

Dear AIPS Members,

AIPS e-newsletter, March 24, 2009

Please come and join us for a joint reception with the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies at the Association of Asian Studies Conference in Chicago!

Reception Information:

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) invite you to a joint reception at the American Association of Asian Studies!

Friday, March 27, 2009

9:00-11:00PM

Sheraton Ballroom #1

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

301 East North Water Street

Chicago, IL 60611

AIPS Roundtable:

AIPS will hold a roundtable at the Association for Asian Studies Meeting in Chicago

"Pakistan in Transition: Where do we go from here?"

The abstract can be found at <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/English/PDF/AsianStudiesPanel-09-1.doc>.

Roundtable Information:

Saturday, March 28th, 2009

1:00-2:30PM

Sheraton Ballroom #2

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

301 East North Water Street

Chicago, IL 60611

The roundtable participants:

Paula Newberg

Affiliation: Marshall B. Coyne Director, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

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Imran Aslam

Affiliation: President, GEO TV, Karachi Pakistan

Jang Building, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi Pakistan

Anwar Iqbal

Dawn newspaper and TV, Pakistan - Washington Correspondent

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Moderator: Kamran Asdar Ali

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The Endangered Language Fund

The Endangered Language Fund provides grants for work on documenting and revitalizing endangered languages. The deadline for the next round of grants is April 20th, 2009. All applications should be submitted electronically.

Details can be found at:

<http://www.endangeredlanguagefund.org/request.html>

Individual Member News and Travel Report from Maggie Ronkin

From January 22nd to February 1st, I visited Pakistan for the first time since 9/11. In Islamabad, I consulted documents and renewed my research agenda on Sheedis in discussions at Lok Virsa. I also visited the US Educational Foundation in Pakistan. They indicated that they plan to invite me to teach a summer course on Language in the USA, and to advise Pakistani scholars on studies abroad. (There is great interest in linguistics in Pakistan, but only scant information on studying language use.) In addition, I gave talks on the research process and my own work at the Area Study Centre for Africa, North, and South America at Quaid-i-Azam University, the School of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Law at LUMS, and the AIPS Overseas Research Center. I was fortunate to mingle with diverse and energetic students at Quaid-i-Azam, and also with faculty members there and at LUMS. Professor R. Qamber, Director of the Area Study Centre at Quaid-i-Azam, proposed networking one of her classes with one of mine at Oberlin College via videoconferencing. With help from AIPS's Nadeem Akbar and technical support staff, we are now arranging this and exploring another possibility at Georgetown University for summer 2010. Perhaps most importantly, I sensed a lot of hope in the air; summing things up, one colleague ended a chat in which I asked if there were any messages for friends with a broad grin and welcome words -- "peace and love to America".

Maggie Ronkin

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