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Significance of the presentation on Pakistan Studies

My conference paper focused on the private Islamic schooling phenomenon in Pakistan. These hybrid Islamic schools, offering secular and professional education offered in public and private secular schools, and traditional religious education offered in madrasas under the same roof, are being patronized by urban Pakistanis, thus representing the religious, class, sectarian and professional aspirations of the urban middle and upper classes. My paper highlighting this educational phenomenon of Pakistan that has not been systematically studied yet is a contribution to the field of Pakistan Studies.