

American Institute of Pakistan Studies Outreach e-Bulletin

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Sharing Pakistan-studies events with the AIPS community

Note: Please send news about books published, honors received, fellowships awarded, all that you would like to share. We would also encourage members to send short essays about their own research on Pakistan or a thought piece to initiate a discussion string. We particularly urge those who have received AIPS fellowships (in any category) in the recent past to send short thematic reports for us to publish. Please send your information/articles to aips@pakistanstudies-aips.org or asdar@amil.utexas.edu. Thank you. AIPS.

Announcements

AIPS Fellowships and Other News

NEW AIPS Short-Term Lecture and Research Fellowships in Pakistan 2010-11

Award Submission Deadlines: June 15 and September 1, 2010, and Jan 1, 2011

Applications are invited for short-term lecture and research fellowships for senior scholars at the post-doctoral level and for advanced graduate students at the pre-doctoral level. Duration of fellowships will be from one to five months. Fellows will be required to present a minimum of two lectures per month at approved host institutions (see Fellowship FAQ's) or the AIPS centers in Islamabad or Lahore. Each participant will be required to sign a release that stipulates the relevant security issues that need to be adopted.

Awards will include international travel expenses and stipends (subject to availability of funds). The amount of the stipends will be comparable to Fulbright Awards and will be determined by the Fellowships Committee based on availability of funds and current rates as defined by the U S State Department. (Total fellowship support can range from \$3,000 to \$25,000). Funds may be used for research on materials relating to the history and culture of Pakistan and must take place in Pakistan at approved locations (see Fellowship FAQ's on the AIPS website)

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and enrolled/employed full-time in an institution of higher education in the USA.

More information: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/fellowships/fellowships/index.html>

Executive Committee Elections

Will Glover (University of Michigan) was elected to the AIPS Executive Committee. He will serve from 2011-2014.

Pakistan Lecture Series

Imtiaz Gul will be in the U.S. in October 2010 as a Pakistan Lecture Series Speaker. Lectures will be at the following locations and dates:

October 13-18, 2010: University of Wisconsin, Madison
Thursday, October 14: Center for South Asia Lecture Series
Friday, October 15: Annual Conference on South Asia
October 19-20, 2010: University of Chicago
Tuesday, October 19: The World Beyond the Headlines Lecture
October 21-22, 2010: North Carolina State University & Duke University
October 24, 2010: World Affairs Council of New Hampshire

Report: AIPS Islamabad Office

**AIPS-HEC Dissertation Writing Workshop (Anthropology)
May 17-19, 2010**

The AIPS-Islamabad center hosted the 2nd dissertation writing workshop on Anthropology in collaboration with Higher Education Commission, Pakistan from May 17-19, 2010. Twelve doctoral students from Pakistani universities were selected to attend the workshop. The workshop inaugural dinner was held at the Islamabad center on May 16, 2010. Dinner participants included AIPS workshop leaders, doctoral students, former AIPS-PLS scholars, a couple of Vice chancellors from local universities, HEC and US officials.

For more details see Dr Kamran Asdar Ali's report in last Newsletter.



L-R (Sitting) Syed Akmal Hussain Shah, Humaira Iqtidar, Amir Ali Boriro, Rana Imran Ahmad, Agha Nadia, Raza Ullah,

L-R (Standing) Nadeem Akbar, Kamran Asdar Ali, Syed Tahir Hussain Bukhari, Fakhira Riaz, Nosheen Raza, Fauzia S. Alvi, Amjad Javed, Tahir Mehmood Butt, Syed Rashid Ali.

Talks/Receptions

1. On May 27, 2010, the AIPS hosted a formal reception in honour of Dr Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (President, AIPS). At the gathering, Dr Kenoyer announced reopening of the AIPS American scholarship program in Pakistan. He also highlighted new initiatives of AIPS for the year 2010-11 and which included holding of cultural preservation workshop and two international conferences on Pakistan studies. The reception was attended by several leading scholars, Deans, department heads, Vice Chancellors, GoP and US officials.
 2. On May 28, 2010 Dr Mark Kenoyer gave a talk at the Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations on "Latest Discoveries in Indus Valley". The talk was very well attended and students and scholars from different fields of Quaid i Azam university, Islamabad had a productive discussion session with Dr Kenoyer.
 3. On August 05, 2010, the AIPS Islamabad center hosted a talk by Dr John Mock (Visiting Senior Fulbright Scholar from University of California, Santa Cruz) on "The Red Budha Hall Road Revisited: Recent Archeological Finds from Wakhan"
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Events Coordinated by AIPS—Islamabad

1. On March 03, 2010, the AIPS—Islamabad center coordinated with Cultural Affairs Section of the US Embassy to organize a talk by Dr Clarence Lusane (Visiting Scholar from Howard University) at Quaid i Azam University, Islamabad in collaboration with Area Study Center for America and North Africa and National Institute of Pakistan Studies.
2. On April 07, 2010, the AIPS--Islamabad Director coordinated with the Area Study Center for America and North Africa, Quaid I Azam University, Islamabad to organize a talk on USAID works in Pakistan by Mr Joseph Ryan (Chief Economist, USAID, Pakistan mission) at the Area Study Center America and North Africa, Islamabad
3. On August 26, 2010, the AIPS—Islamabad Director coordinated with the Quaid i Azam University to hold a talk by Dr John Mock (Visiting senior Fulbright scholar from University of California, Santa Cruz) at the Area Study Center, Quaid I Azam University, Islamabad

CAORC Administrative Workshop Istanbul (August 2010)

The Council of American Overseas Research Center organized an administrative workshop for the ORCs at Armda Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey from August 7-11, 2010. The workshop was attended

by several US and Overseas directors as well as staff members of the CAORC member institutions. The AIPS was represented by Nadeem Akbar (ORC Director), Laura Hammond (US Admin/Program Manager), Asma Haider (ORC Accountant) and Salima Currimbhoy (AIPS/AIBS--US Accountant). The Islamabad Director briefed the CAORC group on AIPS history and its programs in Pakistan. He highlighted some of the institute's strengths as well as challenges being faced by AIPS in pursuance of its scholarly mission in Pakistan. The workshop provided a great opportunity for all ORCs representatives to share ideas to learn from each others' experiences on different administrative and financial matters.

AIPS—Collaboration with Library of Congress in Lahore

Dr Mark Kenoyer (President, AIPS) in a meeting with the Dr Carol Mitchell (Field Director, Library of Congress, Islamabad) agreed to collaborate with LoC in Lahore for books acquisitions in Lahore through the AIPS-Lahore center. The LoC will use AIPS-center in Lahore and staff for part time work on this project. The LoC will provide some in-kind support to the Lahore center and will also compensate for staff time for the acquisition works in Lahore. In addition the LoC will also provide professional training to our Lahore center staff member "Mohammad Razaq" in books acquisitions works. A team from LoC, Islamabad office has already visited the AIPS-Lahore center in this respect and plans are underway to begin with training of AIPS staff member for this once a week assigned-work for LoC in Lahore.

Non-AIPS Events

Other Fellowships

There are many other granting agencies that provide fellowships in order to conduct work in Pakistan. The following information represents some additional options for funding for pre-doctoral candidates, post-doctoral candidates and scholars interested in working on material related to Pakistan.

The South Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies announces the 2010 competition for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the annual conference of the AAS. The prize will recognize emerging scholarship in the field, and foster intellectual exchange among junior and senior scholars. The award of \$100.00 and a certificate will be presented at the 2011 Annual Conference of the AAS in Hawaii. The South Asia Council of the AAS will also provide a sum of \$300.00 to the winner of the prize, to partially cover the cost of his or her travel to the Hawaii Conference, where the winner will be recognized at the AAS Graduate Student reception.

The Council encourages graduate students who presented papers at the March 2010 conference in Philadelphia to submit their papers for consideration. Papers on any aspect and region of South Asia will be considered. Students must be registered in a doctoral program in order to be considered for the Prize.

Please email your paper as an attachment to Matt Nelson and Vinayak Chaturvedi by May 31, 2010. Papers submitted to the Council after this deadline will not be considered.

CAORC: The Council of American Overseas Research Centers develops and administers programs in collaboration with our member Centers and affiliated partners.

The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Fellowship Program supports advanced regional or trans-regional research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences for U.S. master's students, doctoral candidates, and scholars who have already earned their Ph.D. Preference will be given to candidates examining comparative and/or cross-regional research. Applicants are eligible to apply as individuals or in teams.

Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the United States, at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Approximately ten awards of up to \$12,000 each will be given in the doctoral candidate/post-doctoral scholar competition. Approximately four awards of up to \$8,000 each will be given in the master's student competition. Given changing travel restrictions and/or security warnings to many countries, applicants should contact CAORC before preparing a proposal.

News from Members

Georgetown University Video Conference Course on Justice and Peace in Pakistan by Dr Maggie Ronkin

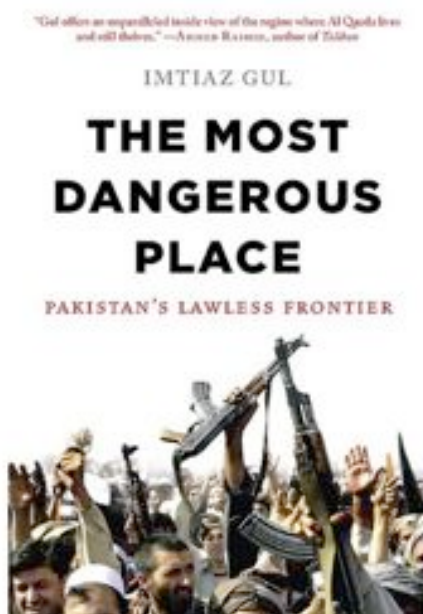
Dr Maggie Ronkin from Georgetown University successfully held a unique Videocon course titled "Justice and Peace in Pakistan" during summer 2010 to enable U.S.-based undergraduates of Georgetown University to better understand the culture and policy through productive dialogs with civic leaders in Pakistan. Dr Maggie Ronkin partnered with Fayyaz Baqir, Director of the Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Center, Islamabad, and Fulbright alumnus Nadeem Akbar, Director of the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad in producing this pioneering course for which the Videocon facilities were provided by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan.



Students from left in front are David Lee, Corby Hobbs, Conor Finnegan, Saaliha Khan, Michael Tyler, and Philip Mitchell. Students from left in back are Matt Buccelli, Bart Jackson, Kelly Krohn, Brandi Streauslin, Nina Ravi, and Maher Ali.

Publications

The Most Dangerous Place: Pakistan's Lawless Frontier
 By Imitaz Gul. Viking Adult: June, 2010



Eight years ago we chased the Taliban from Kabul and forced Al Qaeda to find a new home. One by one the militants crossed the border into Pakistan and settled in its tribal areas, building alliances with locals and terrorizing or bribing their way to power. This place - Pakistan's lawless frontier - is now the epicenter of global terrorism. It is where young American and British jihadists go to be trained, where the kidnapped are stowed away, and where plots are hatched for deadly attacks all over the world. It has become, in President Obama's words, "the most dangerous place" - a hornet's nest of violent extremists, many of whom now target their own state in vicious suicide- bombing campaigns.

Imtiaz Gul, who knows the ins and outs of these groups and their leaders, tackles the toughest questions about the current situation: What can be done to bring the Pakistani Taliban under control? Who funds these militants and what are their links to Al Qaeda? Are they still supported by the ISI, Pakistan's all-powerful intelligence agency?

Based on dozens of exclusive interviews with high-ranking Pakistani intelligence, government and military officers and extensive first-hand reporting, *The Most Dangerous Place* is a gripping and definitive exposé of a region that Americans need urgently to understand.

About the Author

Imtiaz Gul has reported on Pakistan and the region for CNN, NPR, Al-Jazeera and German radio and TV for 25 years and hosted his own weekly news program on Pakistani TV. The Islamabad correspondent for The Friday Times and a regular contributor to Foreign Policy magazine, he is the executive director of the Center for Research and Security Studies in Islamabad, where he lives. **Imtiaz Gul will be the AIPS sponsored PLS Speaker during Fall 2010.**

Explaining Pakistan's Foreign Policy: Escaping India

By Aparna Pande. Forthcoming: March 2011

Routledge Contemporary South Asia Series

Pakistan has over the decades become a hotbed for the terrorist ideology often referred to as Jihadism. This book investigates the underlying principles of Pakistan's foreign policy from 1947 until the present day, and explains the rise of Jihadism as an offshoot of Pakistan's security concerns.

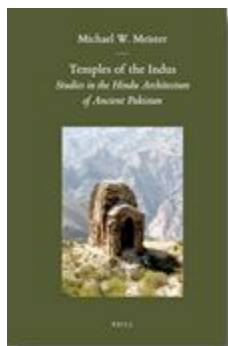
About the author:

Aparna Pande, Research Fellow, Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C. Headquarters

Temples of the Indus: Studies in the Hindu Architecture of Ancient Pakistan

By Michael W. Meister

Brill Publications



In Pakistan's northwest, a sequence of temples built between the sixth and the tenth centuries provides a missing chapter in the evolution of the Hindu temple in South Asia. Combining some elements from Buddhist architecture in Gandharā with the symbolically powerful curvilinear Nāgara tower formulated in the early post-Gupta period, this group stands as an independent school of that pan-Indic form, offering new evidence for its creation and original variations in the four centuries of its existence. Drawing on recent archaeology undertaken by the Pakistan Heritage Society as well as scholarship from the Encyclopaedia of Indian Temple Architecture project, this volume finally allows the Salt Range and Indus

temples to be integrated with the greater South Asian tradition.

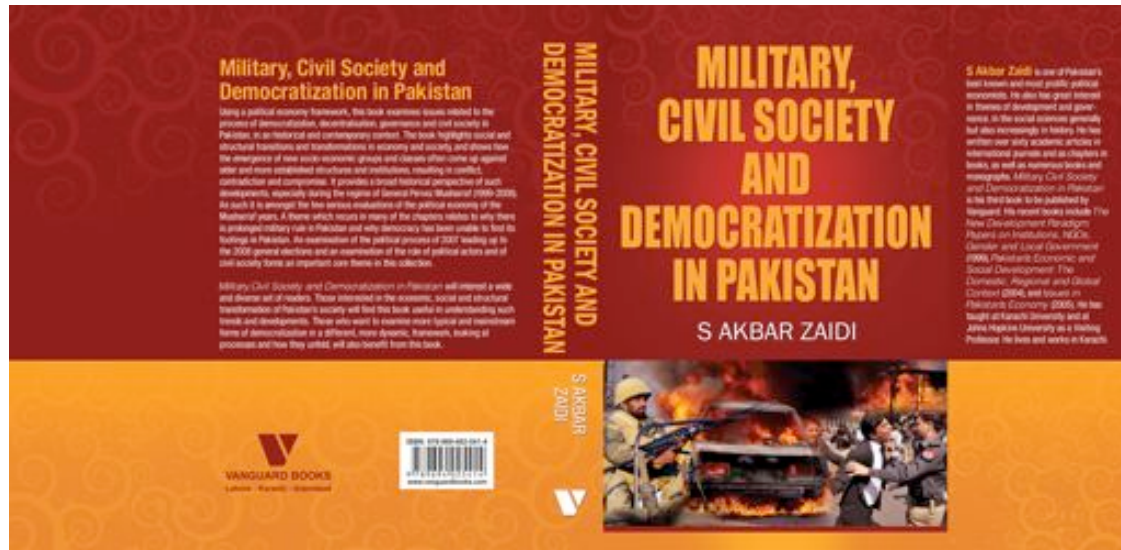
About the author:

Michael W. Meister, W. Norman Brown Professor of South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

Military Civil Society and Democratization in Pakistan

By S Akbar Zaidi: Forthcoming

Vanguard Books



About the author:

S Akbar Zaidi, is a Karachi-based social scientist who specializes in the field of political economy. He taught at Karachi University for nearly fifteen years and continues to lecture at universities in Pakistan and abroad. Most recently (2004-05) he was a Visiting Professor at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. He conducts research and has published twelve books, two of which, *Issues in Pakistan's Economy* (OUP, 1999) and *The New Development Paradigm: Papers on Institutions, NGOs, Gender and Local Government* (OUP, 1999), have become standard textbooks for graduate and postgraduate courses on Pakistan's economy and Development Economics, both in Pakistan and abroad. He has published in numerous international professional journals on themes as diverse as devolution, health sociology, local government, fiscal policy, and international financial institutions. He is currently a visiting faculty at Columbia University.

Editorials of Note

AIPS, its office bearers or the editors of this Newsletter do not in any form endorse the views expressed in the following three articles. They are presented here as a service to our members in order to share opinions expressed on important current issues in Pakistan.

The devastating floods in Pakistan have been extensively covered in the international media. The first two articles chosen here by Humeira Iqtidar (South Asia Center, Cambridge University) and by Mushtaq Gadi (Quaid e Azam University, Islamabad) provide an alternative analysis to what is normally reported. There is some overlap in the argument as both pieces discuss the infra-structural issues (dams, barrages) that may have increased the intensity of this “natural disaster”. Both articles hence take us away from the “naturalness” of the disaster and help us focus on issues of deforestation, ill designed infra-structural projects, the lack of water drainage systems and the neglect and callousness of the political elite. Iqtidar’s article builds on this theme to also give ethnographic evidence from the affected communities and shows the forms in which aid has been organized by locals themselves. The third article by Pervez Hoodbhoy (Quaid e Azam University, Islamabad) takes up the issue of higher education in Pakistan. Irrespective of whether we agree with his assessment or with the conclusions that the author draws from his analysis, the opinion piece raises pertinent and provocative questions for those who remain interested in the state of higher education in Pakistan.

1. Humeira Iqtidar SSRC Items and Issues: September 15, 2010.
<http://itemsandissues.ssrc.org/pakistan>
2. Mushtaq Gadi: Dawn: August 16, 2010
<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/editorial/engineering-failures-680>
3. Pervez Hoodbhoy Dawn: September 25, 2010
<http://www.sacw.net/article1587.html>

Upcoming Conferences

South Asia Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, October 14-17, 2010
<http://southasiaconference.wisc.edu/>

There will be many panels with Pakistan Studies content (AIPS sponsored or otherwise) at the South Asia Conference, Madison, 2010. For the complete list of Pakistan-related panels, use the link below:

http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/events/newsletter/docs/Pakistan_Panels-2010.pdf