

FORMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (A Chartered University)
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PAKISTAN STUDIES

HOD's Message

I am excited to welcome the second edition of the History & Pakistan Studies Newsletter. This is a wonderful resource based on the session from January 2021 to June, 2022, covering Achievements, Activities of the department, Departmental Trips, Faculty updates, Annual Pictures, Research articles and vision that I hope will help the FCC community knowing the activities of History & Pakistan Studies (H & PS) department of FC College. Following the legacy for maintaining high standards of FC College, the vision of H& PS is to create law abiding and honest citizens and ultimately to create true leadership for our beloved country, Pakistan.

Our students as young people reaching the age of youth need timely guidance and support for shaping their personality embedded with love, patience, tolerance, honesty and integrity. So, the MOTO of our department is STUDENT FIRST. Though, we teach courses of History and Pakistan Studies recommended by the PTBB and follow the exam policy of BISE, we impart quality education to our intermediate students. Our highly qualified team of faculty members equipped with modern teaching techniques and effective teaching methodology has been producing **excellent** results in the previous years. Along with effective interactional teaching strategies, differentiated teaching methods in a diversified classroom and formative assessment strategies are our priority.

For balanced growth of our young students, we strongly believe in co-curricular and out of classroom learning activities. For creating leadership qualities in our students, our History & Pakistan Studies Society arranged many events in 2021 and 2022.

History & Pakistan Studies Department arranged recreational and study tours of Swat Valley in January 2021 and 2022. Taking students of FC College to the valleys famous for their scenic and panoramic beauty are such healthy activities that our department carries out regularly.

I hope in the coming years under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Ivan Suneel, Vice Rector College, our department will reach the heights of glory with regard to its academics, results and co-curricular activities.



**Annual Faculty Photograph of History & Pakistan Studies
Department Session: 2021-2022**



**Annual Group Photo of Faculty of History & Pakistan
Studies Department, Session 2021- 2022**



Achievements

Department's Publications

Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad & Saleem Masih Asim

Environmental Challenges and Green economy; A Case Study of South Asia

United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) describes a “green economy” as one “that marks in enriched human happiness and shared justness, whereas meaningfully decreasing ecological dangers and environmental insufficiencies. Population Research Center (PRC) Booklet, Forman Christian College University, 2022. Approved and sent for publication

Usman Sial

Tumandari System and Electoral Politics; A Case of D. G. Khan District

This study deals with electoral politics and its relationship with Tumandarana System (a local landlordism) in Dera Ghazi Khan, a historic base camp of such a unique feudal system. This study is an exploration of Tumandars involvement in politics and elections of National Assembly. (International Research Journal of Management and Social Sciences) (IRJMSS)

Analytical Study of The Role of Ethnic Groups in Electoral Politics; A Case of Pakistan

After post-colonial politics ethnic element emerged as a prominent tool of politics in different countries of the world. The marginalized groups also assumed politics as a system of power and they tried to use their collective approach as their identity. <http://jibas.org>

Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad

Development of Gwadar as a Port City; Challenges and Prospects

In the earlier two epochs, cosmopolitan emerged as a unique location for examining vibrant and dialectic expressions of foreign and native procedures. The spread of ideas such as transnational center, port city, assumes a growing opportunity in contemporary municipal scholarships.

<http://www.innovatus.es/index.php/ejbsos/article/view/956>

Modi's Strategic Concerns and China's Belt & Road Initiative (BRI): A Realist Perspective

This article provides a conceptual and theoretical framework to analyze motivations of China in BRI, which is conceived as a project of the 21st century for the revival of erstwhile Asian values, this paper is not a critique on BRI, but it securitizes India's

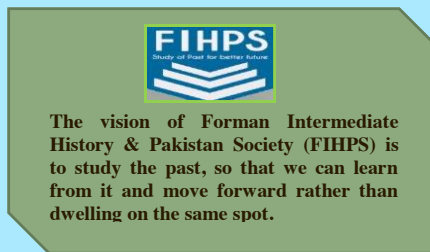
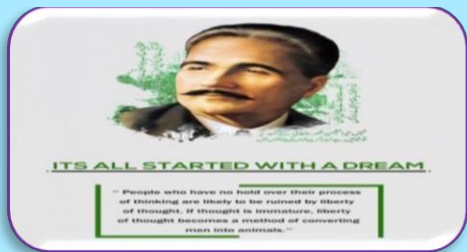
concern whose policymakers consider that it can harm the strategic interest of India. [https://doi.org/10.31703/grr.2021\(VI-I\)](https://doi.org/10.31703/grr.2021(VI-I)).

South Asia in pursuit of human security; Challenges and Concerns in 21st Century

The chapter examines the concern of social well-being and debate that managements of this part of the World requisite to emphasis on mushrooming Non-Traditional Security (NTS) pressures to encourage happiness of the people and recover the excellence of their settlement by exploiting means for individual progress In the book “South Asia: State, Society and Politics,” Nobel Academic Pkublishing, Turkey, 2022.

ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

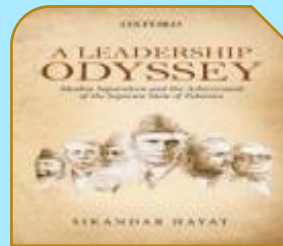
FIHPS gave Iqbal’s message through displaying a poster on Iqbal’s Day



Nadia Khushi hosted a FC College female faculty get together at Sinclair Hall Staff Room June 2022


Rizwan Dawood earned 3rd Place on the 9th FCC Faculty and Staff Badminton Championships 2021

Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad wrote a Book Review for Chief Proctor Office (CPO) Book Club on the book

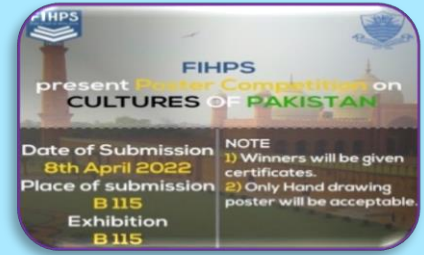


FIHPS paid tribute to Allama Iqbal and recorded “Kalam-e-Iqbal”





Future Goals
In future, Forman intermediate History & Pakistan Society will continue to function. It will hopefully conduct different events in future to fulfill the vision of future.



FIHPS arranged a poster Competition by representing the culture of Pakistan

valuable messages of Rector, Vice Rector, College coordinator, Chair of the Department and other faculty members were recorded on Iqbal’s Day



Saleem Masih Asim, Chair of the Department distributed certificates & shields among the members of the Society
Nadia Khushi hosted the Closing & Award Ceremony of society



Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad presented a paper on PRC’s 1st International Virtual Conference, held on 2nd December 2021, at FCCU.



Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad participated in a two days workshop, “Emerging Trends in Teaching History and Writing History” held on 27-28 March 2022.



Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad presented a paper on 31st World History Association (WHA) Conference held on 23-25 June 2022 at Bilbao, Spain.



Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad presented a paper on 15th Annual Conference of the South Asian Studies Association, (SASA) California, U.S.A. on 11-13 March 2022,

Departmental Trips



Students at Kalam Forest



Group Photo at Larosh Hotel Kalam

Saleem Masih Asim (HOD) led FC College students in two trips along college faculty members in a study excursion to Swat Valley



Major Akram Noul(HOD Computer Science), Saleem Masih Asim (HOD History) and Mr.Khuram Shahzad(HOD Commerce) in a cherish mood with FC College colleagues during the study trip



Saleem Masih Asim with Rizwan Dawood from Department of History & Pak-Studies



Faculty update

Saleem Masih Asim



The Department of History and Pakistan Studies is lucky to have Saleem Asim as Head of the Department. He serves as an Associate Professor in the department and is widely known among the FCC community for his contributions to the college. Under his leadership the department is making progress by leaps and bounds. He is also serving as member of Sports Council of the college. Currently he is an active member of Rwadari Tahreek Pakistan (Peace and Tolerance movemnt) and Rotary International. His research interest focuses on the role of missionaries and their contribution in the development of education in the sub-continent. Currently he is engaged with the research work of his MPhil thesis for publishing a book.



Saleem Masih Asim promoted in June 2021 as an Associate Professor in the Department of History & Pak-Studies



Saleem Masih Asim is with Jonathan Addleton during promotion ceremony

Nadia Khushi

Nadia Khushi is working as an assistant professor. Nadia intends to expand upon her dissertation in the future since she asserts there is still a wide range of approaches about the ways in which Muslim-majority states in the developing world respond to globalization. She has also completed short courses on “Digital Literacy”, SEO (Search Engine Optimization) and “freelancing”. She is the founder advisor of the Intermediate History & Pakistan Studies Society. While also serves as the member of FCC intermediate proctorial board. She also served as a member of appellat committee, search committee in college in 2021. She was a host on women day celebration (2020). She has served as external reviewer for the updated textbook of Mutala-e-Pakistsn for Grade-10 in 2020.

Usman Sial

Usman Sial is an Assistant Professor at the Department of History and Pakistan Studies. He has done MSc in Pakistan Studies from University of Sargodha. He has completed his MPhil from Alama Iqbal Open University. He has been teaching at Forman Christian College for more than five years and carrying out departmental duties' examination coordinator. During the last session, Usman arranged the screening of two documentaries. The one discussed the issue of honor killing in Pakistan and other about explored the partition of the subcontinent. Usman's research interests focus on the political parties and the dynamics of local politics in Pakistan. Usman is working on another research article which he expects to publish later this year.



Usman Sial promoted in 2021 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History & Pak-Studies

Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies welcomed Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad as a new faculty in the Department on May 2021. She got her PhD in history from the University of the Punjab. Her dissertation entitled "A History of Pakistan-China Relations 1973-2013, Reappraisal". She won IRSIP Scholarship and spent one semester at Arizona State University, USA on visiting Exchange Scholar Program. She participated in a One-Day Workshop on "Rethinking Pakistan: strength through Diversity," Florida International University, AIPS, on 19 January 2022. She has also reviewed a PhD thesis as external reviewer from Department of History & Pakistan Studies on May 2002. She has recently received Honorarium from World History Commons on "Developing a methods essay to guide instructors through using a scholarly approach to teaching world history" from George Mason University, Virginia, USA, on May 2022.

Rizwan Dawood

Rizwan Dawood is serving as a Lecturer at the department of History & Pakistan Studies since 2020. He did his MPhil degree in Public Policy & Governance from the reputed Center for Public Policy & Governance (CPPG), FCCU. His research interests include infrastructural developments: its socio-economic & environmental impacts, governance & globalization. Rizwan Dawood's recent academic contribution at Forman includes a paper he presented titled "Mega Infrastructural projects and their impacts on Social, Economic and Environmental sectors" at a two-day international conference at "Forman International Conference on Business and Innovation."

Annual Photo Session (2021-2022)



Salim Masih Asim, Chair of the Department presented Bouquet and a book to Rector, Dr. Jonathan Addeldon



Salim Masih Asim, Chair of the Department presented Bouquet and a book to FC College Vice Rector, Dr. Ivan Suneel



**Annual Faculty Photograph of History & Pakistan Studies
Department Session: 2022**



**Usman Sail presented bouquet and a book to Chair of the Department,
Salim Masih Asim, on behalf of Department of History & Pak-Studies**

Sir Ganga Ram; A Man for All Seasons Saleem Masih Asim

Book Review

The book begins with Sir Ganga Ram's early life. He was born in Gurdwara, as his parents owned no house of their own and could hardly rent one. His outstanding performance earned him scholarships and, at the end, a prestigious post as assistant engineer in Lahore in 1873. When he transferred to a remote place DG Khan in the Punjab, he made the best of bargain and continued his thoughtful planning and creative competence for his surroundings. Ganga Ram completed the difficult project that was assigned to him. Everyone applauded his brilliant success. Even the top officials in the province, the Governor General of India, delighted at Ganga Ram's excellent performance. Because of his sheer dint of mental genius and quality work he produced, Ganga Ram could have specialization in sewerage, drainage and water systems from the Great Britain. After returning to India, he full used what he had learned abroad, and he provided excellent drainage, sewerage and water supply for the old Lahore. Thus, the old diseased, infested and smelly conditions of inner Lahore cleared up. He is called the builder of Lahore and his period is called Ganga Ram's period of architecture, which means low-cost and high-quality architecture. He performed an excellent job for the preparatory work of Delhi Darbar, planned for the British Empire celebrations in January 1903. Lord Curzon was full of praise for Sir Ganga Ram and mentioned his name many times in communications with the British Government in London and to the king of Britain. Ganga Ram could not get a promotion because of professional jealousy and racism. Ever tolerant and wise about the ways of the world, Ganga Ram sought early retirement. This sudden change in Ganga Ram's career gained him an opportunity which diverted his attention to his earlier wish of doing something about the danger of famines in India. He applied his scientific and engineering knowledge and his practical experience to agricultural development. He organized practical solutions which resulted in a campaign across India to remedy the situation. His appeal to all groups of the society bore fruit and Hindu widows allowed for remarriages. He also sets up homes for old people and free hospitals in the inner city of Lahore. He identified the need for the College of Commerce for the Punjab. He donated buildings, land and cash for Hailey College of Commerce in Lahore.

His works and buildings stood the test of time and his institutions were still flourishing. Inspired by his ideas and success, some of his friends and admirers build a new hospital in Dehli which is famous and recognized for the advanced research and treatment. Ganga Ram's name continued to be associated with social welfare. He solved the Guru ka Bagh dispute with his timely intervention and setting a bakery for the unemployed young men, was existing example of his concern for the welfare of the ordinary people. Though he died over seventy-eight years ago, his popularity lives on in Indian Sub-Continent. His educational institutions and his hospitals in Lahore and Delhi are still models of charity and development. Some years ago, when there were plans to change the name of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore, there was a strong opposition from people in all walks of life regardless of their social, economic and religious position. Ganga Ram's work is a living memorial to his devotion to improve the conditions of the poor. His humanitarian principles and modesty were admired by the people of Punjab. It is difficult not like the author's thought provoking and inspirational expression while highlighting the great and innovative style of Sir Ganga Ram describing his social light and great humanist without mentioning the political impact created on account of his agricultural developments and educational developments in Punjab. Author's deep sightedness is enough much to explore all the aspects of the events described in the book. However, he has highlighted Ganga Ram as innovative, pioneering of social work, great philanthropist and successful agriculturist due to which no doubt Ganga Ram is one of the India's great heroes.

Naming the Silk Road; Empires of Ancient Eurasia

Dr. Iram Naseer Ahmad



During a course of three and a half millennia, between the late second century before the Common Era (BCE) and the mid-third century of the Common Era (CE), many of the human societies living within the massive Afro-Eurasian world region linked into an interdependent structure of networks via a chain of roads recognized now as the New Silk Road. This "First Silk Roads Era" appeared in the important trans-regional economic and artistic collaboration matured by people to this point in the past. Although silk was one of the remarkable component assets, that was carried along this web of land and naval routes, what caused this initial reiteration of the Silk Road so vital was the network of non-material "commodities" that existed as a need of commerce. In retrospect, the name appears from the German term die Seidenstrassen, which was coined in the late nineteenth century by German geographer and explorer Baron Ferdinand von Richthofen. These deliberate handling of various terms to label the ancient trade network serve as a direct acceptance by Von Richthofen that, not only were the journeys that connected Han China and the Roman Empire diverse and complicated, divided into "Main Road" and a multiple of subsidiary sections, but they were powerful for both profitable and artistic transfers.

It is interesting to note that most theorists think of globalization as very much a contemporary process whose motives can be found out to the development of European colonial authorities around the world since the sixteenth century but the reality is on the contrary, it was this unusual cultural and organic dispersion that marked the First Silk Road Era as one of the most crucial cycles in ancient world history. After tens of thousands of years of small-scale regional cooperation, it was during the First Silk Road Era that millions of humans inhabiting in diversified associations with an enormous section of geographic space hooked up in a swap system so effective and distinct that, it now looks to be the ultimate illustration of an ancient globalization.

There is no denying the fact that during a cycle of some 350 years between the late second century BCE and the mid-third century CE, equipment and intellectual networks promoted by economic hubs within Inner Eurasia and the Indian Ocean Basin contributed to the Afro-Eurasian world zone into a thriving, vibrant, associated network of the economic, social and cultural effects for all those connected.

Affordable and Clean Energy, Pakistan's Energy Crisis; A Critical Overview

Rizwan Dawood



United Nations has designed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are a collection of seventeen interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all." The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are achieved by the year 2030. Among the other SDGs, SDGs number seven focuses on "affordable and clean energy for all." Pakistan is facing a severe energy crisis. That is leading towards slow economic growth, political instability and overall affecting the human development in the region. It is a dire need of the hour to focus on SDG 7 to counter the current energy crisis. SDG 7 comprises five targets, starting from ensuring universal access to energy services; increasing the share of renewable energy; doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency; cooperating on research and development; and expanding infrastructure and upgrading technologies. SDG 7 having four dimensions to "ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all" is a challenge opposing every country, that touches everyone. Almost 2.7 billion people in the world rely on traditional methods of costly energy generation, which is harmful to the environment and for our future generation, causing drastic changes to our climate system, which is affecting almost every continent of the world. There are some alternative ways of energy generations by using which we can save environmental pollution, climate change, global warming, and the huge amount of money that we spent on our traditional ways of energy generation. Pakistan is still depending on the energy sources like oil, coal and gas which are limited, rare, harming the environment and are costly.

There is a dire need to explore the substitutes for these resources. Governments throughout the world are shifting from the energy generation sources of oil, coal, and gas towards much cheaper and environment friendly sources like solar power, wind energy, Mini hydro-power plants, etc. We can conclude Pakistan still is far behind from achieving the renewable, affordable, clean and environment friendly energy generation methods. If Pakistan wants to achieve the target of the SDG7 before the year 2030, Pakistan needs some effective policies and practical implementations.

Vision of History & Pakistan Studies Department

Vision

Vision of teaching the subject of history and Pakistan studies is to look through the corridors of history impartially and judiciously to choose the right path and direction in present for better future of coming generations.

The subject of Pakistan studies is multi-disciplinary which includes history, geography, political science, sociology and current issues so we have the vision to create highest level of patriotism and sense of responsibility among the students and ultimately to laying the foundation of a society which is based on knowledge and social justice.

Future Goals

- (-) To develop among students' skills of inquiries
- (-) To persuade students for understanding the value of history as a discipline
- (-) To focus on interactive lectures to maximum learning objectives.

- (-) To develop a sense of chronology
- (-) To have some knowledge of the wider world
- (-) To help student to understand society and to place within it, so that they develop a sense of cultural heritage

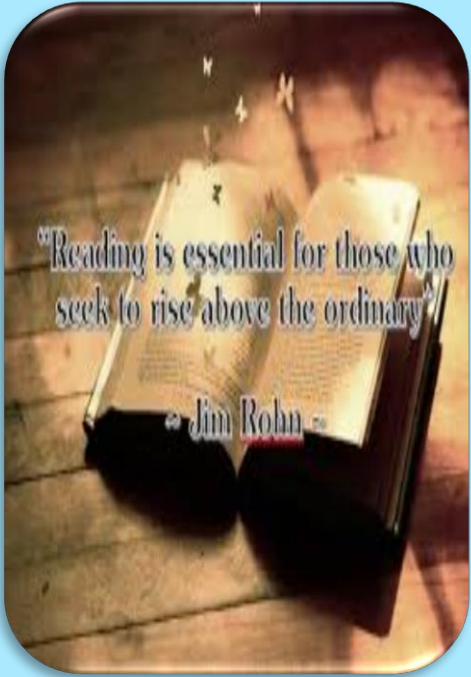
- (-) To enable student to know about significant event in Pakistan history
- (-) To understand how Pakistan materialized in wider Asian culture as a nation state
- (-) To help student to develop a sense of cultural heritage

Future plans of the Department for 2022-23

Quiz based on Macq's for home assignments shall be given

Weightage of marks shall be 50%

Less important questions for above- average-level students



Reading Club

It has been decided to establish to reading club for students to achieve the following goals:

- a) Other than facts on history for Pakistan studies students there should be topic on current issues and problems which our country is facing
- b) Human rights and its importance must be taught to eradicate social evils and problems which our country facing
- c) The content presented in the book should not focus students to become narrow minded

Review of
Pakistan
Studies
Textbook

Text book must be free from indoctrination and any kind of bias or stereotyping and must give actual facts and figures. This does not mean that text books should only contain facts and figures rather they should be present in an interesting way so that students enjoy learning and reading books.

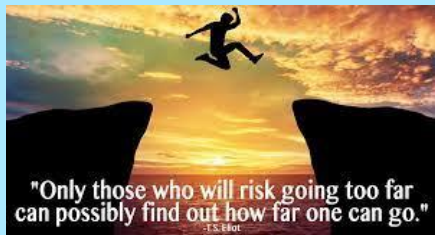
In this regard a thorough review of book of Pakistan studies will be carried out this year by faculty members of the department

Outside
Classroom
learning
activities

To broaden the canvas of mind of students and to impart knowledge integrated with practical aspects life, the students will be provided opportunities outside the classroom in small and larger groups for fun and learning by every faculty member of the department. Like showing them documentaries taking them to historical places, culture and festival etc.

Excursion
and Study
trips

For refreshing the mind of students, they shall be taken to various places where they will see the panoramic beauty of valleys along with the study of nature.



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