

AIPS Travel Grant Final Report

Project Title: Between a Textual Archive and Oral History: Pakistani Shi'a 'Ulama's views on Politics and Sectarianism

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1. Significance to Pakistan Studies

My paper *Between a Textual Archive and Oral History: Pakistani Shi'a 'Ulama's views on Politics and Sectarianism* inaugurated the use of oral history in the study of Pakistani Shia ulama.

My work brought the study of Pakistani Shia ulama in line with recent trends in the discipline of history which has increasingly embraced a turn to an oral archive.

My work pushed the audience to consider the advanced age of the only remaining generation of Shi'a '*ulama* who have personal recollections of Pakistan's early decades. It is my keen hope that my talk, while inaugurating the study of oral history of Pakistani Shi'a '*ulama*, will simultaneously draw other scholars' interest to the recovery and preservation of this oral treasure before it is lost forever.

2. Key Outcomes and Deliverables

Presenting my paper at the British Association for Islamic Studies allowed me to receive important feedback on my work from a primarily European audience. I look forward to revising my work in line with the important suggestions I received.

I look forward to publishing a revised version of this talk as a journal article.

Presenting my work in London allowed me to network with European colleagues who share my research interests. I look forward to strengthening these connections in the future.