

Gender, Piety, Secularity: Conversations with Saba Mahmood (1962-2018)

December 10-13, 2023, LUMS

Program of Events

Dec 10 - 5pm, Saeed Saigol Auditorium, LUMS

Keynote Address by Professor Shahzad Bashir (Brown University)

“Seeking Knowledge and Being in Early Colonial South Asia”

Dec 11 - 9:30am -5 pm, A-10, Academic Block, LUMS.

Workshop Sessions: Key Themes in Saba Mahmood’s Scholarship

- **Introductions** (9.30 – 10am)
- **Agency and Embodiment** (10 – 11.45am)
Workshop Leaders: Shahzad Bashir (Brown); Mayanthi Fernando (University of California-Santa Cruz)
- **Colonialism, Knowledge, Anti-imperialism** (12noon – 1pm)
Workshop Leaders: Humeira Iqtidar (King’s College London); Noah Salomon (University of Virginia)
LUNCH (1 – 2 pm)
- **Colonialism, Knowledge, Anti-imperialism** (cont’d, 2 – 2.45pm)
Workshop Leaders: Humeira Iqtidar (King’s College London); Noah Salomon (University of Virginia)
- **Secularism and Religious Minorities** (3 – 4.45pm)
Workshop Leaders: Mayanthi Fernando (University of California-Santa Cruz); Zahra Hayat (University of British Columbia)

Dec 12 - 9am – 5pm, A-10, Academic Block, LUMS.

New Directions in Research: Paper Presentations

Panel 1: Troubling Secular Frameworks (9am – 10.30am)

“The Anthropocosmic Self in Pakistan’s Sufi Tradition,” Noman Baig (Habib University)

“Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Shah Husayn: The Lover of Madho or a Sufi Poet?” Saima Parveen (University of Sargodha)

“The Perfumed Life: Teaching a Humanities of Unsettling,” Noah Salomon (University of Virginia)

Panel 2: Political Horizons and the Question of Rights (10.45am – 12.30pm)

“Islamic Socialism: Radical Individuality and Racial Equality,” Humeira Iqtidar (Kings College London)

“Liberalism or Shariat? Adjudicating the Ahmadi Question in Pakistani Courts” Ali Usman Qasmi (LUMS)

“Khawaja Sira Performances, Religion and Activism: In and Beyond Transgender Rights,” Claire Pamment (William and Mary College)

“Digital subjectivities & surveillance: the making and unmaking of feminist counterpublics in Pakistan” Rabia Kamal (LUMS)

LUNCH

Panel 3: Law, Secularism, and the Pious Subject (1.30pm – 3 pm)

“To Craft, Perhaps, A Different Future,” Mayanthi Fernando (University of California-Santa Cruz)

“Pakistani *‘Ulama’s Fatwas* on the Nation-State,” Mashal Saif (Clemson University)

“Constituting Secular Hindu Families in Pakistan?” Ghazal Asif Farrukhi (LUMS)

Panel 4: Reading Saba Mahmood in Pakistan (3.15pm – 4.45 pm)

“Pakistani Feminism(s) Post-The Politics of Piety,” Nida Kirmani (LUMS)

“Genesis of Asian-Islamic-Femaleness through Contemporary Pakistani Women’s Chick-lit,” Muhammad Abdullah (Government College University Lahore)

“Saba Mahmood as Pedagogical Undoing,” Ali Raza (LUMS)

Dec 13 - 3 pm, Hall 3, Alhamra Arts Council, Mall Road.

Memorial Event

Reflections and Memories of Saba Mahmood by:

Kamran Asdar Ali	Khalid Mahmood	Mayanthi Fernando
Humeira Iqtidar	Zahra Hayat	Noah Solomon <i>and others.</i>