

Dear AIPS Members,

AIPS e-newsletter: Announcements and Highlights, April 24, 2009

**Announcement: AIPS Book Prize 2009**

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies would like to solicit submission of unpublished manuscripts and books published after 2005 for the annual AIPS book prize. There will be three categories of competition resulting in, a Junior Award for those who received their PhD within the past seven years (2002 or after); a Senior Award for those who received their PhD more than seven years ago (before 2002); and a Distinguished Book Award by persons without advanced degrees. Applicants for the Junior Award may submit a revised dissertation, a completed first-book manuscript that is not based on a dissertation, or a published first book. Senior and Distinguished Book Award applicants may submit a book manuscript or a published book. Unrevised dissertations and rough drafts will not be considered.

For application instructions and more information:

[http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/English/book\\_prize.htm](http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/English/book_prize.htm)

**Announcement: Pakistan Lecture Series Spring 2009**

**1. Arif Hasan (May 6-19, 2009)**

Arif Hasan (Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning at NED, University in Karachi) brings international prominence to Pakistan studies through his reputation and contribution to the theoretical field of 'built environment' studies. His work brings together scholars across colleges that often do not interact closely. Arif Hasan is the founder and Chairman of the Urban Resource Centre in Karachi and has been a consultant to various United Nations agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and community groups both in the global north and south. Hasan is renowned for his involvement with low-income settlement programmes, and is the architect of a large number of important residential, commercial, and educational facilities in Pakistan. He is the author of "Pragmatism and the Built Environment" and "Squatter Settlements in Karachi" and various other articles and monographs.

He will visit Johns Hopkins University, the University of Oregon, Eugene, and the University of Washington.

For more information regarding his lectures and CV, please visit our website:

[http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/English/PLS\\_2009.htm](http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/English/PLS_2009.htm)

**2. Imran Aslam (March 24-April 13, 2009)**

**“Pakistan in Transition: The Role of the Media and its Potential”**

The rapid changes in Pakistan political and social life in the past two years calls for a fresh analysis and thinking about the country's future. Imran Aslam will provide a deep analysis of the major changes in Pakistan's political corridors during these past two tumultuous years starting from the dismissal of the Supreme Court judges to the present day uncertainties. As the Director of Geo TV he has had a front seat view of Pakistan's many political transitions in the past two decades. This presentation will include time for questions and discussion by the participants.

Imran Aslam is a senior journalist from Pakistan and is currently the president of GEO TV Network, where he oversees content for GEO News, GEO Entertainment, Aag (a youth channel) and GEO Super (Sports).

**Announcement: History Dissertation Workshop, Islamabad, 11-13 May 2009**

AIPS, in collaboration with the HEC, is please to announce a dissertation workshop for doctoral students in history in Pakistan. This workshop is intended to bring together doctoral students in history in Pakistan who are developing dissertation proposals or are in early phases of research or dissertation writing, and who seek to develop richer, more subtle or robust understandings of their fields. It intends to engage aspiring scholars of history and assist them in such things as developing and reformulating research questions, placing research within theoretical contexts, facilitating the organization and structure of the dissertation, and sharing global norms of scholarship in research, writing and citation structures.