: Architecture and Design Faculties, Roger Williams University  
Pakistan Institution: COMSATS Institute of Information Technology



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AIPS Travel Grants

AIPS awards travel grants to help facilitate its members' participation in international or domestic conferences, or for invited lectures in Pakistan. These grants are funded in part by CAORC and the US Embassy in Pakistan. In addition, faculty at AIPS member institutions can apply for an award to bring a Pakistani scholar to the US to participate in a conference and/or give a lecture at a US institution.

US-Based Scholar domestic and international grants

Abstracts and final reports for these projects can be found on the AIPS website ([www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/travel-grant-archives](http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/travel-grant-archives)).

**1. Dean Accardi**, Connecticut College  
44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin; Sanskrit in Persianate India Preconference to the 44th Annual Conference on South Asia  
October 2015  
Papers: Ascetic Discourses and Trans-Religious Community Formation in Early Modern Kashmir; A Pakistani Hero in Sanskrit  
Sources: Ali Hamadani and Body Politics

**2. Sarah Ahmed**, University of Oregon  
44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin  
October 2015  
Paper: Women and the Jirga System in Rural Punjab

**3. Marta Ameri**, Colby College  
44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin  
October 2015  
Paper: A Question of Semantics? Iconographic Variability in the Image-Symbols of the Harappan World

**4. Elizabeth Bolton**, University of Texas at Austin  
Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference  
March-April 2016  
Paper: The Clamor of Reticence: Producing News Television in Pakistan

**5. Brian Bond**, City University of New York -The Graduate Center  
2015 Society for Ethnomusicology Conference  
December 2015  
Paper: Where Melody Meets Poetry: the *Sur* Repertoire of Sindh's Shāh 'Abdul Latīf Bhitāī

**6. Christopher Candland**, Wellesley College  
Pakistan Higher Education Commission and University of Peshawar International Conference on "State and Society of Pakistan: Challenges and Opportunities"  
May 2015  
Paper: The Place of Emotions in Social Science Research

**7. Cara Cilano**, University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
Locally Sourced: Recovering the Local in History, Culture, and Politics in Pakistan (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics).  
August 2015  
Paper: The 'Literary Local' in Pakistan: The Role of Representation and Interactive Media in the Formation of Identities

**8. Christopher Clary**, Brown University  
44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin  
October 2015  
Paper: The Difficult Politics of Peace and the India-Pakistan Rivalry

**9. C. Christine Fair**, Georgetown University  
57th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association  
March 2016  
Paper: The Domestic Politics of Jihad in Pakistan: The Case of Lashkar-e-Taiba

**10. Mehr Afshan Farooqi**, University of Virginia  
Faiz Peace Festival, Lahore; Literary Week at the LUMS Gurmani Center for Languages and Literature  
November 2015  
Papers: The Uncreated Garden: A Textual History of Ghalib's Urdu Poetry; and at LUMS: co-leading a workshop on Urdu literature and delivering lectures

**11. Maria-Magdalena Fuchs**, Princeton University  
44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin  
October 2015  
Paper: Between Mosque, School, and Printing House: Muslim Associations in Colonial Punjab

**12. Karen Greenwalt**, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Vitriol: Art and Its Discontents (Concordia University, Montreal)  
March 2016  
Paper: Beyond the Nation: Rasheed Araeen and the Art of Migration

**13. Sorayya Khan**, Ithaca College  
The 3rd Islamabad Literature Festival and Habib University  
April 2015  
Papers: Book Launch, *City of Spies: A Novel*; lecture on her novels at Habib University.

**14. Randall Law**, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
23rd Conference of the European Association for South Asian Archaeology and Art  
July 2016  
Paper: The Art of the Harappan Microbead -Revisited

**15. Elizabeth Lhost**, University of Chicago  
44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin  
October 2015  
Paper: Vakīl, Mukhtār, Hājī: Patronage, exchange, and the microeconomics of the Hajj, c. 1880-1940

**16. John Mock**, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Law and Governance in Gilgit-Baltistan (Nantes Institute for Advanced Studies Fellow, France)  
April 2016  
Paper: Language and Governance in Gilgit-Baltistan

**17. Carla Petievich**, University of Texas at Austin  
Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference  
March-April 2016  
Paper: From Court to Public Sphere: How Urdu Poetry's Language of Romance Shapes the Language of Protest

**18. Sean Pue**, Michigan State University  
Karachi Literary Festival  
February 2015  
Paper: Discussion of *I Too Have Some Dreams*; Digital Humanities and Urdu Studies

**19. Amna Qayyum**, Princeton University  
Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference  
March-April 2016  
Paper: Edges of Authority: States and Their Absences Along South Asia's Inland Frontiers

**20. Tariq L. Rahman**, University of Oregon  
44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin  
October 2015  
Paper: Privatizing the Developmental State: Housing, Development, and Power in the Pakistani State's Margins

**21. David Rezvani**, Dartmouth College  
Ethno Federalism in Punjab and Beyond (Forman Christian College, Lahore)  
April 2015  
Paper: Examining Autonomy Options in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Baluchistan: Federalism, Full Independence or Partial Independence?

**22. Alexis M. Saba**, Indiana University  
Comparative and International Education Society  
March 2016  
Paper: Translating and Approaching the Right to Education in Pakistan

**23. Naila Sahar**, State University of New York - Buffalo  
25th Annual British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference  
April 2016  
Paper: Syncretic Language: an Archive of History and Experience in a Postcolonial World

**24. Tehila Sasson**, University of California-Berkeley  
130th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association  
January 2016  
Paper: Expertise on the Move: British Aid to Pakistan and the Emergence of Disaster Relief

**25. Brian Spooner**, University of Pennsylvania  
Mountstuart Elphinstone and the Historical Foundations of Afghanistan Studies: Reframing Colonial Knowledge of the Indo-Persian World in the Post-Colonial Era (School of Oriental and African Studies)  
November 2015  
Paper: A New Look at the North West Frontier

**26. Sylvia Vatuk**, University of Illinois at Chicago (Emerita)  
Law and Governance in Gilgit Baltistan (Nantes Institute of Advanced Studies)  
April 2016  
Paper: Inheritance and Governance in Muslim South Asia

Pakistan-based Scholar International Travel Support

AIPS offers travel grants to AIPS member institution faculty to bring Pakistan-based scholars to the US:

**1. Tanvir Anjum**  
Project Title: Trending Pakistan: New Approaches to the Study of History Conference  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Arizona State University  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Quaid-e-Azam University  
April 2016

**2. Haris Gazdar**  
Project Title: Future Directions in Pakistan Studies Conference  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: University of Michigan  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Collective for Social Science Research  
April 2015

**3. Syed Nomanul Haq**  
Project Title: 1) Lecture at MSU: Image of the Divine in Sindhi Folk Tales and Sufi Poetry; 2) Provide recordings for Urdu literary pedagogical materials; and 3) 44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Michigan State University  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Institute of Business Administration-Karachi  
October 2015

**4. Livia Holden**  
Project Title: 1) Contemporary Manifestations of Islamic Divorce in the Global South: Understanding Khul' in Diverse Cultural Contexts/ Divorce at the Woman's Initiative in Pakistan and Diasporas; 2 and 3) invited presentations: University of Washington and University of Oregon.  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: University of Illinois-Chicago  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Karakoram International University  
May 2015



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**5. Akmal Hussain**  
Project Title: Climate Change and the Imperative of Cooperation in South Asia  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: University of Texas-Austin  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Forman Christian College  
May 2015

**6. Imdad Hussain**  
Project Title: Trending Pakistan: New Approaches to the Study of History Conference  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Arizona State University  
April 2016

**7. Iftikhar-un Nisa Hussain**  
Project Title: Lecture: Promoting the Well-being of Women and Children: A Psychological Perspective  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Southern Methodist University  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University  
April 2016

**8. Ammar Ali Jan**  
Project Title: Trending Pakistan: New Approaches to the Study of History Conference  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Arizona State University  
April 2016

**9. Imran Ahmed Khan**  
Project Title: 1) Mineral Resources of Pakistan: Prospects and Challenges, 2) Impacts of Climate Change in South East Asia: Need for Paradigm Shift in Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies, 3) Role Functions and Achievements of Geological Survey of Pakistan, and 4) Status of Geospatial Mapping in Pakistan  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: University of Texas-Austin  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Geological Survey of Pakistan  
March 2016

**10. Framji Minwalla**  
Project Title: Future Directions in Pakistan Studies Conference  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: University of Michigan  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Institute of Business Administration-Karachi  
April 2015

**11. Rabia Nadir**  
Project Title: Future Directions in Pakistan Studies Conference  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: University of Michigan  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Lahore School of Economics  
April 2015

**12. Altaf Qadir**  
Lecture: Sayyid Ahmad Barailvi: Reform, Jihad, or Resistance?  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Stockton University  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: University of Peshawar  
September 2015

**13. Uli Usman Qasmi**  
Project Title: The Postcolonial Moment Conference  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Princeton University  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Lahore University of Management Sciences  
November 2015

**14. Fouzia Saeed**  
Lecture: Women's rights and social justice in Pakistan  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Boston University  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: Lok Virsa National Institute of Folk & Traditional Heritage  
April 2016

**15. Imam Uddin**  
Lectures: 1) Islam and Human Rights: A Pakistani Perspective 2) Islamic Banking & Finance in Praxis, Pakistan as Case-Study  
Sponsoring Institution in the US: Florida International University  
Affiliated Institution in Pakistan: DHA Suffa University  
March and April 2015

AIPS Publication/Write-up  
Awards

Since 2014, AIPS has been able to award small grants to scholars to facilitate writing and publication. The 2015-16 awardees are:

- 1. Sheetal Chhabria, Connecticut College
- 2. Mary Davis, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 3. Jeffrey Diamond, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University
- 4. Farhat Haq, Monmouth College
- 5. Faiza Moatasim, Hamilton College
- 6. Sadia Saeed, Boston University
- 7. SherAli Tareen, Franklin & Marshall College

Institutional  
Member News

**Arizona State University (ASU)**  
ASU has been awarded a grant by the US Embassy in Islamabad to establish a university partnership with the University of the Punjab (PU) to strengthen, deepen, and internationalize the professional and scholarly contributions of PU faculty in the fields of Mass Communication and Development Studies. Project Directors Chad Haines and Yasmin Saikia (AIPS Executive Committee member), affiliated with ASU's Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, designed the three-year program with team members from the Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. This project follows ASU's successful partnership with Kinnaird College for Women, a previous university partnership grant awarded by the US Embassy.



**Boston University (BU)**  
Frank J. Korom, Boston University's AIPS Trustee, received an AIPS sponsored international travel grant to bring Dr. Fouzia Saeed, Executive Director of Lok Virsa in Islamabad, to the US in late April. Dr. Saeed gave two lectures at BU, one on Pakistani feminism, the other on Pakistani folk culture. BU also received AIPS conference support for an upcoming conference on Muslim Thought and Practice in South Asia: Perspectives within and between History and Religious Studies that will take place October 13-15, 2016.

**Florida International University (FIU)**  
In November 2015, the Department of Religious Studies at FIU hosted the inaugural western Indian Ocean studies conference entitled *Rāhē najāt (The path of salvation): Religious and social dynamics amongst mercantile communities of the western Indian Ocean*, with support from AIPS. The conference, organized by Iqbal Akhtar and Steve Vose, theorized the development of Indic religious identities and cosmologies in the western Indian Ocean littoral as these communities traversed land and the ocean for economic opportunities through changing political regimes. The conference was both an interdisciplinary and international gathering of scholars from the United States, Canada, Denmark, Singapore, Chile, Pakistan, and India.

Rick Asher began the event with a presentation that framed the conference. His lecture explored the Indian Ocean as a continuum with India as a fulcrum and posited theories based on archaeological and epigraphical evidence as to why Indic culture and religion thrived in the east and hardly made an impact on the societies of the western littoral. Shandip Saha followed trying to understand how the Vallabha Sampradāya became so influential in Gujarat through the *vārtā* literature, theorizing socio-economic change as a possible explanation for the community's historical expansion and success. Sebastian Prange highlighted the multi-spatiality of a mosque as indicator of Muslim presence in the maritime history of the Malabar coast. Alia Paroo's groundbreaking research examined the relationship of Aga Khan III to the British and the Ismaili community's positioning vis-à-vis the colonial government in Tanganyika as a political strategy that promoted communalism. Amit Ranjan presented on the 19th century science of phenology and the economy of racial classifications in the British Empire. Amal Sachedina presented on the question of Lawati Khōjā in Oman,

and on their shifting postcolonial identities as a strategy for political enfranchisement. Cecil Pallesen's ethnographic research conducted in Arusha Tanzania and on the 'two foot' approach of African Asians to maintaining transnational networks and identities between Tanzania and the United Kingdom. Sarah Kazmi provided a comprehensive account of the Khōjā community in Karachi through a postcolonial reading of their history. Khatija Khader examined the Hadrami and Sidi diasporas in India through ethnographic work on how postmodern identity discourses are racialized through globalization. Juan Bruce's presentation thought graphically about the Khōjā script as glyphs and apparent discrepancy in narratives regarding the Husseinis and Devraj presses in the late 19th century. Liyakat Takim and Hasnain Walji concluded the conference with a roundtable discussion on the tension of Khōjā communities between the demands of Near Eastern Islamic authorities and communal desire for institutional independence in the preservation of identity.

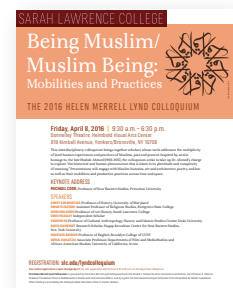


**Michigan State University (MSU)**  
The MSU AIPS Trustee, A. Sean Pue, organized Dr. Syed Nomanul Haq's visit to MSU from the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, in October 2015. Dr. Haq gave two lectures: *Images of the Divine in Sindhi Folk Tales and Poetry*, and *Whose Dominion?: The Natural Environment in the Normative Islamic Tradition*. He then presented in a panel at the Annual



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Conference on South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin organized by Pue on *Canon, Soundscape, and Subjectivity: Reevaluating Majeed Amjad, the Lost Voice of Urdu Poetic Modernism*. Other panelists were Mehr Farooqui (AIPS at-large Trustee) and Geeta Patel. Dr. Haq also gave lectures at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Virginia during his visit. His trip was funded by an AIPS sponsored travel grant.



### Sarah Lawrence College (SLC)

Sarah Lawrence College hosted a day-long colloquium on Friday, April 8, entitled, *Being Muslim/Muslim Being: Mobilities and*

*Practices*. The colloquium, organized by Shahnaz Rouse (AIPS Trustee and Executive Committee Member), was in homage to, and inspired by the late Shahab Ahmed, an erudite and deeply analytical thinker in the field of Islamic Studies. At the very outset of his posthumously published book, *What is Islam: The Importance of Being Islamic* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton UP, 2015), Dr. Ahmed alerts his readers that he is “seeking to say the word ‘Islam’ in a manner that expresses the historical and human phenomenon that is Islam in its plentitude and complexity of meaning”. Addressing how Islam travels across time and space, the colloquium was structured so as to address the multiplicity, paradoxes and contradictions contained within its being-in-the world that defy any simple and reductive understanding of both Islam and its practitioners. While not directly speaking to Dr. Ahmed’s text, it took up his charge to focus on the lived human experience of Muslims. The first part of the colloquium examined textual practices bringing together scholars of Islamic studies across disciplines – to engage histories, art and architecture, law,

and poetry. The second session centered on migration, contact, and movements as practices productive of diverse identities, identifications and mobilizations. Speakers included: Ahmet Kumaramustafa (University of Maryland), Sarah Eltantawi (Evergreen State College), Jerrilynn Dodds (Sarah Lawrence College), Denis Mcauley (Independent Scholar), Engseng Ho (Duke University), Nahid Siamdoust (New York University), Moustafa Bayoumi (Brooklyn College), Sohail Daulatzai (University of California, Irvine). Michael Cook (Princeton University) gave the keynote address.



Also last year, SLC published the proceedings of the International conference on Pakistan held at SLC (with AIPS support) in April 2014. The volume is: *Re-Envisioning*

*Pakistan: The Political Economy of Social Transformation* (New York: Sarah Lawrence College, 2015).

### Stockton University

AIPS travel funding allowed Dr. Altaf Qadir, assistant professor of History, University of Peshawar, to visit the US in September 2015. He gave a lecture on his new book, *Sayyid Ahmad Barailvi, His Movement and Legacy from the Pukhtun Perspective* (New Delhi: Sage, 2015). While in the US, Dr. Qadir also visited Boston, where he gave a lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, hosted by Professor Sana Haroon; visited Professor Ayesha Jalal at Tufts University; and Professor Adil Najam at Boston University.

AIPS travel funding also allowed Robert Nichols (AIPS Trustee) to attend a November 2015 conference in London on the 200th anniversary of Elphinstone’s book on the Kingdom of Caubul. Nichols presented the paper, *Information and affect in Charles Metcalfe’s mission to Lahore,*

*August 1808-May 1809* at the conference. The paper outlines Metcalfe’s mission to the court of Ranjit Singh at the same time as Elphinstone’s mission to Peshawar. It argues that Metcalfe’s successful negotiations and later political relations with the Punjab were directly tied to a degree of “access to affective knowledge” gained from this visit when he apparently married an officially unacknowledged Sikh wife (with whom he had three sons).

### University of Michigan (UM)

The Center for South Asian Studies and the Pakistan Students’ Association hosted the 5th Annual UM-Pakistan conference in April 2015. The theme of the conference was New Media and Social Change. The conference brought together activists, academics, and practitioners in the field of media in Pakistan. The conference opened with a panel titled *Practitioners: Negotiating the New Media Landscape*, with presentations by Mahvish Ahmad (Cambridge University, and co-founder of Tanqeed, an online magazine) and Raza Rumi (journalist and public policy specialist). The second panel was *Interrogating New Media: Limitations and Possibilities*. It featured Mobina Hashmi (Brooklyn College) and Marta Bolognani (University of Bristol), both academics, and activist Sana Saleem. Over the course of the day, over 100 people were in attendance, many of whom were engaged participants.

### University of Texas, Austin

Since 2013, South Asia Institute (SAI) at UT has facilitated three US Department of State University Partnerships. The partnerships enable the exchange of scholars between Pakistani educational institutions and UT, and a series of lectures, training sessions, video conference workshops, and cultural events. Equally important, the partnerships encourage lasting person-to-person connections and professional network building between individuals in Pakistan and the US.



#### •Fatimah Jinnah Women University

In Spring 2013, SAI began its first partnership with Fatimah Jinnah Women University (FJWU), Rawalpindi. It brought four FJWU faculty members per semester to study with UT faculty mentors in a wide array of disciplines. The FJWU partnership recently concluded with an international conference “Gender, Social Sciences and Humanities: New Directions in Scholarship” at FJWU.



#### •National Academy of Performing Arts

In Fall 2013, working with UT’s Butler School of Music, SAI initiated a second partnership with the National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA), Karachi. While SAI is working on an extension to the partnership with NAPA, the exchange recently culminated in two concerts in Karachi featuring seven UT students and faculty and eight NAPA faculty performing their original collaborative compositions.



#### •National College of Arts

Meanwhile, SAI has initiated a third three-year partnership with the National College of Arts (NCA), Lahore, with the first cohort of four students currently studying at UT’s Department of Radio-Television-Film. Over the next three years, participants in the NCA partnership will produce an original short film, which will be shot in Austin and Lahore.

### University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Thanks to AIPS and the hard work of Matthew A. Cook, David Gilmartin, and Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro, Dr. Cara Cilano (AIPS Trustee) was able to participate in the AIPS-Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) workshop, *Locally Sourced*, held on August 7-8, 2015 on PIDE’s campus in Islamabad. The organizers brought together a vibrant group of scholars, ranging from advanced graduate students to senior scholars, such as Professor Gilmartin. Dr. Cilano’s contribution to the workshop examined the public and virtual spaces created by and for the Karachi Literature Festival, a provocative annual event whose popularity proves to be both a matter of pride and contention. Dame Ameena Saiyid OBE, OUP’s editor and organizer of the Festival, also took part in the workshop. In addition to the intellectual exchanges the workshop encouraged, the event also provided all with a wonderful cultural experience through a wonderful group meal at the scenic Munal Restaurant in the Margalla Hills. ■

## S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize in Pakistan Studies

### Awarded by the University of California, Berkeley

The 2016 S.S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize was awarded to Dr. Simon W. Fuchs (Junior Research Fellow in Islamic Studies at Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge). Dr. Fuch’s dissertation, *Relocating the Centers of Shi’i Islam: Religious Authority, Sectarianism, and the Limits of the Transnational in Colonial India and Pakistan*, was completed at Princeton University in 2015, under the supervision of Professor Muhammad Qasim Zaman.



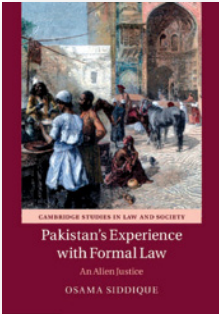
In his dissertation, Dr. Fuchs rethinks the common center-periphery perspective that frames the Middle East as

the seat of authoritative religious reasoning vis-à-vis a marginal South Asian Islam. Drawing on 15 months of archival research and interviews conducted in Pakistan, India, Iran, Iraq, and the UK, Dr. Fuchs demonstrates how Shia and Sunni religious scholars in colonial India and Pakistan have negotiated their intellectual identities in relation to eminent Muslim jurists residing in the Arab lands and Iran. This dissertation’s greatest strength lies in its ability to show how local South Asian scholars occupy a creative and at times disruptive role as brokers, translators, and pioneers of modern and contemporary Islamic thought.

The prize committee included Manan Ahmed (Columbia University), Munis Faruqi (UC, Berkeley), Farooq Hamid (UC, Irvine), and Saba Mahmood (UC, Berkeley). For more information about the Pirzada Dissertation Prize, see: <http://southasia.berkeley.edu/pirzada-prize>. ■



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### AIPS Book Prize

The 2014-15 AIPS Book Prize was awarded to Osama Siddique for *Pakistan's Experience with Formal Law: An Alien Justice* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2013). Dr. Siddique is the Executive Director of the Law and Policy Research Network (Lahore), and Associate Fellow at the Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives (Lahore), and a member of the Senior Faculty of the Institute for Global Law & Policy at Harvard Law School. *Pakistan's Experience with Formal Law* presents a typology of Pakistani approaches to law reform and critically evaluates the IFI (International Financial Institutions)-funded single-minded pursuit of 'efficiency' during the last decade. Employing diverse methodologies, it provides empirical support for a widening chasm between popular, at times violently expressed, aspirations for justice and democratically deficient reform designed in distant IFI headquarters that is entrusted to the exclusive and unaccountable Pakistani "reform club." ■



### In Memoriam: Shamim Anwar

This is in memory of Shamim Anwar, a remarkable thinker and exceptional teacher, who taught Islamic and South Asian History at Kinnaird College, Lahore, and died on January 17, 2016. For those of us who knew her, this loss is both personal and public. As an undergraduate student, it was in Ms. Anwar's class that I not only developed a life long interest in studying history, but also learnt to think critically about it. Ms. Anwar exuded energy and infused her teaching with a passionate engagement not only with her subject matter but also its contemporary significance. She taught us to question accepted wisdoms about both Islam and history—and the history of Pakistan—to look behind what is taken for granted, and accepted as 'Truth.' Yet despite her critical and rigorous thinking, Ms. Anwar demonstrated that seriousness and light heartedness are not opposites: I still remember her infectious laugh, the twinkle in her eyes when she discussed something she cared deeply about, her ability to think expansively and link the past and the present in ways that illuminated both.

### AIPS 2015-16 Elections Results

The terms of the Treasurer and the Secretary expired on September 30, 2015. Elections for these positions were conducted in the late spring of 2015, and the seats were successfully filled for terms beginning October 1, 2015 as follows:  
**Farhat Haq** (Monmouth College) was re-elected to serve as Treasurer.  
**Cabeiri Robinson** (University of Washington-Seattle) was re-elected to serve as Secretary.



### AIPS Publishes Intizar Husain

AIPS is pleased to announce the publication of: *Story Is a Vagabond: Fiction, Essays, and Drama* by Intizar Husain, Eds., Frank Stewart, Alok Bhalla, Asif Farrukhi, and Nishat Zaida (Honolulu: University of Hawaii press, 2015). One of Pakistan's most distinguished writers, Intizar Husain was born in India in 1923 and immigrated to Pakistan during the Partition. An internationally acclaimed writer, critic, and translator, he has published seven volumes of short stories, four novels, and a novella, as well as travelogues, memoirs, and critical essays. Despite his importance to world literature for over six decades, Husain's writing is little known in English translation. *Story Is a Vagabond* is the first collection in English to show the breadth of his thoughtful, innovative, and compassionate work. It has been published with AIPS support. ■

Despite having a graduate degree from McGill University—a rarity for a Pakistani woman of her generation—she never flaunted her qualifications, nor did her sojourn overseas change her in any visible manner. In fact I remember her saying how much she had disliked living abroad because she felt the scholars she had encountered there had "no passion" about their studies or intellectual queries. Her lessons to us, then, were not only intellectual but extended into everyday life. She also remained single, something that was a rarity for women of her generation. In doing this, she made some of us realize it was possible to live differently. While I do not recall her ever telling us how to live our lives, her example itself was a life lesson. Her courage to live independently and speak against orthodoxies of all sorts will be sorely missed. I also deeply admired her simplicity of demeanor and lack of investment in material possessions. But she paid the price for this in her later years, when she lived in near penury. Ayesha Siddiq, in an obituary following Ms. Anwar's death (*The Express Tribune*, January 21, 2016) writes with regret about "letting her down." I too share this sentiment, as I know many others whose lives were forever touched by this extraordinary woman. — *Shahnaz Rouse* ■

Elections for three At-Large Trustees were conducted in the late fall of 2015, and three individual members of AIPS were elected to serve three year terms (January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018) as At-Large Trustees on the Board of Trustees. The elected At-Large Trustees are:  
**Jennifer Cambell** (State University of New York – Potsdam)  
**Mubbashir Rizvi** (Georgetown University)  
**Dean Accardi** (Connecticut College) ■

### Funding Opportunities for AIPS Member Institutions:

The AIPS grants below are open to faculty from any AIPS Member Institution. All applications are reviewed by a scholarly committee.

#### 1) Course Development Grant

Course development seed money (funded by Dept. of Ed and CAORC) for a South Asia/Pakistan course, working in collaboration with a Minority-Serving Institution. These funds (\$4,500) are meant to support the stipend for a graduate student who could teach such a course.

#### More information:

<http://pakistanstudies-aips.org/grants/course-development-grant>

#### 2) Workshop Series in Pakistan

AIPS has funding through the US Embassy in Pakistan for a permanent faculty member from an AIPS member institution to organize a workshop series. Each series will consist of two separate workshops (spread apart by 4-6 months) based on the same theme and with the same 10-12 junior faculty attendees from designated universities in Pakistan. We urge applicants to collaborate with local Pakistan universities or scholars.

**More information:** <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/workshop-series-pakistan>

#### 3) Invited Travel Grants for AIPS Member Institutions

Conference/Lecture travel grants (funded by the US Embassy in Pakistan) will fund invited Pakistani scholars to come to the US and give a lecture or presentation at an AIPS member institution. Faculty member(s) from an AIPS Member Institution need to apply for funds (up to \$3,000) on behalf of the Pakistani scholar.

#### More information

<http://pakistanstudies-aips.org/grants/invited-travel-grants-aips-member-institutions>

#### 4) Program Support for a Workshop/Conference on Pakistan in the US

AIPS has CAORC funds (up to \$4,500) to support a Pakistan-related conference that will take place in the US.

#### More information:

<http://pakistanstudies-aips.org/grants/workshopconference-on-pakistan-in-united-states>

#### 5) Pakistan Lecture Series

The Pakistan Lecture Series (supported by CAORC and Government of Pakistan funding) is a program designed to support academic exchange between Pakistani and US scholars and to promote the field of Pakistan studies as a whole. As a part of this program a Pakistani scholar, artist, musician, etc, is invited to travel to the US and present lectures at a minimum of three US AIPS-member institutions. PLS speakers are nominated by AIPS members or member institutions. This grant pays for airfare and a stipend to the speaker. Each institution is expected to pay local travel expenses.

#### More information:

<http://pakistanstudies-aips.org/grants/pakistan-lecture-series>

#### 6) Advisor Travel

AIPS has a role to play in establishing world-class teaching and training programs in Pakistani universities. This funding, made possible by the US Embassy in Pakistan, brings in scholars from US universities as advisors for specific programs. In addition to their advisory role, scholars will conduct weeklong seminars in their field of study and give public lectures to university or general audiences. Travel on these grants are expected to be longer than a lectureship travel award. The grant pays airfare, hotel, and per diem.

#### More Information:

<http://pakistanstudies-aips.org/content/advisor-travel> ■

## President's Report

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as mentioned above, through academic workshops, fellowships, exchange programs and travel grants for conferences. In the past several years we have expanded our mission through various exchange and scholarly partnerships with universities in Pakistan to start a pilot program that models the US community college to two-year degree colleges in Pakistan. Further, AIPS continues to be in conversation with our funding partners, (CAORC, Government of Pakistan, US Department of Education, or the US Embassy in Pakistan). We remain grateful for their support of our institute and our long-term vision.

Before ending, I would like to extend my personal and AIPS' thanks to Dr. Farina Mir for her service to AIPS as Vice President for the past three years. Farina was elected to the post as I started my tenure as President. She already was a reputed scholar in the field of South Asian History before accepting the position, and AIPS was fortunate to have her as an elected officer bearer. Farina decided not to contest for re-election to a second term as Vice President (for which she is eligible). It is her personal decision, but AIPS (and I personally) will be sorry to lose her clarity of thought, her selfless dedication and immense service to the organization. We hope that she will continue to be an active member and provide us with her insights and suggestions as we move forward.

Finally, my profound thanks to the AIPS' Executive Committee for all their hard work, advice, encouragement and vision for the future of the organization. I congratulate them for deepening the governing principles within the organization and for achieving what we have done in the past year(s). Our Board of Trustees and members deserve my special gratitude for their ongoing guidance and support. Most importantly, the tireless effort and dedication of our directors, Laura Hammond and Nadeem Akbar, and their staff deserve our collective thanks.

Thank you.

Best Wishes.

Kamran



Naiza Khan, *The Land Was Once Free*  
(*Homage to Parveen Rehman*),  
2015; Etching on Somerset paper  
57 x 76 cm (22½ x 30 in).  
Image courtesy Naiza Khan  
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Parveen Rahman (1957-2013), architect and social activist, was the director of the Orangi Pilot Project-Research and Training Institute, Karachi. She was an outspoken critic of Karachi's land mafia and struggled ceaselessly for land and basic services rights for Pakistan's poor. She was murdered while returning from work on March 13, 2013.



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