

AIPS Travel Grant Final Report

Project Title: Lahore Thinkfest Talks

Name: Two Book Panels

Conference: Lahore Thinkfest

Location: Lahore, Pakistan

Dates: Jan 11th to 14th

1. Significance to Pakistan Studies

I had a very productive time in Lahore and Gujranwala where from January 11th to the 14th I delivered 5 talks (3 in Urdu and 2 in English), they are listed below in chronological order:

Jan 11th: Urdu talk on both my books at Idara-yi Fikr-i Jadid in Lahore that is also putting out the Urdu translation of my first book *Defending Muhammad in Modernity*.

Jan 12th: Urdu talk titled “Islamic Studies in North America” at GIFT University Gujranwala; video link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wcTV6ZB5ZA&t=291s>

Jan 13th: Urdu talk on *Perilous Intimacies* (my second book) at the University of Punjab Department of History, Lahore.

Jan 13th: Talk on *Defending Muhammad in Modernity* at Lahore Thinkfest, in Urdu and English mixed.

Jan 13th: Talk on *Perilous Intimacies* at Lahore Thinkfest, in English.

Enclosed are also some pictures from these events.

Thanks to the AIPS travel grant, I was able to share my research with a very wide spectrum of scholars, students, and the general public ranging from the ulama to the elite urban liberals. I of course acknowledged AIPS support at each venue.

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2. Key Outcomes and Deliverables

The outcomes from this grant include dissemination of research and research methods among scholars in Pakistan, possibility of future collaboration with Pakistan based academics, and the deliverables include the six talks mentioned and described above.