AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PAKISTAN STUDIES

Pakistan Lecture Series

About the Pakistan Lecture Series
The Pakistan Lecture Series is a program designed to support academic exchange between Pakistani and US scholars and to promote the field of Pakistan Studies as a whole. As a part of this program a Pakistani scholar, artist, musician, etc., is invited to travel to the USA for two to four weeks and present lectures at a minimum of three US institutions that are AIPS members. PLS speakers must be proposed by faculty from AIPS member institutions. Applications are reviewed and awarded based on the committee’s recommendation and are contingent upon available funds.

The individual who is proposing a PLS speaker is expected to make all initial arrangements in terms of the speaker’s itinerary and the lectures that they will present. The PLS application must include a letter from the host institution that states it will be responsible for the speaker’s J1 visa process. All other information should be filled out in forms A and B provided below and submitted by email to the AIPS President for review by the Executive Committee/Board of Trustees.

PLS Planning
Please allow a minimum of four weeks for the review process. Once the committee has approved a PLS Speaker, be aware that it can take up to three months to obtain a US visa clearance. Please submit your application with sufficient time to accommodate these requirements.

PLS Travel
AIPS provides each PLS speaker a round trip, economy ticket from Pakistan, which will include US domestic air/rail travel and must be purchased prior to their departure from Pakistan. Once the itinerary has been finalized, please note that it cannot be changed without total cancellation and considerable expense. AIPS will not be responsible for any additional costs resulting from changes in the itinerary. Each PLS speaker is provided a modest honorarium that can be used for incidental expenses that are not covered by host institutions.

Eligibility
The applying institution (PLS host institution) must be a member of AIPS. Applications must be received from a faculty member at the host institution. The host institution must identify two partner institutions who will also facilitate the PLS speaker.

*Note: Partner institutions do not need to be AIPS members.

Expectations of Host and Partnering Institutions in the US
Each host and partnering institutions are expected to provide local hospitality for the PLS speaker, including accommodations, meals, and local transportation. The faculty member proposing the speaker will be responsible for submitting any required visa updates and ensuring that the PLS speaker has filled out and submitted necessary visa documents (this will include arrival and departure notifications to ECA).
PLS FORM A. PAKISTAN LECTURE SERIES PROPOSAL

Host Institution Details

Faculty Member Name

Institution

Address

Tel: 

Email:

Please address the following two points in a manner that will be understandable to the general public.

1. Please discuss the intellectual merit and academic importance of inviting this speaker to visit the US and present lectures at AIPS member institutions.

2. What is the broader impact of this speaker’s work to the overall field of Pakistan Studies?
PLS FORM B. Pakistan Lecture Series Speaker Itinerary

Please provide a tentative itinerary that includes three or more institutions where the PLS participant will present lectures. Include the name and relevant contact information of one host who will be responsible for the PLS speaker at each institution.

**Proposed Total Travel Dates (dd/mm/yy) to**

1. **First Institution**

   Arrival (dd/mm/yy)       Departure

   Suggested nearest Airport or city destination

   Institution Name

   Contact Person

   Address

   Tel:                Email

   Lecture Title

   Lecture Abstract (no more than 150 words)
2. Second Institution

Arrival (dd/mm/yy)       Departure

Suggested nearest Airport or city destination

Institution Name

Contact Person

Address

Tel:                  Email:

Lecture Title

Lecture Abstract (no more than 150 words)
3. **Third Institution**

Arrival (dd/mm/yy)    Departure

Suggested nearest Airport or city destination

Institution Name

Contact Person

Address

Tel:    Email:

Lecture Title

Lecture Abstract (no more than 150 words)

(Additional Institutions as needed)