

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

December 10-13, 2023, LUMS

## Program of Events

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All times are Pakistan Standard Time (GMT +05:00)

Dec 10 - 5pm, Saeed Saigol Auditorium, LUMS

Keynote Address by Professor Shahzad Bashir (Brown University)

“Seeking Knowledge and Being in Early Colonial South Asia”

Moderated by Nauman Faizi (LUMS)

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Dec 11 - 9:30am -5 pm, Faculty Lounge, 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, continues after Lunch)

Workshop Leaders: Humeira Iqtidar (King’s College London); Noah Salomon (University of Virginia)

## **LUNCH BREAK**

**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)

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Dec 12 - 9am – 5pm, Faculty Lounge, Academic Block, LUMS.

New Directions in Research: Paper Presentations

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

Moderated by Amen Jaffer (LUMS)

“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)

Moderated by Sadaf Aziz (LUMS)

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

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

“Khwaja 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 BREAK**

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

Moderated by Humeira Iqtidar (King’s College London)

“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)

Moderated by Kamran Asdar Ali (University of Texas – Austin)

“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)

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

Bayad-e-Saba Mahmood: A Life of Philosophy, Praxis and Care

**Reflections and Memories of Saba Mahmood by** (in collaboration with LCWU):

Kamran Asdar Ali (University of Texas – Austin)      Khalid Mahmood (Getz Pharma)

Mayanthi Fernando (University of California – Santa Cruz)

Rabia Nadir (Lahore School of Economics)      Humeira Iqtidar (King’s College London)

Shagufta Naz (Vice Chancellor, Lahore College for Women University)

Zahra Hayat (University of British Columbia)      Noah Solomon (University of Virginia)

Ali Usman Qasmi (LUMS)      Nadeem Khalid (Writer)