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## JUNIOR SCHOLARS CONFERENCE

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AIPS hosted its third Junior Scholars Conference on October 11, 2018 in Madison, WI. This conference showcased the new research being done by junior scholars (both PhDs and graduate students with ABD status) in the field of Pakistan Studies in United States. The conference concluded with a reception hosted by AIPS.

### SCHOLARS AND ABSTRACTS

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1. **Ahsan Kamal, PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, UNC at Chapel Hill**

***Saving Sindhu: River Defense Movements Along the Indus River in Pakistan***

2. **Amna Qayyum, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Princeton University**

***Co-operatives and Contraceptives: Family Planning and Theories of Rural Development in Comilla, East Pakistan***

3. **Sohaib Baig, PhD Candidate, Department of History, University of California – Los Angeles**

***What Makes a Hanafi? The Juristic Boundaries of the Hanafi School of Law across Thatta and Medina in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century***

4. **Michelle Gris , Associate Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation**

***Inside the Nuclear Labyrinth: Understanding the Consequences of Nuclear Weapons Development in Pakistan, 1972-1998***

5. **Mashail Malik, PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science, Stanford University**

***Political Violence and Ethnocentric Trust in Multiethnic Megacities: The Case of Karachi***

6. **Neelum Sohail, PhD Candidate, Department of History, Tufts University**

***Lord of the District and Next to God: Policing and Governance in the Punjab***

7. **Shehram Mokhtar, PhD Candidate, School of Journalism and Communication, U. Oregon**

***Gender and Sexuality of the Other: Under the Gaze of Transnational Documentary***

8. **Ghazal Asif, PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University**

***Women's Work: Ethnography of a Pakistani Vocational Center***

## AIPS FELLOWSHIPS

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AIPS awards Senior and Junior Research Fellowships to scholars conducting long-term (two to nine months) research projects. Fellows' abstracts and final reports can be found on the [AIPS website](#).

### FUNDED BY CAORC

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**1) Andrew Amstutz – Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

Project Title: *Unearthing Pakistan: Buddhist Art, Muslim Nationalism, and Global Public History, 1947-1977*

Research Field: History

Destination: Italy

Dates: May 20, 2020 to August 5, 2020

**2) Chad Haines – Assistant Professor, Arizona State University**

Project Title: *Urban Informality, Everyday Ethics, and Refugeehood: Re-Creating Community in Lahore*

Research Field: Anthropology and Religious Studies

Destination: Pakistan

Dates: TBD

**3) Salman Hussain – PhD Candidate, University of Michigan**

Project Title: *Gulfed Gangsterism: Masculinity and Migration in Pakistan*

Research Field: Anthropology and History

Destination: U.A.E.

Dates: June 15, 2019 to November 15, 2019

**4) Zayad Bangash – PhD Candidate, George Washington University**

Project Title: *The Army, Military Education, and State Sovereignty*

Research Field: History

Destination: England

Dates: TBD

### FUNDED BY AIPS

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**1) Fatima Tassadiq – PhD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania**

Project Title: *Moving Lahore: Mass Transit, Democracy and Materiality of Politics in Pakistan*

Research Field: Anthropology

Destination: Pakistan

Dates: TBD

**2) Zehra Husain – PhD Candidate, City University of New York – The Graduate Center**

Project Title: *Race, Visibility, and Vernacular Cosmopolitanism in a Pakistani Port Town*

Research Field: Anthropology

Destination: Pakistan

Dates: TBD

**3) Maira Hayat – Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University**

Project Title: *Ecologies of Water Theft in Pakistan: The Colony, the Corporation and the Contemporary*

Research Field: Anthropology

Destination: Pakistan

Dates: June 24, 2019 to September 30, 2019

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## TRAVEL GRANTEES

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AIPS awards Conference Travel Grants to help support its members participating in invited lectures and conferences, both nationally and internationally. Abstracts and final reports for all Travel Grant awardees can be found on the [AIPS website](#).

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**1) Elizabeth Lhost – Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Conference Name: Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference

Conference Date: March 21-24, 2019

Location: Denver, CO

Title of Paper: *Taking Marriage into Account: Legal Complaints and the Matter of Money in Early Twentieth-Century South Asia*

**2) Feisal Khan – Professor, Hobart and William Smith Colleges**

Conference Name: International Studies Association Annual Conference

Conference Date: March 27-30, 2019

Location: Toronto, Canada

Title of Paper: *Meet your new Islamic Banker, the same as your old Islamic Banker? Assessing Pakistan's rebooted Islamic Banking System*

**3) Safoora Arbab – PhD Candidate, University of California-Los Angeles**

Conference Name: MLA International Symposium

Conference Date: July 23-25, 2019

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

Title of Paper: *Nonviolence, Anarchy and the New Story: The Resistance Literature of the Khudai Khidmatgars in the North-West Frontier of British India*

**4) Christopher Candland – Assistant Professor, Wellesley College**

Conference Name: International Conference on Emerging Technologies in Educational Research and Practices

Conference Date: August 5-8, 2019

Location: Pakistan

Title of Paper: *Thoughtful Use of Technology for Online Learning*

**5) Syeda ShahBano Ijaz – PhD Candidate, University of California, San Diego**

Conference Name: Canadian Political Science Association

Conference Date: June 4-7, 2019

Location: Vancouver, Canada

Title of Paper: *Voter Preferences and Foreign Aid: Experimental Evidence from Pakistan*

**6) Tariq Rahman – PhD Candidate, University of California, Irvine**

Conference Name: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019

Location: Madison, WI

Title of Paper: *The Properties of Property: Patwaris, Digitization, and Land Records in Lahore*

**7) Rodrigo Chocano Paredes – PhD Candidate, Indiana University**

Conference Name: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019

Location: Washington D.C.

Title of Paper: *Media-worthy Traditions: Musical Collaboration, Nation Building and Neoliberal Logics in Coke Studio Pakistan*

**8) Zunaira Komal – PhD Candidate, University of California-Davis**

Conference Name: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia  
 Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019  
 Location: Madison, WI  
 Title of Paper: *Misrecognition of a Calamity: Azad Kashmir, Psychiatry and the Hold of the Secular*

**9) Mehtab Khan – PhD Candidate, University of California-Berkeley**

Conference Name: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia  
 Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019  
 Location: Madison, WI  
 Title of Paper: *Copyright Law in Context: The Construction of 'Fair Use' in South Asia*

**10) Mustafa Menai – PhD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania**

Conference Name: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia  
 Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019  
 Location: Madison, WI  
 Title of Paper: *The Adab (Etiquette) of Guidance: Intimacy and Pedagogy between Two Urdu Master Poets*

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**1) Mashail Malik – PhD Candidate, Stanford**

Conference Name: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
 Conference Date: August 29-September 1, 2019  
 Location: Washington, D.C.  
 Title of Paper: *Social Identification and Political Accountability: Respect as a Club Good in Karachi, Pakistan*

**2) Usmaan Farooqui – PhD Candidate, University of Massachusetts-Amherst**

Conference Name: Midwest Political Science Association 77th Annual Conference  
 Conference Date: April 4-7, 2019  
 Location: Chicago, IL  
 Title of Paper: *The Neutral State: Political Performances and Knowledge Practices in Karachi's Waterscape*

**3) Minahil Asim – PhD Candidate, University of California-Davis**

Conference Name: American Education Research Association Annual Conference

Conference Date: April 2019

Location: Toronto, Canada

Title of Paper: *Strengthening Local Governance of Schools – Evidence from Pakistan*

**4) Asifa Jahangir – PhD Candidate, University of the Punjab**

Conference Name: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019

Location: Madison, WI

Title of Paper: *Kabul Peacemaking Process: Role of Pakistan and its Concerns*

**5) Mian Adnan Ahmad – Filmmaker, Islamabad, Pakistan**

Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019

Location: Madison, WI

Title of Film: *The Journey Within*

**6) Yaqoob Bangash – DPhil, Information Technology University**

Conference Name: Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-20, 2019

Location: Madison, WI

Title of Paper: *The Punjab under Law: The Development of the Judiciary in the Punjab in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*

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## SHORT-TERM RESEARCH GRANTS

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AIPS awards short-term research grants to scholars conducting preliminary and/or exploratory research in Pakistan. These grants, funded by AIPS, support one to three months of travel in Pakistan. Scholars' abstracts and final reports can be found on the [AIPS website](#).

**1) Ghazal Asif – PhD Candidate**

US Institution: Johns Hopkins University

Field: Anthropology

Project Title: *The Dalit Movement in Sindh*

Dates: June 1 to August 20, 2019

**2) Jennifer Dubrow – Associate Professor**

US Institution: University of Washington

Field: Asian Language and Literature  
Project Title: *Voicing Dissent: Urdu Literacy Modernism and the Progressive Writers in 20<sup>th</sup>-century South Asia*  
Dates: July 12 to August 28, 2019

**3) Sardar Hussain – PhD Candidate**

US Institution: University of Texas at Austin  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: *Sociospatial Transformations in the Old City of Lahore, Pakistan*  
Dates: June 1 to August 15, 2019

**4) Hamza Iqbal – PhD Candidate**

US Institution: University of Texas at Austin  
Field: Comparative Literature  
Project Title: *Comparative Literature Assessment of Juan Elia*  
Dates: May 31 to August 26, 2019

**5) Danish Khan – PhD Candidate**

US Institution: University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
Field: Economics  
Project Title: *Political Economy of Slums in Islamabad: Class, State, and Judiciary*  
Dates: April 14 to August 1, 2019

**6) Zunaira Komal – PhD Candidate**

US Institution: University of California-Davis  
Field: Cultural Studies  
Project Title: *Madness in the Long Durée*  
Dates: July 1 to September 13, 2019

**7) Suneel Kumar – PhD Candidate**

US Institution: University of Georgia  
Field: Anthropology  
Project Title: *Life in the Indus River: A more-than-human ethnography*  
Dates: May 25 to August 18, 2019

**8) Alan Lee – PhD Candidate**

US Institution: University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Field: Anthropology

Project Title: *Early Iron Production in the Northwestern South Asia: Technology and Power in the Early Historic Period, 800 BCE to 400 CE*

Dates: July 10 to August 17, 2019

#### 9) Amna Qayyum – PhD Candidate

US Institution: Princeton University

Field: History

Project Title: *Debating “Abadi”: Population Control, Food Production, and Islamic Thought in Pakistan, 1947-71*

Dates: June 1 to August 15, 2019

#### 10) Syed Ali Mehdi Zaidi – Master’s Student

US Institution: University of Washington

Field: South Asian Studies

Project Title: *The Work of the Dead and Living: Hazaras of Quetta*

Dates: June 10 to September 10, 2019

## JUNIOR FACULTY TRAINING AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The AIPS Junior Faculty Training and Exchange Program is an Embassy-funded program (by the US Embassy in Pakistan) supporting the exchange of senior US scholars and junior Pakistani scholars for mentorships and trainings.

This grant seeks to increase the academic and professional caliber at Pakistani universities through a sustained transfer of expertise. To date, AIPS has hosted numerous workshops, lectures, mentorships and other academic engagements as part of this program, providing research and curricular training to junior faculty, exposing them to scholarly articles and helping them foster new relationships with scholars in the US and Pakistan. The impacts of this program have the potential to reach even greater audiences as the trained junior Pakistani faculty pass on their learnings to their students and other colleagues.



## EXCHANGES: US SCHOLARS TO PAKISTAN

- 1) **Grantee:** Robert Nichols  
**US Institution:** Stockton University  
**Research Field:** History  
**US Cohort:** David Gilmartin (North Carolina State University), Matthew A. Cook (North Carolina Central University), and Robert Nichols (Stockton University)  
**Partner Institution in Pakistan:** Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)  
**Program Dates:** December 27, 2018-January 1, 2019



**Summary:** The three scholars above organized and led two workshops for Junior Pakistani scholars working towards PhDs in History. The “History Dissertation Workshop” was held at the Punjab Higher education commission in Lahore on December 29-31, 2018 and the “History Research Methods and Proposal Workshop” was hosted at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad on January 3-4, 2019. Thirteen different participants attended each workshop. AIPS solicited applications from multiple History Departments in Pakistan, and the faculty organizers selected a range of participants who included representatives from across the diverse provinces, regions, and universities of Pakistan. Participants were graduate students and junior faculty at the proposal, research, and writing stages of their research projects/dissertations.



- 2) **Grantee:** Patricia Pashby  
**US Institution:** University of Oregon  
**Research Field:** Linguistics  
**Partner Institution in Pakistan:** University of Education, Lahore Campus  
**Program Dates:** December 5-25, 2018

**Summary:** Dr. Patricia Pashby facilitated a series of seven workshops and ten individual mentorships for faculty teaching English or other language courses in Pakistan. A total of 38 participants attended one or more of the

sessions. Dr. Pashby took a “hands-on” teaching approach to support and demonstrate her goal of encouraging interactive, student-centered learning. Dr. Pashby co-facilitated a session on Student-Centric Learning at the First Annual International Conference on English Literature, Linguistics and Teaching at the University of Education, Lahore and presented a keynote titled “Revisiting Motivation in Language Learning.”

- 3) **Grantee:** Marcia Hermansen  
**US Institution:** Loyola University-Chicago  
**Research Field:** Religion  
**Partner Institution in Pakistan:** International Islamic University-Islamabad  
**Program Dates:** October 22-26, 2018

**Summary:** Dr. Marcia Hermansen led a five-day workshop titled “New Developments and Debates in Islamic Studies” at the International Islamic University-Islamabad. This workshop addressed current trends in the academic study of Islam (Islamic Studies) to acquaint Pakistani academics in related fields with theories and practices impacting the academic study of Islam, major debates in the field, innovative pedagogical strategies, and approaches from the academic study of religion. The goal was to prepare early career Pakistani faculty from diverse Pakistani universities for research publications and curriculum designs that fulfill local needs and interests while meeting international standards. Following the workshop, Dr. Hermansen participated in five other academic engagements, reaching over 800 people. A follow-up workshop took place in Islamabad on April 23, 2019.



- 4) **Grantee:** Matthew A. Cook  
**US Institution:** North Carolina Central University  
**Research Field:** Humanities  
**US Cohort:** Collie Fulford (North Carolina Central University), Russell Robinson (North Carolina Central University), and Matthew A. Cook (North Carolina Central University)  
**Partner Institution in Pakistan:** Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)  
**Program Dates:** May 6-10, 2019

**Summary:** These three US scholars are fellows of the NCCU-Duke Digital Humanities Initiative (<https://sites.fhi.duke.edu/nccudhfellows>). They utilized the skills they developed as fellows to work with junior Pakistani faculty to build their digital humanities skills. The workshop focus revolved around how to integrate these skills into teaching and classroom activities. Twelve Pakistani scholars participated in the workshop, which included one-on-one mentoring by the NCCU faculty.



The Pakistani scholars participating were M. Ibrahim Khokhar (Shah Abu Latif University), Marvi Sheikh (University of Sindh), Shumaila Umer (Sardar Bahadur Khan University), Ayesha Akram (University of Education, Lahore), Sania Munir (University of Lahore), Ihsanullah Jan (Hazara University), Fatima Bilquis (LUMS), Furrukh Khan (Lahore University of Management Sciences), Nadhra Shabnaz Naeem Khan (LUMS), Antonio Aarasco (LUMS), and Ali Usman Qasmi (LUMS). The workshop in Lahore was the first part of a two-part program. The second part took place in North Carolina between May 20 and June 24, 2019.

A participant from this event, Ayesha Akram (University of Education, Lahore), facilitated her own workshops on Digital Humanities at University of Education, Lahore and University of Management and Technology, Lahore. More than 40 faculty members from 9 different campuses joined as participants.



## EXCHANGES: PAKISTANI SCHOLARS TO US INSTITUTIONS

- 1) **Grantee:** Elena Bashir  
**US Institution:** University of Chicago  
**Research Field:** Linguistics  
**Visiting Scholars from Pakistan:** Saeed Lehri (University of Balochistan, Quetta)  
**Program Dates:** Spring 2019
  
- 2) **Grantee:** Cara Cilano  
**US Institution:** Michigan State University

**Research Field:** English

**Visiting Scholar from Pakistan:** Henna Karamat (Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University)

**Program Dates:** Spring 2019

- 3) **Grantee:** J. Mark Kenoyer  
**US Institution:** University of Wisconsin-Madison  
**Research Field:** Anthropology  
**Visiting Scholars from Pakistan:** Nafees Ahmed (Punjab University) and Mueezuddin Hakal (Quaid-i-Azam University)  
**Program Dates:** Spring & Summer 2019
- 4) **Grantee:** Gabriel Filippelli  
**US Institution:** Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis  
**Research Field:** Environmental Science  
**Visiting Scholars from Pakistan:** Rabbia Murtaza and Muhammad Zahir (Both of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology)  
**Program Dates:** August-September 2019
- 5) **South Asia Summer Language Institute - Teacher Training Certificate**  
**US Institution:** University of Wisconsin-Madison  
**Visiting Scholars from Pakistan:** Jahan Zeb Ahmed (University of California, Santa Barbara), Zahid Hussain (LUMS), and Ashok Kumar Khatri (Punjab University, Lahore)  
**Program Dates:** June 2019

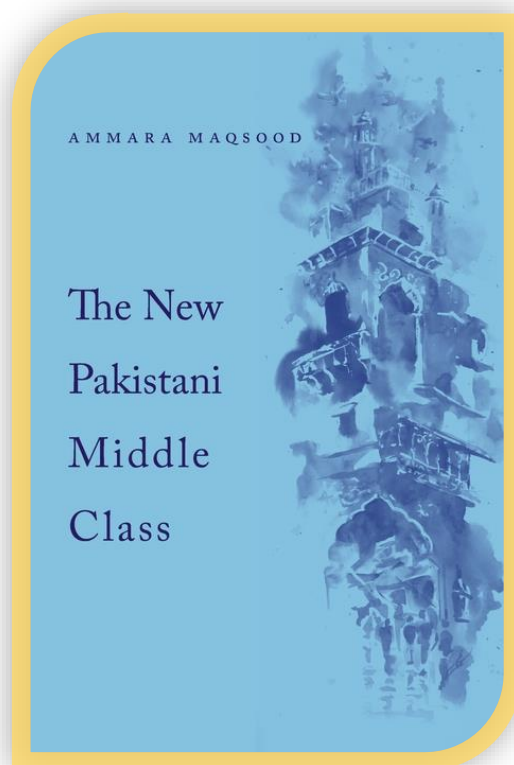
## 2019 AIPS BOOK PRIZE

**Author:** Dr. Ammara Maqsood

**Title:** *The New Pakistani Middle Class*

**Book Description:** Pakistan's presence in the outside world is dominated by images of religious extremism and violence. These images—and the narratives that interpret them—inform events in the international realm, but they also twist back around to shape local class politics. In *The New Pakistani Middle Class*, Ammara Maqsood focuses on life in contemporary Lahore, where she unravels these narratives to show how central they are for understanding competition and the quest for identity among middle-class groups.

Lahore's traditional middle class has asserted its position in the socioeconomic hierarchy by wielding significant social capital and dominating the politics



and economics of urban life. For this traditional middle class, a Muslim identity is about being modern, global, and on the same footing as the West. Recently, however, a more visibly religious, upwardly mobile social group has struggled to distinguish itself against this backdrop of conventional middle-class modernity, by embracing Islamic culture and values. The religious sensibilities of this new middle-class group are often portrayed as Saudi-inspired and Wahhabi. Through a focus on religious study gatherings and also on consumption in middle-class circles—ranging from the choice of religious music and home décor to debit cards and the cut of a woman’s *burkha*—*The New Pakistani Middle Class* untangles current trends in piety that both aspire toward, and contest, prevailing ideas of modernity. Maqsood probes how the politics of modernity meets the practices of piety in the struggle among different middle-class groups for social recognition and legitimacy.

**Author Bio:** Dr. Ammara Maqsood is a Lecturer in Social Anthropology at University College London (UCL). Before going to UCL, Dr. Maqsood was a Lecturer in Social Anthropology at Manchester and, prior to that, ESRC Future Research Leaders Fellow at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology and Junior Research Fellow at St Catherine’s College, Oxford.

## AIPS (CO)SPONSORED EVENTS

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The following conferences, workshops and other academic events were partially or fully sponsored by the American Institute of Pakistan Studies.

1) ***Special Lunch Session: The Disposable Pakistani Scholars at AAS-in Asia (Delhi, India): A RoundTable Discussion***

Date: October 12, 2018

Location: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, WI)

Funded by: American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS)

Organizer: Yasmin Saikia (Arizona State University)

On June 7, 2018, The Wire was the first to report on the ban on Pakistani scholars (irrespective of their nationality) from attending the AAS-in-Asia conference at Delhi. The exclusion of scholars from attending a conference may seem insignificant in comparison to the life and death situations many immigrants/refugees are facing worldwide, but it is a testament to an emerging pattern of hypernationalism penetrating into academia. It marks out select groups of academics from certain places and/or political affiliations as ‘disposable’. The restrictive and punitive practices stifle academic discussion and debate; constrain the exchange of ideas and knowledge production, while establishing the relationship between knowledge and power. In so doing, the excluded and marginalized scholars and their voices become reduced to what Giorgio Agamben and Judith Butler refer to as ‘bare life’, as disposable bodies.

This round table was motivated by concerns regarding the particular matrix under which nationalist politics and denial of voice to Pakistani scholars feed into the objectification of

Muslims, the inadequacy of AAS's response allowing the Indian government to make the Pakistani scholars disposable, and a re-examination of academic professional ethics. The round table included several speakers from Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh and was moderated by Yasmin Saikia.

## 2) Spaces of Capital: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pakistan Conference

Date: March 20, 2019

Location: University of Michigan, USA

Funded by: AIPS and University of Michigan

Organizer: Matthew Hull (University of Michigan)

The conference brought together vibrant scholars around the intersection of economy and politics. Most of them had not met each other so it was an opportunity for them to make new connections not only with scholars in the UM community but among themselves. The first panel dealt with urban infrastructure with a paper by Amen Jaffer (LUMS) on waste management and a paper by Maira Hayat (Stanford) on water. The second panel examined the relation between contemporary rural economic arrangements and long-standing social groups like caste and lineage, with papers by Muhammad Ali Jan (Oxford) and Nicolas Martin (University of Zurich). The artist Saima Zaidi (Habib University) gave an extended talk and visual presentation of the work of her design group in the Lahore's Old City. The conference ended with a screening of the film, *The Rebel Optimist*, about the acclaimed activist Perween Rahman, a former participant in the UM Pakistan conference. Approximately 60-70 people attended at least a portion of the conference. Attendees included undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and members of the public from outside the UM community.

## 3) Celebration of Dr. Hafeez Malik

Date: July 17, 2019

Location: Pakistan Embassy, Washington DC, USA

Funded by: AIPS and US Embassy

The purpose of the gathering was to celebrate the life and scholarship of Professor Hafeez Malik and to highlight the many contributions of AIPS in supporting scholarship about Pakistan in the U.S. higher education community and improving the academic caliber of students and faculty in Pakistan. Approximately 85 guests attended this celebration.

## EMBASSY-SUPPORTED FACILITATIONS

### 1) Dynamics of Countering Human Trafficking in South Asia

**Grantee:** Hassan Abbas

**US Institution:** National Defense University

**Research Field:** Security Studies

**Program Dates:** December 17-23, 2019

**Summary:** Dr. Hassan Abbas led two workshops in Islamabad and Lahore, Pakistan. They focused on fully understanding the nature and magnitude of human trafficking in the broader South Asian region and were geared towards developing local capacity to counter this challenge as well as studying the dynamics that allow this menace to thrive at a global scale. A series of structured discussions considered the personal and social consequences of trafficking (violence, health, post-traumatic stress disorder, etc.), the ways that trafficking affects children, and the strategies that victims adopt to survive. The groups also assessed a variety of efforts being made to help trafficked victims. Over 20 participants attended each workshop.



### 2) Air Quality in Pakistan

**Grantee:** Gabriel Filippelli

**US Institution:** Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

**Research Field:** Air Quality & Health

**Program Dates:** April 13-25, 2019

**Summary:** Greater awareness of the negative impacts of air pollution on public health has made this a prime issue in many countries. Pakistan currently has almost no air quality monitoring capabilities, so it is difficult to assess the true impacts of air quality on health and nearly impossible to determine and eradicate the sources of air pollution. In line with a continued USG policy of constructing air quality monitoring facilities on Embassies and Posts in vulnerable countries, the posts in Pakistan are bringing several testing facilities online. Dr.



Filippelli, an Air Quality Fellow for Embassy Islamabad and an expert in air quality and health, delivered a series of lectures, workshops, and demonstrations to raise awareness of these issues and to build dialogs among university researches, students, governmental, and non-governmental entities on this issue. Through the AIPS-sponsored series of events, which occurred in Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad, Dr. Philippelli interacted with approximately 1000 people over 11 days.

### 3) **Media Matters: Responsible Reporting**

**Grantees:** Jill Filipovic, Ty McCormick, and Lauren Bohn

**US Affiliations:** Freelance Journalists

**Research Field:** Journalism

**Program Dates:** April 24-26, 2019

**Summary:** The journalists listed above conducted a series of workshops and lectures/discussions on a variety of topics related to journalism in conjunction with a conference on media in Pakistan, “Fake News and Facts in our Region” organized by the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) in Islamabad. Filipovic, McCormick, and Bohn’s workshops and lectures, held in Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi, brought together journalists, students and stakeholders in Pakistan, opening lines of engagement and information with the U.S. journalists and reached nearly 500 people. Concepts such as the right to free speech, free press, the free exercise of religion, and women’s rights were discussed in depth, as were misconceptions about Pakistan and local frustrations with American journalistic coverage. The American journalists were educated about the Pakistani press, including the robust journalistic traditions and ongoing challenges (financial, political and social) that Pakistani journalists face. It is expected that this information will be passed on to other journalists in the country, furthering the reach of the program.



## AIPS SPONSORED ROUNDTABLE

### **AAS-in-Asia Conference**

Bangkok, Thailand

July 2019

**Panel:** *Neoliberalism and Processes of Marginalisation in Pakistan’s Cities*

**Chaired by:** Nida Kirmani, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

**Papers:**

- 1) Title: Opportunity and Stigma: The Paradoxes of Working with Waste in Lahore  
Presenter: Amen Jaffer  
Affiliation: LUMS
- 2) Title: Sexual Citizenship and the Politics of Transgender Recognition in Pakistan  
Presenter: Shermeen Bano  
Affiliation: University of Management Technology
- 3) Title: Urban Process in the Postcolonial Punjab: 'Dispossession by Speculation'  
Presenter: Danish Khan  
Affiliation: University of Massachusetts

## CAORC COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY COLLEGES WORKSHOP

### Religion and Culture in the Postcolonial City, Lahore, Pakistan, June 8-22, 2019

**Participants:** Luke Wagner, Heather Jay McLean-Riggs, Rajender Kaur, Becky Duckett, Robert Soza, Sanket Desai, Barbara Crain, Rose Aslan, Emma Munoz, Paul Edleman, Michael DeVivo, Stacy Kowtko, Glenn Corbett (CAORC Admin)

**Program Organizers:** Gwendolyn Kirk (Assistant Professor, LUMS), Sardar Hussain (PhD Candidate, UT-Austin)

**Community Colleges:**

California State University-Long Beach  
Seattle Central College  
William Patterson University  
Gadsden State Community College  
Mesa Community College  
Montgomery County Community College  
NOVA Community College  
California Lutheran University  
Montgomery College  
Sauk Valley Community College  
Grand Rapids Community College  
Spokane Community College

**Description:** CAORC and AIPS hosted a fully-funded faculty development seminar for community college and MSI faculty in Lahore, Pakistan. Security studies, religious studies, urban studies, cultural studies,



and History all have various interests in and viewpoints on Pakistan. This seminar, *Religion and Culture in the Postcolonial City*, sought to add nuance and context to these understandings by providing participants with firsthand experiences of various cultural sites and practices in Lahore, including its medieval walled city and its colonial architectural landmarks, as well as facilitating meetings with local scholars, artists, and others. Through encountering Lahore's urban geography, participants glimpsed how religious diversity, political struggle, and cultural expression fold into each other in this ancient city of over ten million people. Upon returning to their respective institutions in the US, the participants can create and develop curricular materials on Pakistan to be used in the classroom.

## BERKELEY-AIPS URDU LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Since 2014, AIPS has facilitated this in-country program with the Institute for South Asia Studies at Berkeley. Their partnership brings fellows to LUMS for language training in the fall.

### 2019 Cohort:

**Noor Asif**, University of Washington, Seattle

**Patricia Hartland**, University of Notre Dame

**Lauren Smyth**, University of California-Santa Barbara

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