

STATE, SOCIETY AND DEMOCRACY IN THE POSTCOLONY

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Venue: Academic Block, Lahore University of Management Sciences

CONFERENCE PROGRAM¹

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Introductory Remarks

(9:00-9:30 am, NIB Auditorium)

Session I: 9.30 am - 11.00 am

Technologies of the Self: Subject Formation in Pakistan (NIB Auditorium)

Chair: Justice Jawwad Khawaja (LUMS)

1. Saad Lakhani (SZABIST): *Pakistan's Blasphemy Laws and the Emergence of Passion*
2. Zeynab Ali (New York University): *Formations of Religious Subjectivity in Pakistan's Media*
3. Maria Rashid (SOAS): *Affect as a Technology of Rule: Death in the Service of the Nation*

TEA BREAK: 11:00 - 11:30 am

Keynote Address: Reason of State and Liberal Governmentality in South Asia

Partha Chatterjee (Via Skype)

(11.30 am - 1:00 pm, NIB Auditorium)

¹ This is a tentative program and subject to change.

LUNCH BREAK: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Session II: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Panel A: Security, Sectarianism and Violence (A 8)

Chair: Laila Bushra (Sociology, LUMS)

1. Hassan Abbas (National Defense University): *Role of Pakistan's Law Enforcement Organizations in tackling Sectarianism & Extremism*
2. Mujeeb Ahmad (International Islamic University): *State-Sponsored 'Sectarianism' in Pakistan: A Threat to Coexistence and Pluralism*
3. Sonia Qadir (Punjab Commission on the Status of Women): *Reconciling Islam and Modern Law: The Negotiation(s) of Sovereignty in the Era of Counter-terror(ism)*
4. Haider Naqvi (Beaconhouse National University): *The Spectacle and the State: Between Jihad and Fetish*

Panel B: Mobilizing the Masses: Ideology & Participation in Democracy (Faculty Lounge)

Chair: Sarah Humayun (Communication Studies & Design, Habib University)

1. Hafsa Kanjwal (University of Michigan): *"Our Bread Winner has Come": Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed and the Pursuit of Progress* (Via Skype)
2. Shehla Yasin (Lahore College for Women University): *Reasons for Political Interest and Apathy among University Students: A Qualitative Study*
3. Shireen Mushtaq (Kinnaird College): *The need to prioritize Civic Nationalism over Ethnic/Cultural Nationalism in Pakistan*
4. Zaynab El Bernoussi (Al-Akawayn University): *"Demanding dignity in the 2011 Uprisings in Egypt: A Postcolonial Quest"* (Via Skype)

TEA BREAK: 4:00 - 4:15 PM

Session III: 4:15 - 5:45 pm

Panel A: Women and Gender Politics in Pakistan (A 8)

Organized by Lahore College Women University

Chair: Sarah Shahed (Gender and Development Studies, LCWU)

1. Asma Shiraz and Sabir Ali (Bahauddin Zakariya University): *Problems and Possibilities in Reconciling Islam and Gender Equality Policies*
2. Sarah Khan (Columbia University): *Making Democracy Work for Women: Local Government Responsiveness to Female Citizens in Urban Pakistan*
3. Madiha Nadeem (Lahore College Women University): *Educated Women's Attitude towards Politics*

Panel B: Literary and Cinematic Narratives: Resistance and Control (Faculty Lounge)

Chair: Furrugh Khan (English, LUMS)

1. Samina Sirajuddowla (City University of New York): *The Poetics of Anti-Colonialism in the Literary Corpus of Kazi Nazrul Islam, 1900-1940*
 2. Raza Naeem (University of Management and Technology): *From a Flock to a Multitude? Reading Postcolonial Conflict, Conflict-Resolution and Nation-Building in Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi's 'A Flock, A Multitude'*
 3. Rabea Murtaza (Sheridan College): *(Regional) Embodiment in Bordered Spaces: 'Maternal Separation' in Independent Pakistani Cinema*
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Session IV: 9:30 - 11:00 am

Panel A: State and Institutions: Shifts and Continuities (A 8)

Chair: Ayaz Qureshi (LUMS, Anthropology)

1. Abid Mujtaba (CIIT-Islamabad): *Neoliberal Institutes of Higher Education in Pakistan*
2. Sameen Ali (SOAS/LUMS): *Bureaucratic Politicisation and Governance in Punjab, Pakistan*
3. Khola Cheema (SOAS/Quaid-e-Azam University): *Living on the Peripheries: A Case Study of Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee*

TEA BREAK: 11:00 - 11:30 am

Session V: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Panel A: Minority Subjectivities in the Margins (Faculty Lounge)

Chair: Ali Usman Qasmi (History, LUMS)

1. Syeda Masood (Brown University): *Conflicts of imagination: A Cross-class Analysis of Nationness among Pakistani Hindus*
2. Azfar Nisar (Arizona State University): *Fabricated Identities: Legal Identity Construction of the Hijras of Pakistan*
3. Sayori Ghoshal (Columbia University): *'Religious Minority' to 'Economically Backward': A Neoliberal Rearrangement* (Via Skype)
4. Sadaf Hasnain (Northwestern University): *"They Have Muslim Names": The Workings of Suspicion and the Process of Ahmadi Voter Registration in Pakistan.*

Panel B: Politics of Land and Dispossession (A 8)

Chair: Nida Kirmani (Sociology, LUMS)

1. Hashim bin Rashid and Zainab Moulvi (Beaconhouse National University): *The case of LDA City: How a public-private partnership fractured farmers' resistance in Lahore*
2. Heba Islam (Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture): *Local Erasures and Global Aspirations: How Bahria Town Made the Indigenous Invisible*
3. Janaki Srinivasan (Panjab University): *Resisting Acquisition, Redefining Development: Framing Land Laws in Contemporary India* (Via Skype)
4. Shozab Raza (University of Toronto): *Dispossession, Interrupted: Accumulation, Articulation and Agrarian Movements in Pakistani Punjab*

LUNCH BREAK: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Session VI: 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Panel A: Citizenship: Claims and Configurations (A 8)

Chair: Kaveri Qureshi (Anthropology, Oxford/LUMS)

1. Hamza Khalil (Syracuse University): *Spatializing Citizenship: Pakistani bodies and the neo-liberal state*

2. Salman Hussain (City University New York): *The 'Rule of Law', Aam Admi and the Juridification of Politics in Pakistan*
3. Dhritiman Chakraborty (Center for Studies in Social Sciences): *Poor Economy to World of the Third: Retracing Postcolonial Utopia in Contemporary South Asia* (Via Skype)

Panel B: Rethinking the State (Faculty Lounge)

Chair: Mohammad Waseem (Political Science, LUMS)

1. Fahd Ali (Habib University): *Taxation and Centre Province Relations in Pakistan: A history of contest over power and money*
2. Mojibayo Fadakinte (University of Lagos): *Hegemony and Crisis of State in Post-Colonial Societies*
3. Saifullah Nasar (Central European University): *Rulemaking and the Production of Tribal Subjects: Power and Culture in Postcolonial Balochistan*

TEA BREAK: 4:00 - 4.30 pm

Panel Discussion: 4:30 - 6:00 pm (Faculty Lounge)

Rethinking Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Transition

Moderated by Akbar Zaidi (Columbia University/Institute of Business Administration)

Panelists

Aasim Sajjad Akhtar (Quaid-e-Azam University)

Fahd Ali (Habib University)

Adeem Suhail (Emory University)

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