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1. Complete the form below regarding details of your program. Please return this as a Microsoft Word document (doc or .docx).
2. Provide a one paragraph to one-page report highlighting the significance of this presentation on Pakistan Studies.

AIPS Grantee Information

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Affiliate Institution in U.S.:
University of Pennsylvania
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N/A
Research Field:
Comparative Literature
Conference:
The Magazine and World Literature Webinar Series
Paper Title(s):
A Tale of Two Journals: The Poetics and Politics of Community in Mid-Century South Asia
Panel Title (if applicable):
N/A
Date of Conference or Presentation:
19th March 2021

Summary of Program and Significance on Pakistan Studies

This presentation explored the development of Urdu modernism in Pakistan and India from 1930-1971. I presented new, innovative research that helps scholars rethink 20th century Urdu literary history. In particular, I am showing how Urdu's political minoritization in India contributed to literary politics that differed from those in Pakistan where the language had found a home. The overall series in which this lecture was presented centered on Magazines and World Literature, and not Pakistan specifically. This having been said, my presentation allowed Urdu literature to be more seriously considered within the study of World Literature, which it seldom is.