

2013-2014 Annual Report

 American Institute of Pakistan Studies



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AIPS Fellowships

(NOTE: abstracts for all fellowships can be found on the AIPS website)

US Embassy in Pakistan funded Fellows

a) Round 1

i) Christopher Candland, Post-Doctoral, Wellesley

Project Title: Workshop-based Research Consultations on “Faith and Survival”

Affiliation in Pakistan: Council of Social Sciences Pakistan (COSS)

Duration: 1 month

Status: Complete

ii) Sayyeda Zehra Razvi, Pre-Doctoral, University of California Davis

Project Title: A Space & Time for Storytelling: Reconfiguring of Spatial & Temporal Experience in the Work of Intizar Husain

Affiliation in Pakistan: Forman Christian College

Duration: 2 months

Status: Complete

b) Round 2

i) Elizabeth Bolton, Pre-Doctoral, University of Texas at Austin

Project Title: Tele-guiding: Religion and Television in Contemporary Pakistan

Affiliation in Pakistan: Forman Christian College

Duration: 5 months

Status: Pending – January 2015 expected travel start date

ii) Lubna Chaudhry, Post-Doctoral, State University of New York, Binghamton

Project Title: Pakistani Christians: Perspectives on Violence, Identity, and Citizenship

Affiliation in Pakistan: Quaid-i-Azam University

Duration: 2 months

Status: Pending – December 2014 expected travel start date

iii) Filomena Critelli, Post-Doctoral, State University of New York of Buffalo

Project Title: An Examination of NGO Strategies and Interventions to Address Gender-Based Violence in Pakistan: Impacts, Successes, and Challenges

Affiliation in Pakistan: Kashf Foundation

Duration: 2 months

Status: Complete

iv) Samina Iqbal, Pre-Doctoral, Virginia Commonwealth University

Project Title: Modern Art of Pakistan: Lahore Art Circle 1947-1957

Affiliation in Pakistan: Kashf Foundation

Duration: 2 months

Status: Complete



“I am truly grateful to the American Institute of Pakistan Studies for its generous support of my research.”
AIPS Fellow, Christopher Candland

- v) **Abbas Jaffer, Pre-Doctoral, Harvard University**
Project Title: Rocking Online: Digital Publics and Pakistani Music
Duration: 5 months
Status: In field

Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) funded Fellows

- i) **Elizabeth Lhost, Junior, University of Chicago**
Project Title: Between Community and Qānūn: Documenting Islamic legal practice in 19th-century South Asia
Duration: 3 months
Status: In field
- ii) **Ameem Lutfi, Junior, Duke University**
Project Title: Soldiering the Seas: Baloch mercenaries and state building in Bahrain and Pakistan
Duration: 6 months
Status: In field
- iii) **Waleed Ziad, Junior, Yale University (funded by other sources)**
Project Title: Trans-regional Authority in the Age of Political Fragmentation and the Great Game
Duration: 4 months
Status: In field



Photo above (from left): Dr. Razia Sultana, VC at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar; Mr. Nadeem Akbar, AIPS Islamabad Director; and Ms. Judith Ravin, Cultural Attaché, US Embassy in Pakistan; at the Urdu Verses Comparative Literature Workshop



Photo left: Participants of the AIPS-sponsored workshop, "Conflict Analysis, Resolution and Negotiations," organized by Dr. Paula Newberg

Travel Grantees

(NOTE: Abstracts for all Travel Grant awardees can be found on the AIPS website)

CAORC Funded Travel Grants

- a) **Abdul Haque Chang**
Conference Name: State, Society, Bureaucracy, and Networks
Conference Date: May 9-11, 2014
Title of Paper: The Indus Delta: Rethinking the raison d'etre of the Last Frontier
- b) **Chad Haines** (*Unable to attend conference - declined award*)
Conference Name: Everyday Ethics, Urban Sociality, and Islamic Modernity in Islamabad
Conference Date: April 14-16, 2014
Title of Paper: Everyday Ethics, Urban Sociality, and Islamic Modernity in Islamabad
- c) **David Gilmartin**
Conference Name: Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference
Conference Date: March 27-30, 2014
Title of Paper: Locating Forgotten Histories: Religious, Linguistic, and Economic Limits of Pakistan (Discussant)
- d) **Faiza Moatasim**
Conference Name: Urban Hybridity in the Post-Colonial Age (International Institute for Asian Studies)
Conference Date: December 16-20, 2013
Title of Paper: Temporary Provisions - Rethinking Hybridization in the Planned Modernist City of Islamabad.
- e) **Farhan Yousaf**
Conference Name: Annual Conference of the British Sociological Association
Conference Date: April 23-25, 2014
Title of Paper: Gender-Based Violence and Trafficking in Women
- f) **Isabel Huacuja**
Conference Name: Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference
Conference Date: March 28-30, 2014
Title of Paper: Hindustani News Bulletins, the Second World War, and the "Indian Masses"

Comments from AIPS Grantees:

"...I would like to thank the AIPS for this grant and for the excellent networking, administrative, and logistical support that I received as a grantee in Pakistan. The short-term grants are financially generous and this allowed me to negotiate the leave that I required from my university to conduct a sustained period of field research."

AIPS Fellow, Cabeiri Robinson

"...it was a productive stay and provided me with promising leads to build my thesis research on. I am thankful to the American Institute of Pakistan Studies for making this research trip possible."

AIPS Summer Grantee, Maria Fuchs

"The financial support offered by AIPS was exceptionally generous, and the flexibility to use that money in various locations served my project very well."

AIPS Fellow, Sean Killen

g) Katie Lindstrom

Conference Name: Society for American Archaeology 79th 3Annual Meeting

Conference Date: April 24-27, 2014

Title of Paper: Patterns of Elite Harappan Pottery in the Indus Civilization Borderlands of Gujarat

h) Matthew Nelson

Conference Name: The 42nd Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-20, 2013

Title of Paper: Voting for Impunity: On the Conceptual Limits of Patronage Democracy

i) Nadia Loan

Conference Name: Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association

Conference Date: November 20-24, 2014

Title of Paper: Quranic Legibility: Inscribing Devotion in Contemporary Pakistan

Photo right (from left): Dr. Golam Mathbor, AIBS President; Colin Davies (spouse of and next to); Dr. Mary Ellen Lane, Executive Director of CAORC; Laura Hammond, AIPS US Director; and her spouse, Edward Almasy; during a visit to Pakistan (January, 2014)



j) Naeem Mohaiemen

Conference Name: 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-19, 2014

Title of Paper: Prisoners of Shothik Itihash

k) Richard Barnett

Conference Name: 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 16-19, 2013

Title of Paper: Excavating the Deep History of Pakistan: Fixing the Unbearable Lightness of Pakistan's History in the College Classroom

l) Sahar Khan

Conference Name: International Studies Association 55th Annual Convention

Conference Date: March 26-29, 2014

Title of Paper: What is the State's Relationship with Terrorism? Reevaluating Agency in Terrorism

m) Sheetal Chhabria

Conference Name: Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference

Conference Date: March 27-30, 2014

Title of Paper: Locating Karachi's Urban Poverty

n) Venkat Dhulipala

Conference Name: Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference

Conference Date: March 27-30, 2014

Title of Paper: Binding Deoband and the Muslim League: Ashraf Ali Thanawi and Muslim Politics in Late Colonial India

o) Walter Hakala

Conference Name: 42nd Annual Conference on South Asia

Conference Date: October 17-20, 2013

Title of Paper: Dictionary Dacoits: Self-Quotation and Plagiarism in Colonial Urdu Lexicography

p) Yelena Biberman

Conference Name: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

Conference Date: April 3-6, 2014

Title of Paper: Like Fish in the Water: Target Density and State Outsourcing of Violence in Pakistan



Photo left: Syed Azfer Iqbal, Dr. Katie Lindstrom (Prior AIPS Fellow), and Ms. Judith Ravin (Cultural Attaché, US Embassy In Pakistan) after the conclusion of the Archeological Database and Pottery Workshop

US Embassy in Pakistan Funded Travel Grants

US Scholar support

- a) **Anita Weiss**
Conference Name: Pathways to Sustainable Development - SDPI's 17th Annual Conference
Conference Date: December 9-11, 2014
Title of Paper: Local Resilience in Swat: Ongoing Efforts to Overcome Crises and Human Rights Abuses
- b) **Christopher Candland**
Conference Name: The 6th South Asian International Conference, 2014
Conference Date: August 11-13, 2013
Title of Paper: Overcoming the Pakistan-United States Trust Deficit with Video Conference Courses
- c) **Sardar Mohazzam**
Conference Name: The 6th South Asian International Conference, 2014
Conference Date: August 11-13, 2013
Title of Paper: Economics of Solar Power: A Case Study of Pakistan

Pakistan Scholar support

- a) **Ashraf Khan**
Conference Name: 44th Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Date: October 16-19, 2014
- b) **Asma Ibrahim**
Conference Name: 44th Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Date: October 16-19, 2014
- c) **Bilal Tanveer**
Conference Name: Various conferences
Conference Date: October 2014
- d) **Kaleemullah Lashari**
Conference Name: 44th Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Date: October 16-19, 2014
- e) **Rahman Ghaniur**
Conference Name: 44th Annual Conference on South Asia
Conference Date: October 16-19, 2014
- f) **Rehmat Karim**
Conference Name: Mobile Seminar on Planning and Managing Tourism in Protected Areas
Conference Date: September 10-25, 2014

Photo below: AIPS-BULPIP language fellows' first excursion in Lahore, Pakistan.



Summer Research Grantees

- a) **Ahsan Kamal**
Field: Political and cultural sociology; social movements; sociology of nature
Affiliated Institution: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- b) **Emily Richardson**
Field: International Educational Development - Policy & Planning
Affiliated Institution: Columbia University
- c) **Farhan Yousaf**
Field: Sociology
Affiliated Institution: University of Connecticut
- d) **Iqbal Akhtar**
Field: Religious Studies
Affiliated Institution: Florida International University
- e) **Joshua Gill**
Field: Agriculture Economics
Affiliated Institution: Michigan State University
- f) **Maria Fuchs**
Field: Religion
Affiliated Institution: Princeton University



Photo above (from left): Asma Haider, AIPS Accountant; Shahnaz Rouse, Professor, SLC and AIPS Trustee; Farhat Haq, Professor, Monmouth College and AIPS Treasurer; Pauline Strong, Professor, University of Texas at Austin; and Ambassador Shahid Kamal at the Islamabad Club, AIPS reception, January, 2014

Photo below: Kamran Asdar Ali and Aqil Nadeem, former Consul General of Pakistan in Houston and now Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan



- g) **Pei-ling Huang**
Field: Ethnomusicology
Affiliated Institution: Harvard University
- h) **Saad Gulzar**
Field: Political Science
Affiliated Institution: New York University
- i) **Sahar Naqvi**
Field: Religious Studies
Affiliated Institution: Florida International University
- j) **SherAli Tareen**
Field: Religious Studies
Affiliated Institution: Franklin and Marshall College
- k) **Sohaib Khan**
Field: Middle Eastern, South Asia, and African Studies
Affiliated Institution: Columbia University
- l) **Syeda ShahBano Ijaz**
Field: Politics
Affiliated Institution: New York University
- m) **Thilini Kahandawaarachchi**
Field: South Asia Studies
Affiliated Institution: University of Washington, Seattle

AIPS Junior Faculty Mentorship Program funded by the US Embassy

AIPS initiated the Junior Faculty Mentoring Program this year. For two years, during each semester, faculty members from Pakistani Universities will be invited to come to the US and spend four months at an AIPS Member Institution. The Pakistani faculty members will come primarily from the institutions that are affiliated with Inter University Consortium for the Promotion of Social Sciences and Humanities (IUCPSS). As was reported last year, AIPS has signed an MOU with IUCPSS, which includes eight universities, mostly in smaller cities in Pakistan: Gujrat, Sarghoda, Khairpur, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, etc.

AIPS Mentoring faculty placements:

- 1. Shazia Aziz** (Fall 2013)
 - a. Current Institution: Kinnaird College for Women University, Lahore
 - b. Mentoring Institution: Duke/North Carolina Central University
 - c. Field of Study: Applied Linguistics
- 2. Farah Naz** (Fall 2013)
 - a. Current Institution: G.C. University, Faisalabad
 - b. Mentoring Institution: Syracuse University
 - c. Field of Study: Pakistan Studies
- 3. Muhammad Shoaib** (Fall 2013)
 - a. Current Institution: University of Gujrat, Gujrat, Pakistan
 - b. Mentoring Institution: Arizona State University
 - c. Field of Study: Sociology
- 4. Aman-Ullah Khan** (Spring 2014) (Note: Did not complete the program)
 - a. Current Institution: Quid-i-Azam University, Islamabad
 - b. Mentoring Institution: Arizona State University
 - c. Field of Study: Applied Linguistics
- 5. Ali Nawaz** (Fall 2014)
 - a. Current Institution: Senior Research Officer, Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination, Islamabad
 - b. Mentoring Institution: University of Texas at Austin
 - c. Field of Study: Statistics
- 6. Maria Hassan** (Fall 2014)
 - a) Current Institution/Affiliation: Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, Pakistan
 - b) Mentoring Institution: University of Texas at Austin
 - c) Field of Study: Applied Linguistics and Writing Centre Management
- 7. Ahmad Zahoor** (Fall 2014)
 - a. Current Institution/Affiliation: Archives at Noori Naseer Khan Cultural Complex
 - b. Mentoring Institution: University of Texas at Austin
 - c. Field of Study: Political Science & History
- 8. Ali Nawaz** (Fall 2014)
 - a. Current Institution/Affiliation: Inter Provincial Ministry
 - b. Mentoring Institution: University of Texas at Austin
 - c. Field of Study: Education and Administration

Key outcomes from the Mentoring Project:

- All participants commented that they had better access to research materials via libraries, online sources, and colleagues while in the US, which assisted with research
- All participants were introduced to academic research methods at US institutes of higher learning through methodology classes and/or directed readings from the US mentors
- Muhammad Shoaib researched the impact of modern lifestyles on religious attitudes during his tenure at ASU
- Through his experience at ASU, Muhammad Shoaib has decided to return to academia for his PhD, and is interested in applying to ASU for his doctorate

Deliverables from the Mentoring Project:

- Lecture by Muhammad Shoaib, *December 3, 2013*: Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, ASU, “Democratic Attitudes, Family Values, and Respect of Humanity in Pakistan: The Changing Role of Mass Media”
- Muhammad Shoaib and Dr. Victor Agadjanian, professor of Sociology, ASU are co-writing an article, “Family well-being and health in Pakistan: The role of modern technology and religious values”, which has been accepted as a Distributed Paper for the research committees session "Health care System and Health Inequalities" at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology (July 13-19, 2014) to be held in Yokohama, Japan

2014 AIPS Write-Up Awards

a) **Faris Khan**

US Institution Affiliation: Syracuse University
Intended Type of Publication: Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal Article
Estimated Submission Date: October 2014
Grant Start Date: July 2014

b) **Cabeiri Robinson**

US Institution Affiliation: University of Washington, Seattle
Intended Type of Publication: Solicited chapter for an edited volume
Estimated Submission Date: Late 2015
Grant Start Date: August 2014

c) **Shahnaz Rouse**

US Institution Affiliation: Sarah Lawrence College
Intended Type of Publication: Journal Article
Estimated Submission Date: Spring 2015
Grant Start Date: March 2014



Photo above: US Embassy-funded academic partnership activities with Anita Weiss, Professor, University of Oregon, and members from Karakoram International University

AIPS Sponsored Conferences/Workshops

1) Workshop Series

AIPS is sponsoring four workshop series, funded by the US Embassy in Pakistan. Each series contains three workshops, held with the same 12 Pakistani participants. The workshops will take place at various locations within Pakistan and participants will be selected in consultation with the IUCPSS.

- a) **Workshop theme:** Conflict and Peace-building: AIPS Teaching and Mentoring Workshop
Date: March 10-14 (first workshop)
Organizer: Paula Newberg



Photo above: Participants from the thematic Workshop on Conflict Analysis by Dr. Paula Newberg

Paula Newberg, University of Texas at Austin, organized a series of workshops on the theme of peace-building and conflict resolution. Pamela Aall, the founding provost of the US Institute of Peace Academy, helped to prepare and guide the week's sessions, which were attended by twelve very lively and engaged faculty members from universities across Pakistan. The first workshop was held on March 10-14 on rights and the rule of law in building peace and was held at the Centre for Public Policy & Governance, Forman Christian College (FCC). The intended audience for these workshops is social science and law faculty. Goals of the workshop were to provide a background in the fundamentals of the subject, gain familiarity with tools of the trade, and help create a syllabus, or teaching module, in one or more elements of the subject. Additional workshops will take place in fall of 2014 on sources of conflict and governing toward cooperation and will be held at the AIPS Center in Islamabad with the final workshop on building peace and resolving conflicts in January of 2015 at the Centre for Public Policy & Governance, Forman Christian College.

Outcomes of the first workshop of series:

Conflict and Peace-building: AIPS Teaching and Mentoring Workshop

- To introduce faculty from several disciplines to the multi-disciplinary subject of conflict – and thus pave the way for incorporating this subject into curricula
- To provide exposure to the intersections of theory and practice in the fields of conflict analysis and peace-building in ways that could be useful for research and instruction
- To offer both domestic and international case studies for future teaching
- To introduce young professors to one another – across disciplines, universities and provinces – to help build scholarly communities in Pakistan.

Pending workshops:

- b) **Workshop theme:** Visual Analysis: art, architecture and media
Organizer: Iftikhar Dadi

Summary: Iftikhar Dadi, Cornell University, is organizing a workshop series based on the theme of Visual Analysis: art, architecture and media. A series of three seminars on methodological questions and case studies on these areas will be offered during 2015. Participants will include faculty in the higher education sector from across Pakistan. The seminars will focus on assisting participants in

developing their own curriculum and teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and provide them with frameworks useful in furthering their individual research projects. The seminars are divided into 1) modern and contemporary art, 2) architectural history and theory of South Asia, and 3) South Asian media cultures: history, theory, and criticism.

c) **Workshop theme:** Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management

Organizer: Mark Kenoyer

Summary: Mark Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, is organizing a workshop series on teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management. The objective of this series is to provide examples of how archaeology is being taught in both large and small US Universities. Invitations are being sent to universities that have active programs of teaching archaeology and cultural heritage management. Selected participants will attend all three workshops to receive the full benefit of this series. Kenoyer has partnered with Quaid-i-Azam University for the delivery of the series.

d) **Workshop theme:** Pakistan and Peace Studies: Methods and Meaning

Organizer: Yasmin Saikia

Summary: A series of three week-long seminars will address questions on the study of peace from theoretical and methodological angles will be offered beginning in December 2014 and continuing in 2015. Participants will include faculty in the higher education sector from across Pakistan. The workshops will focus on assisting participants in developing their own curriculum and teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and provide them with frameworks and methods useful in furthering their individual research projects.

2) **Pakistan Lecture Series**

AIPS supported Zahid Hussein on a Pakistan Lecture Series with funding from the Government of Pakistan. This series allowed him to lecture at three major US institutions: Sarah Lawrence College, Monmouth College and the University of Texas at Austin. His lectures were well-attended (at one location there were 150+ attendees) and received excellent reviews.

3) **Sadia Shepard (Director) – Film Screening at the 42nd Annual Conference on South Asia**

Date: October 19, 2013

Location: Madison, WI

Synopsis: *The Other Half of Tomorrow* is a portrait of contemporary Pakistan as seen through the perspectives of Pakistani women working to change their country. A series of seven linked chapters, the film introduces us to the disparate contexts that make up a complex culture—from a women’s rights’ workshop in a village in rural Punjab, to an underground dance academy in Karachi, to the playing fields of the Pakistan Women’s Cricket Team.

THE OTHER HALF OF TOMORROW



Intertwining the religious economic, social, and political issues that are fracturing Pakistani society, *The Other Half of Tomorrow*, explores the richness and internal plurality within Pakistan and the urgent need for better understanding of its conflicts. A family collaboration, the film is produced, directed and photographed by the mother-daughter-son-in-law team of Pakistani-American visual artist and author Samina Quraeshi, filmmaker and author Sadia Shepard and cinematographer Andreas Burgess.

Website/Trailer: <http://www.otherhalfoftomorrow.com/index.html>



Photo left (from left): Judith Ravin, Cultural Attaché, US Embassy in Pakistan; Cabeiri Robinson, Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, and AIPS Secretary; and Hina Lotia, Program Director, LEAD Pakistan; at the AIPS reception at the Islamabad Club in January, 2014.

AIPS Sponsored Roundtable at the AAS (March 2014)

Title: Locating Forgotten Histories: Religious, Linguistic, and Economic limits of Pakistan

Date: March 27, 2014 at 7:30-9:30 PM

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Abstract: This panel critically engages historical developments in colonial South Asia, which have continued to haunt the postcolonial state of Pakistan. These three papers each overcome linear narratives of modern national state formation by foregrounding long-term dynamics, which influence the problems of secularism, national identity, and development in Pakistan. Pakistan’s historiography has been overdetermined by geopolitical concerns in the postcolonial period after 1947. Instead, these papers locate processes of identity formation and development within regional contexts, which have informed social life beyond a national framework even as the nation state has negotiated new international arenas. These important historical antecedents continue to be marginalized and forgotten.

Participants	Role	Affiliation/Paper Title
Sheetal Chhabria	Chair, Session Organizer, Presenter	Connecticut College, Locating Karachi's Urban Poverty
David Gilmartin	Discussant	North Carolina State University
Venkat Dhulipala	Presenter	University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Binding Deoband and the Muslim League: Ashraf Ali Thanawi and Muslim Politics in Late Colonial India
Matthew Cook	Presenter	North Carolina Central University, The “Forgotten” Colonial History of Sindh’s Khudawadi Writing System

AIPS Co-Sponsored Conferences/Workshops

1) **Karachi Conference**

Date: November 1-3, 2013

Location: Karachi, Pakistan

Funded by: CAORC

Summary: In collaboration with Habib University; The Arts Council, Karachi; and Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture, AIPS was pleased to support the Karachi Conference.

The primary objective of the conference was to highlight the importance of Karachi and all facets of its urban existence through a scholarly exercise, for understanding the role that it has assumed as a regional hub. Karachi's resume will grow with its fast pace of development in the backdrop of globalization and regionalization, and the related geo-political upheavals that are visibly developing in this part of the world.

A secondary objective of the conference was to bring together local and international academic institutions, scholars, and development and social activists who have worked on Karachi, to engage with each other and with other like-minded local individuals for future academic endeavors, especially those relevant to the city. The holding of the conference and the publication of its outcomes will serve as a foundation template for prospective research and scholarly activity on Karachi.

2) **Contextualizing Pakistan: From Within and Without**

Date: April 4-5, 2014

Location: North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina

Funded by: CAORC

Abstract: This joint North Carolina Central University-North Carolina State University conference aimed to examine how historical and socio-cultural interconnections shape and influence identity in Pakistan. It did not move away from the study of state and society but, instead, examines how "external" connections (i.e., the "without") at the national, regional and local levels can contour identities (and conflicts about it) "within" Pakistan. The conference was organized around two themes:

1. The first theme examined how regional and local identities within Pakistan are/were shaped and constituted by "external" phenomena (e.g., historical legacies that predate Partition, identities that Partition undid and/or re-imagined, socio-cultural formations that extend from beyond the state's territorial limits and/or the geography of post-1947 and 1971 Pakistan). Whether focused on or in Sindh, Punjab, the northern administrative units, Baluchistan or Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the conference brought into comparative dialogue work on regional and local identities that have been shaped by (but not subsumed by) state-centered narratives about the nation of Pakistan.

2. The second theme was focused on continuities and disruptions that have shaped (and continue to influence) the networks of movement that link Pakistan's territory to other locations in the Indian Ocean region and the world at-large. While these networks (linked to employment, trade, pilgrimage, imperial connection and religious affiliation) often predate the creation of Pakistan, they continue to historically and socio-culturally shape identity in Pakistan. This second theme aimed to bring together studies about networks of movement to explore, as under the first theme, how life "outside" of Pakistan contours and shapes what it means to be Pakistani.

3) Site Re-Envisioning Pakistan: The Political Economy of Social Transformation

Date: April 4-5, 2014

Location: Sarah Lawrence College

Funded by: Department of Education

Abstract: The conference aimed to bring together a range of diverse perspectives to examine historical realities and current challenges facing Pakistan. Pakistan's tumultuous economic and political history reflects a socio-economic policy based on an orthodox 'modernization' paradigm with marginal trickle-down effects. Its politics of governance has focused equally narrowly on questions of security while paying lip service to democracy. In spite of increased calls for better governance and a move away from this technocratic paradigm, an ahistorical and simplistic understanding of its history and contemporary realities continue to plague scholarly work, policy making, and media coverage of the country. As against such approaches, this conference provided an alternative analytical framework on Pakistan, bringing together scholars from various disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, writers, journalists and activists. Given its thematic emphasis, the conference was of interest to specialists on Pakistan, as well as activists and members of the general public interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the processes of socio-economic and political transformation in Pakistan, and within countries of the global south more generally.

"A different lens through which to understand Pakistan"

Comments regarding the AIPS-sponsored Sarah Lawrence College conference.

RE-ENVISIONING PAKISTAN



The Political Economy of Social Transformation
An International Conference at Sarah Lawrence College

4) Conference on Pakistan

Date: April 8-9, 2014

Location: Monmouth College

Funded by: CAORC

Theme: Highlight Pakistan for the American Midwestern Community

Abstract: The purpose of the conference was to highlight Pakistan for the American Midwestern community. This was an interdisciplinary conference with presentation on contemporary political and social issues as well as music performance and a presentation on film and literature in Pakistan. Along with participation from students and faculty from Monmouth College, the conference brought together scholars from Carl Sandburg Community College, Knox College, Augustana College and Western Illinois University, as well as members of the Pakistani American community in Peoria and the Quad Cities. The publicity department at Monmouth College contacted the local media to cover some of the presentations. The Buchanan center for the Arts in the city of Monmouth agreed to sponsor an evening of sitar music held at their center in downtown Monmouth. The audience for the conference was students from Monmouth and other colleges in the area, faculty who are interested but are not experts in South Asia, Pakistani Americans, and the local community.

5) **Dislocating Pakistan: Reconstituting People, Reconstituting Space**

Date: April 11-12, 2014

Location: North Carolina State University

Funded by: CAORC

Abstract: AIPS co-sponsored this conference with additional support from NCSU, NCCU and UNC-Chapel Hill (UNC CH). The theme of this conference-workshop was contemporary approaches to Pakistan Studies. The conference-workshop participants met at NCCU on April 11 and at NCSU on April 12. David Gilmartin (NCSU), Matthew Cook (NCCU) and Iqbal Sevea (UNC CH) organized the conference-workshop.

In addition to research presentations and discussions, a particularly significant part of the program at NCCU was a keynote lecture by Alyssa Ayers (former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia and, now, Senior Policy Analyst at the Council on Foreign Relations). Ayers' lecture addressed the importance and challenges of studying Pakistan in the United States. She gave her lecture to a 30-person audience of advanced students, university administrators and academics interested in Pakistan. The lecture stressed the importance and practicalities of academic and policy careers that relate to Pakistan Studies. Ayers discussed both the critical need and the funding structures for students who wish to study Pakistan. She also emphasized how popular perceptions of Pakistan (both in the U.S. and globally) make the country difficult to study and how these perceptions impact the study of its languages. The workshop's research presentations and discussions focused on ways to move Pakistan Studies beyond the nation-state as a frame for analysis while, simultaneously, stressing how the idea of Pakistan "reconstituted" the ways that local, regional and diaspora spaces/people are conceptualized. Specific papers focused on changing patterns of migration, what it means to be a "refugee," politics and perceptions about the natural environment, language and the reconfiguration of caste, film and popular cultural identity and nationalism/subversion.

An estimated 25 people attended these paper presentations and their subsequent discussions. After the research presentations and discussions, there was a final open-floor discussion about the conference-workshop. This discussion was wide-ranging but addressed the conference-workshop in relationship to the current state and future directions of Pakistan Studies. The audience for this discussion was relatively small (about 20 people), but this made for good/focused discussions. While the conference-workshop did not produce any immediate plans for a publication, it did lead to discussions about potential follow-up activities, including possible conference panels and ways that the academic and policy communities could increase their conversations about Pakistan.

6) **Sufi Shrines Workshop**

Date: August 1-4, 2014

Location: Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Funded by: CAORC

Summary: On August 1-4, 2014, fourteen scholars from eight countries met near Aurangabad, Maharashtra, in a workshop sponsored by six American Overseas Research Centers (AORCs), organized and hosted by AIIS. The theme of the workshop, "The Practice, Performance, and Politics of Sufi Shrines in South Asia and Beyond," was collaboratively conceived by four South Asian AORCs (the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, and American Institute of Sri Lanka Studies, together with AIIS). The Centers provided seed money from their CAORC grants, which was then supplemented by a generous grant from the Cultural Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Delhi. In planning the workshop and inviting presenters, Professor Carl Ernst was assisted by two other organizing committee members, Dennis McGilvray (University of Colorado, Boulder) and Scott Kugle (Emory University). Participants included scholars from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, as well as five South Asia specialists based in the US and Canada. A welcome comparative perspective was offered by scholars from Morocco and Senegal, whose participation was

sponsored by two other AORCs, the American Institute of Maghrib Studies and the West African Research Association.

Conceived as an intimate workshop for the exchange of new research, the event was held at the small Hotel Kailas, a group of cottages set in a garden and located near the entrance to the Ellora Caves, one of India's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The ridge into which these shrines are carved is topped by hundreds of Sufi tombs, hospices, and mosques that constitute Khuldabad, also known as the "valley of the saints," for the reputedly fourteen hundred Sufis who came here in the early fourteenth century. Their shrines represent a number of spiritual lineages, but particularly document the spread of the Chishtis, India's most influential order, into the Deccan and South. The tremendous respect and affection shown to Professor Ernst, and, as his companions, to the whole group, by the *dargah* committees and shrine-keepers, was a striking demonstration of how much impact the work of a single foreign scholar can have on a local community on the other side of the world. The tour was followed by a late-night and high-energy *qawwali* performance in the shrine of Zaynuddin Shirazi (d. 1369 AD) by the famed Warsi Brothers Party from Hyderabad, arranged by Professor Kugle, who is currently conducting research on this Sufi musical genre.

Although several presentations invoked Sufism's rich history and multiple contributions to South Asian and African cultures, the majority had a contemporary focus and drew attention to the often contested nature of Sufi authority and sacred sites, which, despite enduring popularity and patronage, have recently come under attack both by advocates of a puritanical, "reformist Islam" and by firebrand activists of other religious traditions—such as the Bodu Bala Sena ("Buddhist Strength Army") in Sri Lanka, whose extremist monks preach hatred of Muslims and seek to demolish shrines and mosques that they claim were built on Buddhist sites. Another recurring theme was of the varied roles of women—at times, either comparatively empowered or disenfranchised—in the Islamic teaching and practice of both Sufis and their critics. A generous schedule that allotted fifty-minute blocks of time to each presenter (with 25 minutes each for presentation and then discussion) as well as ample opportunities to interact over tea and coffee breaks and family-style buffet meals, encouraged rich and stimulating exchange, and participants and organizers are now considering a possible publication of workshop-generated essays.



Photo left: Participants of the Sufi Shrines Workshop

AIPS-Pakistan Supporting Activities

- 1) AIPS facilitated and hosted the US-Pakistan university partnership meeting in October 2013. The meeting was held in conjunction with 42nd Annual South Asia Conference at the Concourse Hotel, in Madison, WI. Approximately 25 university representatives from Pakistan including Vice Chancellors, Deans and Program Directors met their counterparts from partnering US universities and discussed exchange related program matters and issues.
- 2) In December 2013, the AIPS Islamabad center hosted and facilitated visits by the academic teams from the University of Oregon, Eugene, and Karakoram University, Gilgit, to finalize their exchange partnership and faculty development programs sponsored by the US Embassy in Pakistan.



Photo above: AIPS Islamabad Center

- 3) Executive Director of CAORC, Dr. Mary Ellen Lane, and AIBS President, Dr. Golam Mathbor, visited the AIPS Islamabad center in January 2014. AIPS was very fortunate to have both the colleagues visiting Pakistan and organized a series of events and professional networking meetings for them. A formal reception in honor of the visiting CAORC guests and colleagues from University of Texas at Austin, was also held at the Islamabad Club on January 9, 2014.
- 4) In January of 2014, the AIPS Islamabad center facilitated and hosted an academic team from the University of Texas at Austin, who interacted with their colleagues at Fatimah Jinnah, Women University (FJWU), Rawalpindi. Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali, along with his colleagues from UT Austin, ran academic workshops and faculty training sessions at FJWU during their three-week stay in Islamabad.
- 5) In February of 2014, the AIPS Islamabad center facilitated and hosted academic meetings of representatives of Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas, Texas, and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (SBBU), Peshawar, who ran a formal faculty development workshop at the center and also held professional meetings on their on-going scholarly partnership. Dr. George Holden and Mr. Javed Azam from SMU interacted with SBBU top advisors and also met with US Embassy in Pakistan officials at the AIPS center in Islamabad
- 6) In December of 2013, the AIPS Pakistan offices facilitated the meetings of UC Berkeley representative, Dr. Munis Faruqi, and his team with the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) management in connection with formal placement of an Urdu language teaching program at LUMS. The meeting was successful and UC Berkeley finalized the necessary documents and funds for the inauguration of AIPS-BULPIP program at LUMS in the fall of 2014.
- 7) AIPS facilitated business meetings with AIPS President, Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali; the Chair, Higher Education Commission, Pakistan; and the Secretary, Ministry of Interprovincial Coordination, IUCPSS and the Council of Social Sciences (COSS) network in Pakistan.

- 8) On June 6, 2014, IUCPSS held a formal reception in honor of Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali, AIPS President, at the University of Gujrat, Lahore campus. Dr. Muhammad Nizamuddin, Chair, IUCPSS; Dr. Sohail Naqvi, VC, LUMS; and colleagues were present at the occasion and appreciated the role of AIPS in supporting social sciences scholarly activities in association with IUCPSS in Pakistan.
- 9) The AIPS Islamabad center, in association with COSS, Pakistan, organized a seminar, “An Anthropology Analysis of Rights, Sovereignty, and the Social Organization of Militancy among Muslim Kashmiri Refugees,” by Dr. Cabeiri Robinson (Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, and AIPS Fellow) on March 14, 2014, at National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad. The seminar was hosted by the Department of Policy and Governance at NUST and attracted a large number of students and faculty member of social sciences departments.

AIPS Events in Pakistan

1) Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Technology

Date: January 10, 2014

Summary: Dr. Cabeiri Robinson, Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, and AIPS Fellow, gave a lecture at Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Technology, Islamabad, on January 10, 2014. Dr. Robinson spoke about her fieldwork under ICRC in the conflict-hit area, "Kashmir." She shared her research insights with the students and briefed them on how social science field research can potentially help policy makers while making critical policy decisions.

2) Archeological Database and Pottery Workshop

Date: March 2014

Summary: AIPS hosted a workshop, “Archeological Database and Pottery Workshop,” in March 2014 at the AIPS center in Islamabad. Dr. Katie Lindstrom, University of Wisconsin – Madison, led the workshop with twenty faculty members from Hazara University, Mansehra, participating. The workshop was part of the ongoing ARCP/IP project events in Pakistan, which is a collaborative project of University of Wisconsin – Madison, led by Dr. Mark Kenoyer, and Hazara University, Mansehra. US Embassy staff including Cultural Attaché, Ms. Judith Ravin, also visited the center and interacted with the workshop.



Photo above: Participants of the Archeological Database and Pottery Workshop

3) ARCPIP Conference in Oman

Date: April 2014

Summary: The AIPS Islamabad center facilitated the academic placement of Dr. Jonathan Mark Kenoyer to the Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, in the fall of 2013 under the HEC visiting Professor program. In addition, AIPS facilitated travel logistics for Dr. Kenoyer and his colleagues from Hazara University for an archeology conference in Oman.

4) AIPS Facilitation of Video Course at Wellesley College and FJWU

Date: Spring 2014

Summary: The AIPS Islamabad center facilitated the organization of a video course, “Politics of Human Development in Pakistan,” which was jointly hosted by Wellesley College, and FJWU, Rawalpindi, in association with Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Center in Islamabad. Fifteen students each from Wellesley College and FJWU attended the course, which was held in real time at both the places during spring term of 2014.



Photo above: Participants of the Religious Charity in Pakistan

5) Politics of Religious Charity in Pakistan

Date: March 2014

Summary: The AIPS Islamabad center facilitated the organization of a workshop by Dr. Christopher Candland (Associate Professor, Wellesley College) at the Akhter Hameed Khan Resource Center, Islamabad, in March 2014. The workshop, “Politics of Religious Charity in Pakistan,” was focused on an interactive discussion on Dr. Candland’s recent research project on Philanthropy in Pakistan. Representatives of various local NGO’s and capacity-building organizations attended the workshop.

6) Gender Issues in KPK

Date: May 30, 2014

Summary: The AIPS Islamabad center hosted a one-day interactive session, “Gender Issues in KPK”, with faculty members and senior students of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar. Dr. Filomena Critelli (Associate Professor, State University of New York at Buffalo) led the academic session at the workshop and briefed the participants on her on-going AIPS-funded research project in Pakistan.



Photo above: Participants of the Gender Issues in KPK

7) NASA Series of talks facilitation

Date: May 17-29, 2014

Summary: AIPS organized a series of talks and presentations of visiting NASA Engineer, Ms. Nagin Cox, in Islamabad and Karachi on May 17-29, 2014. Ms. Cox, Chief Engineer, US National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Mars Curiosity Rover project, was on a speaking tour of Pakistan sponsored by the US Embassy in Pakistan. AIPS arranged her talks, "Hitting the Road on Mars: Reaching Out Into the Solar System," at several academic institutions including Quaid-i-Azam University, NUST, OPF Girls College, (all in Islamabad), FJWU (Rawalpindi), and the Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad. In addition, AIPS arranged meetings and receptions in Karachi to which faculty and researchers from the Institute of Business Administration and the University of Karachi were invited. Ms. Cox's events were very well attended and received wide publicity and media coverage in Pakistan.



Photo above: Ms. Nagin Cox, NASA Series of talks at Quaid-i-Azam University

8) Workshop: Urdu Verses Comparative Literature

Date: June 26, 2014

Summary: An interdisciplinary workshop, "Urdu Verses Comparative Literature," was held at the AIPS Islamabad center on June 26, 2014. Faculty members from the English Literature, Pakistan Studies, and Urdu and Islamic Studies departments from Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Peshawar, attended the workshop. Dr. Syed Akbar Hyder, Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin, led the workshop at the AIPS center. The session was followed by a dinner reception at Margalla Hills, Islamabad.



Photo right: Participants of the "Urdu Verses Comparative Literature" workshop

9) Conflict Analysis, Resolution and Negotiation

(Reported earlier in more detail)

Summary: AIPS, in collaboration with Centre for Public Policy and Governance, FCC University, Lahore, organized the workshop "Conflict Analysis, Resolution and Negotiation," on March 10-14, 2014, at FCC University, Lahore. Dr. Paula Newberg, Professor, University of Texas at Austin, led the faculty-training workshop where twelve junior faculty members from a wide variety of Pakistani public universities participated. The workshop was the first in series of three thematic workshops on the same subject matter. The remaining two will be held in January 2015 and June 2015 with the same participants.

Photo right: Participants of the AIPS-sponsored Conflict Analysis, Resolution and Negotiation workshops



10) US Embassy in Pakistan Funded Academic Partnership Activities

Summary: AIPS is facilitating US Embassy in Pakistan funded academic partnership activities between the University of Oregon, Eugene, and Karakoram International University (KIU), Gilgit. The partnership focuses on the exchange of faculty and researchers in the field of Environmental Sciences. Eight faculty members from KIU have visited the University of Oregon for a semester-long training and research mentorship. Shown (below) is the initial meeting of the representatives of the two universities, who met at the AIPS Islamabad center to finalize the partnership exchange program. US Officials from the US Embassy in Pakistan also attended the meetings at AIPS Islamabad in Fall 2013 and Spring 2014.



Photo left: Participants of the US Embassy funded academic partnership activities

11) AIPS-BULPIP Inaugural Program at LUMS

Summary: AIPS, in association with the University of California, Berkeley, formally inaugurated the AIPS-BULPIP program at LUMS. Dr. Munis Faruqi (Director, South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley) visited LUMS to inaugurate the program and hold the orientation session for the first batch of students in Lahore. Ms. Ishrat Afreen and Ms. Faiza Saleem (Urdu Teachers from the US) were also present at the occasion.



Photo left: Participants of BULPIP at the AIPS Guesthouse with AIPS Lahore Guesthouse Manager, Rizwan Ikram, on the left

12) Universities Partnership Fellows Travelled to US

The AIPS Islamabad center facilitated the J-1 visas and travel arrangements of the listed fellows below during the fall 2013 and spring 2014. All of the fellows were selected under PAS funded universities partnership programs for mentorship and professional development training in the US.

- a. Fatima Jinnah Women University – University of Texas at Austin Fellows
Mr. Azhar Shahbaz Khan Mr. Muhammad Ali
Ms. Sadia Sherbaz Ms. Humaira Zulfiqar

- b. Karakorum International University – University of Oregon Fellows
Dr. Salma Durrani Mr. Mehfooz Ullah
Mr. Rehmat Karim Mr. Munir Abbasi
Mr. Shaukat Ali

- c. National Academy of Performing Arts – University of Texas at Austin Fellows
Mr. Jamal Yousaf Mr. Stephen Chaman
Mr. Ahsan Shabir

13) Pakistan Lecture Series: Pakistan Journalist’s travel to AIPS Institutional Member campuses

Muhammad Hanif, leading Journalist from Pakistan, was invited by AIPS Member Institutions to present a series of talks and academic sessions in January 2014. The AIPS Islamabad center facilitated travel arrangements for Mr. Hanif to visit the University of Michigan, Detroit, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of California, Berkeley.

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