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**NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF
ISLAM AND SOCIETY IN SOUTH ASIA**



Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

18-20 April, 2025

All panels will take place in the VC Faculty Lounge, Academic Block, and the keynote will take place in the SS Auditorium, Academic Block. For the venues of all other events, please refer to the schedule below.

Day 1: Friday, April 18th, 2025

Registration - 8:45 - 9:00 am

Introductions - 9:00 - 9:30 am

Dr Waqar Zaidi, Head of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr Ali Khan, Dean of the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Panel 1: Rethinking Sacred Spaces, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Moderator: Dr. Ali Usman Qasmi (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

The Anthropology of Islam, Death, and Violence

Syed Ehtesham Ahmed Rehmani (Graduate Student, Anthropology, University of Oxford, Oxford)

Religious Tolerance, Contestation and Transformation at the Shared Sacred Space of Jhule Lal/ Udero Lal in Sindh, Pakistan

Dr. Muhsat Ali Shah (Assistant Professor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro)

"Planting a Tree is Sadaqah Jariyah:" The Multiple Meanings of Afforestation in Pakistan's Postcolonial Landscape

Dr. Yasmeen Arif (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Oxford, Oxford)

Tea break, 11:00-11:30 am

Panel 2: Intellectual Contestations, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Moderator: Dr. Nauman Faizi (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Intellectual Departures from Mawdūdī's Islamization: A Study of Interpretative Approaches and Religious Weltanschauungs

Asif Iftikhar (Senior Teaching Fellow, LUMS, Lahore)

The Legend and Legacy of Hussam-ul-Haramain

Dr. Waqas Sajjad (Assistant Professor, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore),

Ambivalent Tradition and Theological Transitions: An Analysis of the Deoband School

Muhammad Usman (PhD Scholar, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg)

YouTube Imam Engineer Muhammad Ali Mirza's (EMAM) Digital Dawa: A Netnographic Analysis

Dr. Arslan Ahmed (Assistant Professor, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Lunch (Executive Dining Hall; for panelists and moderators only), 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Panel 3: Art, Language, and Identity, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Moderator: Dr. Maryam Wasif Khan (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

The Politics of Objects in Images: Guru Nanak's Chādar Mending Religious Rends

Dr. Nadhra Shahbaz Khan (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Calligraphic Perception in the Shattered World

Dr. Noman Baig (Assistant Professor, Habib University, Karachi)

Rethinking Muslim Presence in Bollywood Films

Dr. Sunera Thobani (Professor, University of British Columbia, Vancouver)

Text and Event: Arabi Malayalam and the Islamicate Literary Formation on the Malabar Coast
Dr. Muneer Aram Kuzhiyan (Assistant Professor, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh)

Tea break, 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Panel 4: Gender, Law and Colonialism, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Moderator: Syeda Zehra Zaidi (Visiting Assistant Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Entangled Histories: Colonial Encounters in English and Muslim Divorce Laws in the British Empire

Dr. Zubair Abbasi (Lecturer, University of London, London)

Colonial Ijtihād: Reconfiguring Iftā', Qaḍā', and Da'wah in Postcolonial Muslim States

Dr. Muhammad Faisal Khalil (Research Fellow, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, Oxford)

Along the Faultlines of Politics, Religion, and Gender: Early Muslim Responses to the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929

Ateeb Gul (PhD Student, Religion, Boston University, Boston)

Refusing Relocation: Muslim Women and the Politics of Policing Prostitution in Late Colonial India

Dr. Zoya Sameen (Assistant Professor, Aga Khan University, Karachi)

Keynote: 6:00 - 7:30 pm - (SS Auditorium, Academic Block)

The Ambivalence of Traditions in Transition: Tashabbuh, Taqlīd, and Mimicry

Dr Marcia Hermansen (Professor, Loyola University, Chicago)

Dinner (EDH lawn; panelists and moderators only), 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Day 2: Saturday, April 19th, 2025

Panel 5: Contemporary and Historical Muslim Lives, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Moderator: Dr. Rabia Kamal (Assistant Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Muslim Perspectives on Mental Health and Illness in South Asia

Dr. Humair Yusuf (Assistant Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Religious Aspirations Among Young Muslims

Tanmay Singh (PhD student, University of Delhi, New Delhi)

OneJamāt: Ismailis Negotiating Modernity and Marginality

Basharat Issa (Lecturer, Habib University, Karachi)

Mirasi/Qureshi: Class, Caste, and Identity (1920's-1950's)

Muhammad Arslan Hanif (Research Assistant, LUMS, Lahore)

Tea break, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Panel 6: Education, Knowledge, and Scholarship, 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Moderator: Dr. Aurangzeb Haneef (Assistant Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

How Important were Madāris Really in Producing the Best 'Ulama? A View from Studies of South Asia, c. 1100-1800 AD

Zahra Sabri (Lecturer, Habib University, Karachi)

Sufi Humanist Tradition in Sindh: Revitalizing Humanities Education for a Cosmopolitan Civility

Dr. Rafique Wassan (Professor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro)

Print Culture, Islamic Modernism and Dissemination of Ideas in Colonial South-Asia

Aaqib Javid (Ph.D. Student, Sociology, Koç University, Istanbul)

Lunch (Executive Dining Hall; for panelists and moderators only), 12:45 - 2:00 pm

Panel 7: Encounters with the Other, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Moderator: Dr. Ali Raza (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Ecstatic Expressions in Interreligious Contexts: Dara Shikoh and the Dynamics of Religious Exchange in Mughal South Asia

Nargiz Mammadli (PhD Candidate, Stockholm University, Stockholm)

Native Jewels: Qāzī Qādan's Sindhi Mysticism

Dr. Shafique N. Virani (Distinguished Professor, University of Toronto, Toronto)

Dr. Bisharat Ali Lanjwani (Assistant Professor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro)

Speaking in the Master's Voice: Ex-King Edward the Eighth's Diary by Khwaja Hasan Nizami

Dr. Marcia Hermansen (Professor, Loyola University, Chicago),

Fragments of the Ghadr: Tale of Two Friends

Dr. Nomanul Haq (Executive Academic Advisor, University of Lahore, Lahore)

Tea break, 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Panel 8: Islam, Politics and the State, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Moderator: Dr. Asma Faiz (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Identity Politics and Inclusion in Bangladesh: Reflection from History and the Present Times

Dr. Samia Huq (Dean, Brac University, Dhaka)

The Dark Side of Piety

Dr. Lukas Albert (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Religious Governance and Socialist Ideals: Barkatullah's Pamphlet on "Islam and Socialist Body-Politic" in 1919

Dr. Dietrich Reetz (Associate Professor (Privatdozent), Free University Berlin, Berlin)

Ji, TLP and Sociological Dynamics of Political Islam in Pakistan

Dr. Farhat Haq (Associate Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Book talk: The Social Life of Islam, by Dr. Amen Jaffer, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Discussant: Dr. Sarah Humayun (Assistant Professor, LUMS, Lahore)

Concert: The Fakirs of Bhit Shah, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

(A-13 Auditorium, Academic Block; open to all)

Dinner (EDH lawn; for panelists and moderators only), 8:00 - 9:30 pm

Day 3: Sunday, April 20th, 2025

Further details of the tour will be shared separately with panelists.

12:00 - 7:00 pm - Lahore tour, including lunch (for panelists only)

7:00 - 9:00 pm - Farewell dinner in Old City (for panelists only)



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