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DEAN'S NOTE

In our age of digital media and globalization, the question of ethics and truth becomes increasingly important. Truth is not fiction but the nature of truth is always a matter of perspective. In the wise words of Kahlil Gibran, whenever you find the truth, never say I have found the truth. Just say, I have found a truth. In a world of many truths, the problem of each truth becoming absolute is the greatest existential threat to humanity.



We are living in highly entrenched structures, where the myth of finality for each and every bigoted voice has made critical thinking and dialogue very difficult, if not impossible. The post-truth era of having alternative truths has damaged the global moral fiber badly. All the material advancements in the fields of globalization and communication have created a world full of competing voices, that of echo chambers, canceling all different voices.

The biggest question facing humanity is not that of finding an absolute truth that could be a solution to our fragmented existence. The real need is to find the courage of accepting all different voices as legitimate, reliving the right to agree to disagree. The world requires greater compassion, forbearance, and empathy. Each and every naysayer is not a criminal. They just have a different tune to dance at. The dance of life is an ongoing process and cannot be wholesome without accepting every step. The beauty of human existence doesn't lie in canceling each other, but in accepting each other with love and care. In the end, what matters is our mutual existence.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Department Activities

Conference 2022

Sponsors: USEFP, Vice Rector Office, ORIC, Dean of Humanities Office

Patron-in-Chief: Dr. Douglas Trimble, Vice Rector, FCCU.

Patron: Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan, Dean of Humanities, FCCU.

Chief Advisor: Dr. Fatima Syeda, Chairperson English Department, FCCU.

Convener: Dr. Qurratulaen Liaqat, Assistant Professor, Department of English, FCCU.



The Department of English at Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) organized its second international conference on the theme of "Inter-Dis-Connections of the Prefix 'Post' in Contemporary Literary, Linguistic, and Cultural Studies" on the 19th and 20th of October, 2022.

Conference Day 1

The introductory session began with a recitation from the holy scriptures. The conference was opened by the worthy Vice Rector and the Patron -in -Chief of the conference Dr. Douglas Trimble. In his Welcome Remarks, Dr. Trimble discussed the significance of the conference theme i.e. the concept of 'post' in academic circles and beyond. He also talked about the post-pandemic period and expressed sheer delight in being able to see one another in person. Then, the Chairperson of the Department of English Language and Literature, Prof. Dr. Fatima Syeda, on behalf of the department, expressed her gratitude to the national and international speakers, presenters, faculty members, and students for becoming part of the academic conference.

She talked about how the debate on the prefix 'Post' had been conducted within the department and how this conference was a humble effort on the part of the department to extend this debate to the other universities. She thanked different universities for their participation in this debate. A video was played showcasing the literary and scholarly activities and other achievements made by the Department of English.

The keynote speakers of the first day were Professor Stef Craps from Ghent University, Belgium, and Dr. Cathy Caruth from Cornell University, USA. Dr. Craps delivered his keynote speech on the topic "The Beforemath of Eco-Collapse: Post-memory and Futurity in the Anthropocene" in which he emphasized the looming climate destruction and an ecological



apocalypse for mankind in the foreseeable future. Dr. Caruth discussed the topic of "Orphaned Language: Trauma, History and Writing in David Copperfield" highlighting the themes of abandonment, traumatic childhood, and personal and collective tragedy. Both speeches were well received by the audience. The complete opening ceremony was recorded as well as played on

screens in E square for the students who could not come to the conference Hall because of space problems.

The introductory session, of the first day, was then followed by parallel sessions running throughout the day at four different time slots. The conference sessions of the first and the second day discussed themes including Post-Humanism in literature and films, Post Trauma theory, the impact of trauma on women, power politics and trauma, language and gender, indigenous resistance, migrant experiences, subjugation and discrimination in drama, post 9/11 literature, feminist concerns, and Post-Feminist Theory.

The parallel sessions of the first day ended with an evening of musical and artistic performances, hosted by the talented university students. One of the performers dedicated Punjabi poetry to the international guest speaker Professor Dr. Amritjit Singh receiving great appreciation from him. The evening included performances by the Forman Dramatics Club, Forman Music Society, and poetic recitation by Professor Dr. Ishfaq Virk (Urdu Department), and special performances by violinists invited for the evening which delighted the audience

Conference Day 2

Day II commenced with recitations from the Holy Books, followed by a video recap of the previous day. The first keynote address was presented virtually by Dr. Francesca Ferrando – Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts Program, New York University, USA, and a post-human theorist. The session was moderated by Dr. Quratulaen, the conference convener. Dr. Ferrando discussed the concept (of post-humanism) with reference to ecological changes. The faculty and the audience posed interesting questions to the speaker about the post-humanistic era and its implications in Pakistan. All the answers presented by Dr. Ferrando were clear, on-point, and easily understandable. She discussed the concept of existentialism and what it means to be a post-human. The session ended on a philosophical note, "What does it mean to be human in a post post Modern world?".

The Plenary speech was delivered by Prof. Dr. Nasir Jamal Khattak – Vice Chancellor, University of Swabi. Dr. Khattak, in his presentation "Recapitulating and Dialogizing Theory: "Kubla Khan", "El Olvido and "Latin Night at the Pawnshop", discussed post-humanism and post-colonialism. He discussed what the prefix 'post' referred to in the province of KPK since he is associated with Peshawar. He also brought along some Aristotelian laws in reference to post-humanism. He also highlighted some non-contemporary literature pieces from the 19th century, discussing artists' mindset and the gap between 'idea and materialism', how Aristotle has defined what a writer or artist should be, and how post-colonial writers and artists have boundaries to fit themselves into. The day II opening session came to an end with a thank you note and a group photo.

After the tea break, the paper presentations resumed, with the first slot of parallel sessions focusing on 1) human, post-human, and non-human alterities, 2) post-truth trajectories, 3) fantasy, science fiction, virtual reality studies: emerging post-human paradigm shifts in South Asia, and 4) the prefix 'post' in linguistics inquiry. Each of these sessions ended with the respective chairs' remarks and certificate distribution.

Next, the attendees headed to the E Square for viewing the poster presentations on modern and continental drama prepared by the postgraduate students. Afterward, a lunch break was announced. The second set of parallel sessions was centered on the themes of 1) post-anthropocentric trajectories: eco-criticism and literature, 2) language, learning, and culture, and 3) content analysis in linguistics. Each of these sessions ended with the respective chairs' remarks and certificate distribution. This marked the end of the paper presentations.

To add a literary touch along with scholarly learning, a performance by the playwright Mr. Usman Ali (Shah Jahan) was arranged for the audience. Mr. Usman Ali is an internationally recognized English playwright who is an actor also. He has performed internationally. All six characters in his play were performed by him on stage in his Solo performance. The students and Faculty members from different universities were excited to see this performance where a playwright himself was performing his play.



The conference officially ended with a closing ceremony where Dr. Amrijit Singh delivered the closing note. His talk covered multiple answers to the question posed on the reliability of the prefix 'post', and whether one can afford to postpone that debate or not. This soon turned into



an interactive discussion between the speaker and the conference participants that included students as well.

Next, a video recap of the two days of the conference was played for the audience, followed by closing remarks by Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan – Dean of Humanities, FCCU, and also the Patron of the conference.

He discussed the conference theme with reference to the discipline of humanities in general. Then, Dr. Fatima Syeda – Professor and Chairperson, Department of English, FCCU, delivered a vote of thanks to the sponsors of the conference i.e. the ORIC Office, USEFP, the office of the Vice Rector and the office of the



Dean and all the guests, presenters, faculty and student volunteers who made the event a huge success. The ceremony ended with a souvenir and bouquet presentation by the Dean of Humanities Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan to all the guest speakers.

Post-Conference Events

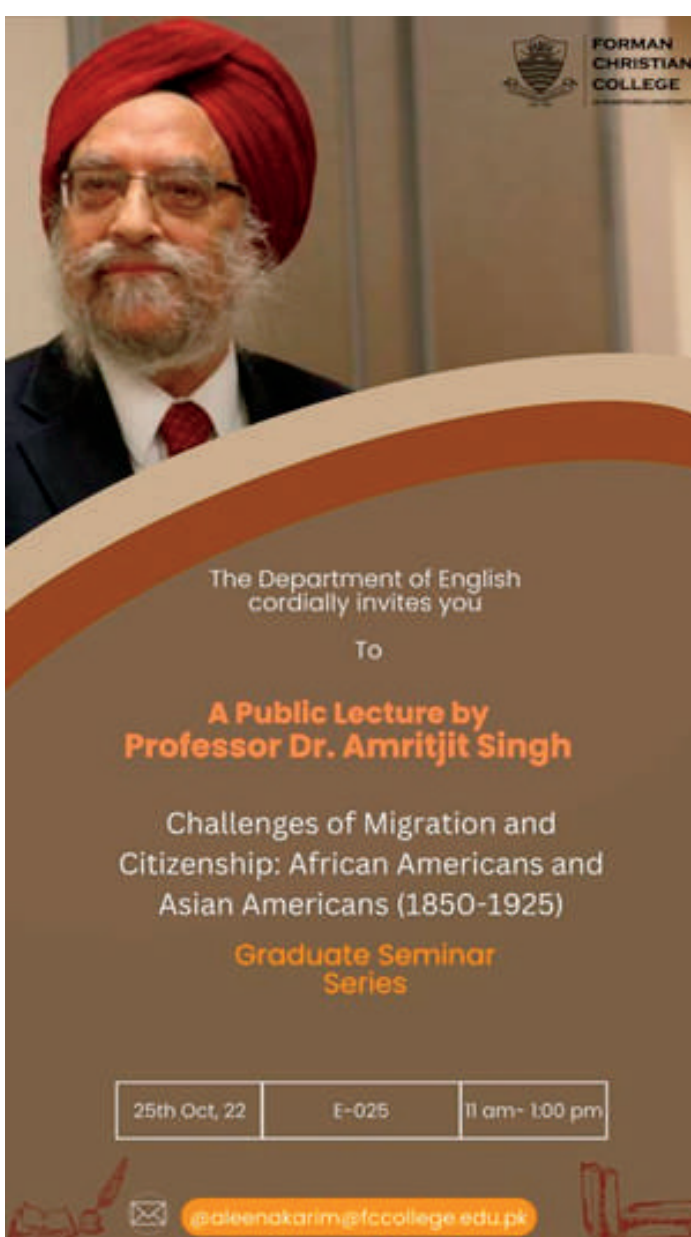
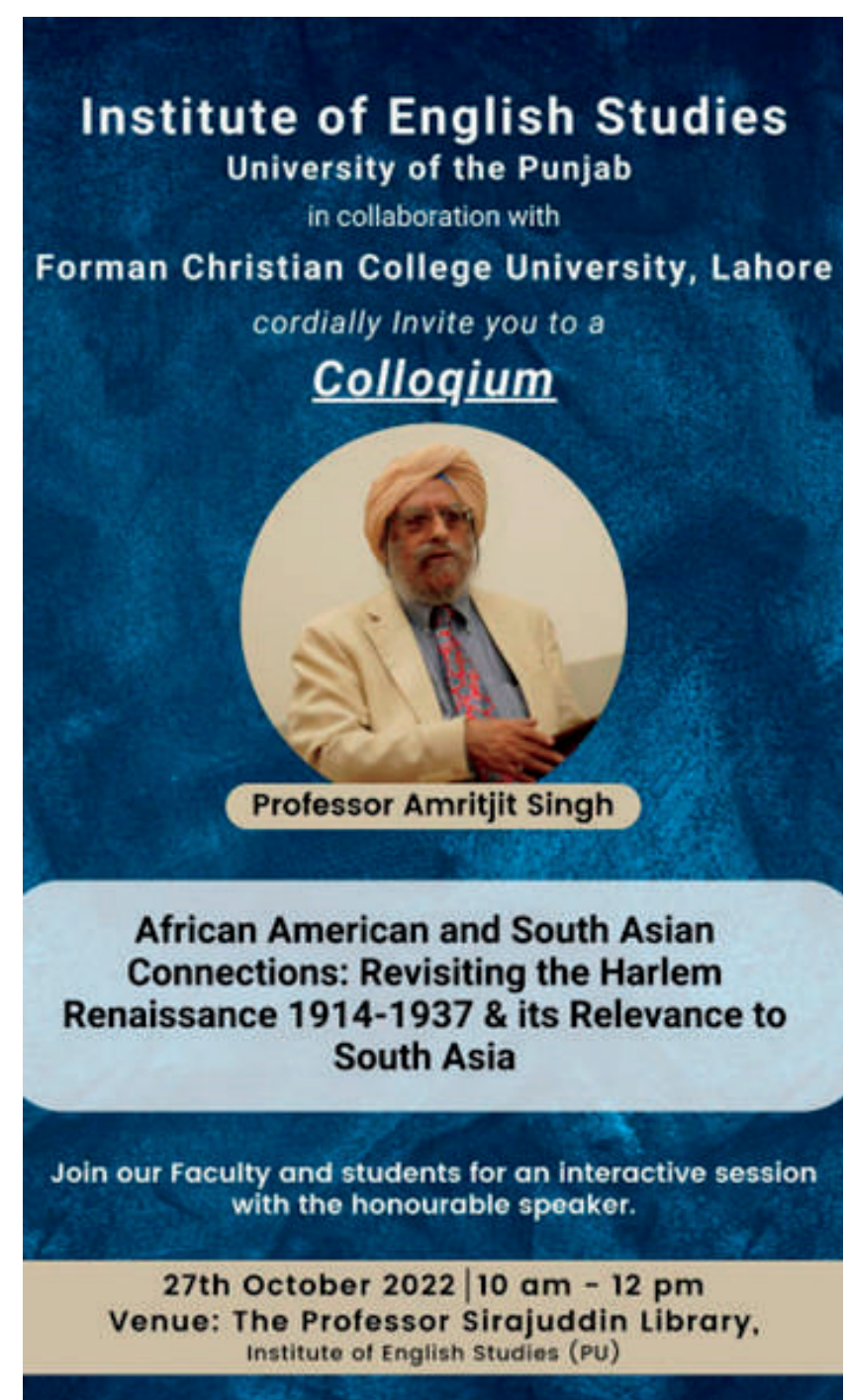
The conference concluded on the 20th of October but taking advantage of the prolonged stay of Prof. Dr. Amritjit Singh (Our Closing Keynote Speaker), the Department of English organized a series of events on the area of his expertise. The detail is as follows:

- His first Public Lecture was organized under the banner of our very popular Graduate Seminar Series. It was held on 25th October 2022. All the students and faculty members of the Literature Program participated. Relevant departments from other universities were also invited.
- ICPWE and the English department at Kinnaird College Women's University collaborated with the department of English at FCCU to organize his 2nd Lecture on Harlem Renaissance Literature. FCCU was introduced as his Host institution there. The lecture took place on the 26th of October (Morning) and was attended by members from other universities as well.
- The Department of English at the University of Punjab collaborated with the Department of English at FCCU to organize his 2nd Lecture on African American Literature & its Relevance with South Asian Literature. FCCU was introduced as his Host institution there. The lecture took place on 2nd October (Morning) and was attended by members from other universities as well.



- He was invited to attend South Asia @75: Past, Present & Future, arranged by the Department of History & Pakistan Studies at the University of Punjab.
- He paid informal visits to interact with the faculty at LUMS and Government College University, Lahore.

In all the above-mentioned visits to different universities, a delegation from the Department of English at FCCU accompanied him. All the above-mentioned institutions expressed their gratitude to the FCCU English department for hosting Prof. Amritjit Singh and for bringing wonderful learning opportunities to their universities.




Graduate Seminar Series:

The Department of English hosted the Graduate Seminar Session “Genres of Financial Discourse & Economic Well-Being of Undergraduates” by Dr. Mohammad Aslam held on the 16th of December 2022 at FCCU.

The Department of English


invites you to a Guest Talk:

Genres of Financial Discourse and Economic Well-Being of Undergraduates



by
Muhammad Aslam (PhD English Linguistics)
University of the Punjab

Date: December 16, 2022
(Friday)
Time: 9 a.m
Venue: E-001



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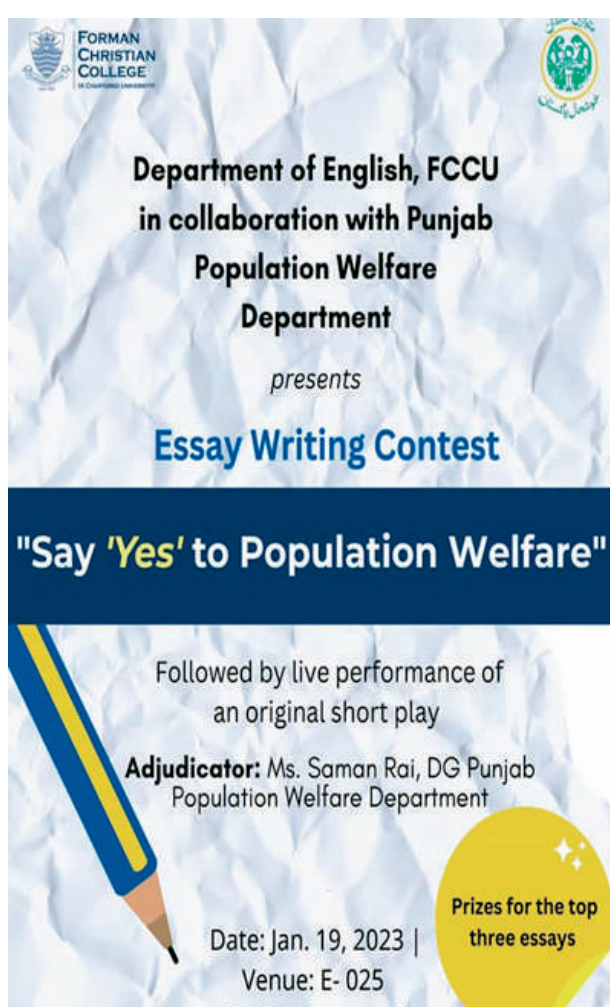
Collaborative Projects:

The Department of English organized a **Research Poster Exhibition: From Reflection to Reification: A Collaborative Project of the Faculties of Humanities & Social Sciences** held on 12th January 2023 at FCCU. The event was sponsored by **ORIC FCCU**. External reviewers from renowned universities were invited and the Winners were given cash prizes.



The Department of English organized an Essay Writing Contest (followed by a Short Play) "Say 'Yes' to Population Welfare". The event was a collaborative Project of the Department of English & Population Welfare Department held on 19th of January 2023 at FCCU. The director of PWD and other important officials from the PWD department attended the event and appreciated the work of the students by distributing Cash prizes among them.





Collaborations with the Advising Office:

Advising Sessions for the English Department Faculty: An advising session was arranged for the English Department Faculty by the Advising Office in February 2023. This session was led by Dr. Atiq-ur-Rehman, who emphasized the importance of effective advising.



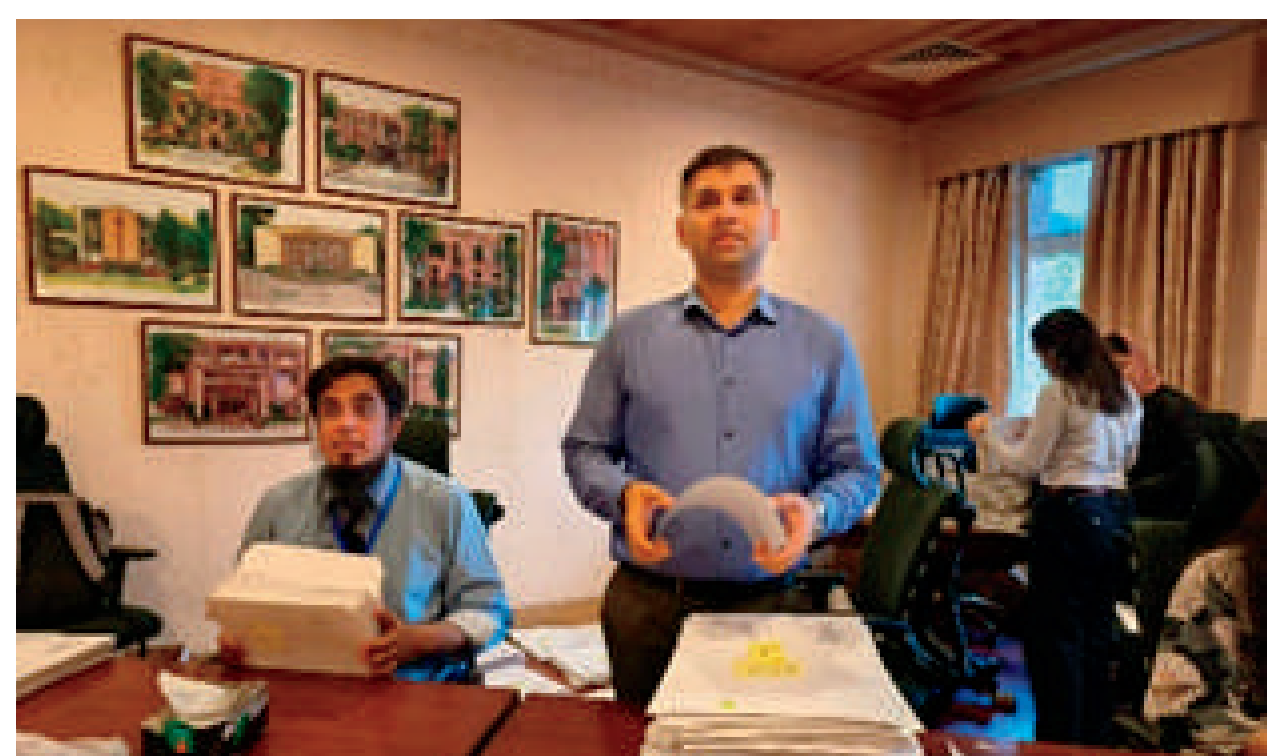
English Faculty Advising Fair 2022

English Faculty at the Advising Fair facilitated and guided the students who have not yet declared a concentration / Major. Undergraduate Linguistics and Literature majors were encouraged to check in with faculty members of the English Department.



Collaborations with the Convocation Committee:

As always, the Department of English participated actively in the Convocation 2022. A good number of faculty members and students from the department offered their services in different committees for the convocation of 2022.



Baccalaureate Research:

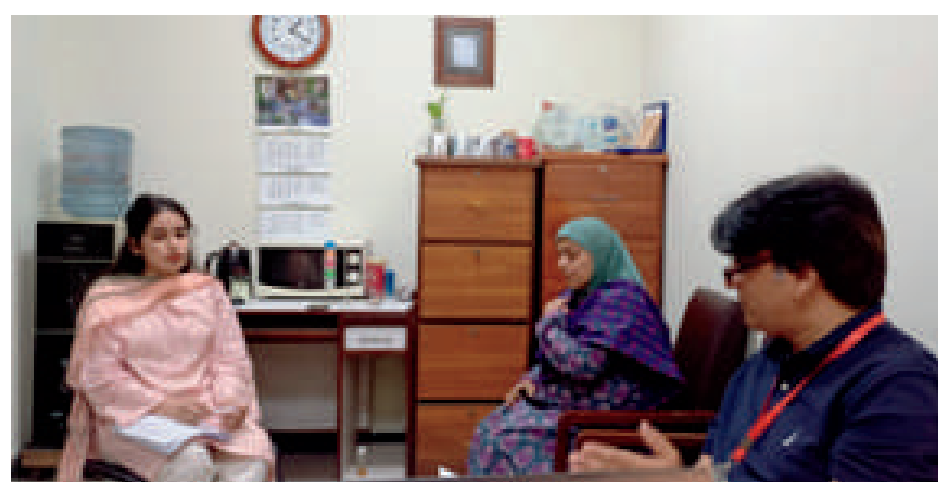
Baccalaureate Theses Viva Fall 22

A viva is an oral examination at the culmination of a research thesis. It comprises a committee of both internal and external examiners who look through students' research work. Around 40 students defended their research work in Fall 2022.



M.Phil Research:

M.Phil Theses Viva: A viva is an oral examination at the culmination of a research thesis. It comprises a committee of both internal and external examiners who look through students' research work to evaluate & grade it for the completion of the students' degrees. Around 22 students defended their dissertations in Fall 2022.



Students Led Initiatives:

Quiz Competition:

The Post Graduate students from the FCCU English department participated in the Intercollegiate & Varsity English Literature & Linguistics Quiz 2023 held on 9th March 2023 at Govt. Graduate College Township, Lahore. The team from FCCU won the 3rd prize.



Student Visits to Different Universities:

KCWU: The students and faculty from the Department of English visited Kinnaird College for Women's University for attending a Memorial event for Zulfiqar Ghose arranged by the Department of English at KCWU.



LSE: The students and faculty from the Department of English visited the Lahore School of Economics University for attending a conference arranged by the Department of English at LSE. The students participated actively and were much appreciated by the organizers of the conference.



Ewing English Society

Forman Literary Festival 2022: The Festival was held on 8-10 May 2023.



Half-yearly Society Event Report 2022-23

Sr. No.	Date of the event	Title of the event	Objective of the event	Outcome of the event
1.	19th September, 2022	Society Stall for Freshman Students	The main objective of this activity was to break the ice for freshmen and to introduce them to the opportunities within the society by offering relevant games to play i.e., Scrabbles, Using Typewriter and Guess the World.	The activity was a great success as a great number of freshman students attended the stall and they were happy to learn about the society and by playing the games.
2.	21st September 2022	Quiz competition and Open Mic	The objective of this activity was to engage newcomers with Literature through Fun Quiz Activity. One round was also based on questions regarding FCCU so that freshmen could learn about campus. In the second part, the intent of the open mic was to encourage freshmen to come up on stage and showcase their special talents.	The overall response from freshmen for this activity was great many freshmen participated in the Quiz Competition and 3 winners were awarded with <i>English Novels</i> also some freshmen utilized the stage to sing and to recite their poetry in the Open Mic session.
3.	29th September 2022	Session: Literature and Life + Movie screening	The intention of this activity was to provide proper guidance to freshman students who intend to major in English Literature for this purpose we invited a faculty member Dr. Faiza Zaheer from English Department. The purpose of also including a short animated video was to make this session a bit entertaining and engaging.	This session was a great success as a number of freshman students intending to major in English Literature attended it and received guidance on the future prospects of the degree. In the last, the motivational animated video of Usain Bolt provided an entertaining and motivational kick to Freshmen.

4.	5th October 2022	Reader's Guild session: <i>deep dive into the bug life</i>	The intent of this session was to bring all the readers from the student body to a single platform to discuss a very interesting novel " <i>deep dive into the bug life</i> ".	A great number of students who had read the novel or were interested in reading the novel attended the session and the activity led to a very productive discussion on several themes such as capitalism.
5.	12th October 2022	Reader's guild session: <i>djinns and genies "Tales of the Unknown"</i>	The intent of this activity was to bring the readers interested in Gothic literature on a single platform and to ignite the goofy discussion in a horror theme.	Almost 200 students attended the session and many utilized the platform to discuss their favorite horror literary work and the best part was some students stood out and shared some horrifying stories they experienced in real life.
6.	24th October 2022	Writer's Guild session: <i>"Post 9/11 and Pakistani writing in English"</i> by Ms. Nukhbah Langah	This session intended to introduce the student body to the advancement in writing styles and literary research after the event of 9/11. For this purpose, we invited a research expert Dr. Nukhbah Langah.	Almost 100+ students participated in the session and Dr. Nukhbah very deeply explained the shift in the writing style and its cause after the tragic event of 9/11. Madam Nukhbah very briefly explained how events affect the writing styles. The satisfaction of students was depicted through the Q&A session where many students got answers to their queries. Worthy Rector also sent a written message to acknowledge the importance of this session.
7.	7th November 2022	Session: <i>history and Literature as reflections of life</i> by Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zahra (in collab with GHS)	The objective was to organize a session to create a bridge between History and Literature. For this purpose, we invited a renowned Professor from the History department Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra and the session was moderated by one of the experienced faculty members from the English Department. We collaborated with the <i>Griswold History Society</i> for this session.	The response was more than overwhelming as the auditorium E025 was fully jam-packed. Students and faculty members attended the session where great interest. Worthy Rector and Dean of Social Sciences also attended the session. The estimated number of audiences was 190+.

8.	23rd November 2022	Recreational trip to attend Harry Potter Festival at GCU, Lahore	The intention of this activity was to provide an opportunity for students fond of the Harry Potter Series (Novel) to witness a fan-based Harry Potter movie prepared by students of GCU. The basic intention was to encourage students to recreate the art pieces by utilizing our own resources.	A great number of students registered for the trip but we were only able to accommodate 60 students because of limited seating capacity. The students enjoyed the Pakistani student-made movie and also were amazed to witness theme-based Halls and stalls. Students were amazed and motivated to experience the creativity and hard work of fellow students of GCU Lahore.
9.	5th December 2022	Reader's Guild session: "Exploring the little worlds in little women"	The intent of this session was to discuss a Novel <i>Exploring the little worlds in little women</i> by engaging the students with discussion on themes like feminism.	Almost 60 students participated in this session and everyone enjoyed the fruitful discussion on novel and theme of feminism.
10.	13th- 19th December, 2022	Book Donation Drive for Flood Affected Areas	The intend of this activity was to contribute in the community service by utilizing our domain where we wished to collect academic and non-academic books for the educational institutes of Flood affected areas.	The response we received from all student body was overwhelming as we collected 1500+ books at our both stalls over a period of 5 days. Respected Rector and faculty members also doated books. Further books reached their new homes through the <i>Ilm Daan</i> (an organization working for development of Libraries)
11.	12th December, 2022	Writer's guild writing activity "If pages could talk"	The intention of the activity was cover an extra mile and dig out the creative writing abilities of the students by offering them a platform to write.	The activity was held in Library and 20 students participated in it and some students wrote down some great pieces of creative writing.
12.	9th January 2023	Volunteer drive for FLF & LLF	The main purpose of this activity was to induct highly passionate students to volunteer in LLF and also for our own mega event FLF 23'.	Almost 200 students attended the interviews everyone showed a great amount of passion and devotion to Volunteer for both mega-events.

13.	16th January 2023	Reader's Guild session: " <i>Book Swap</i> "	The intention was to bring together book lover community by creating a sense of sharing thoughts and ideas by sharing favorite books with your peers.	The activity was held in ground so that a friendly discussion could start and students could swap their favorite books. 15-20 students participated and they exchanged their favorite books and this activity created a friendly interaction among the students.
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Publications

Prof. Dr. Fatima Syeda

Book Chapter

- Syeda, Fatima. "The Construction & Dissolution of the Masculine Self: Rereading the Unspeakable Trauma in Sorraya Khan's Noor". *Narratives of Trauma in South Asian Literature*, edited by Goutam Karmakar and Zeenat Khan, Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group, 2023, pp. 81-91. DOI: 10.4324/9781003353539-9

HEC Recognized Journals

- Syeda, Fatima, and Khurshid Alam. "Swaang - A Theatrical-Cultural Form in Punjab: A Study of Socio-Religious Politics in *Black is My Robe* by Shahid Nadeem." *Ancient Punjab*, vol. 10, 2022, 122-129.
<http://pu.edu.pk/home/journal/47/Current-Issue.html>
- Zia, Asfa and Fatima Syeda. "The Perversion of Desire and the Institution of Marriage in the Subcontinent: A Re-Reading of Homoeroticism in the *Quilt* by Ismat Chughtai". *Pakistan Journal of Women' Studies: Alam-e-Niswan*, Vol. 29. No. 2, 2022, pp. 59-76.
<https://pakistanwomenstudies.com/index.php/pjws/article/view/133>
- Hanif, Saud and Fatima Syeda. "Conscious Suspension of 'Stranger Danger': Fetishism in *Disgrace* by J. M. Coetzee". *NUML Journal of Critical Inquiry*, Vol. 20, No. 1, Jun 30, 2022, pp. 20-30.
<https://doi.org/10.52015/numljci.v20il.221>

Dr. Nukbah Taj Langah

- 'Language and Literature', *Pakistan Studies: A Book of Readings* edited by Sikandar Hayat, Lahore: Vanguard 2023 (book cover attached)
- Langah, Nukbah Taj and Umrani, Sumera (2022) "Gender, Sexuality and Representation in Pakistani Literature: Qandeel Baloch as a Victim of Honor Killing," *Journal of International Women's Studies*: Vol. 24: Iss. 6, Article 13.
Available at: <https://vc.bridgew.edu/jiws/vol24/iss6/13>

Adeel Khalid

- Ajmal, A, Khalid, A. & Nazir, S. (2022) Classroom Assessment Practices of English Teachers at Secondary School Level in Punjab Pakistan in Pakistan Journal of Social Research ISSN 2710-3129 (P) 2710-3137 (O) Vol. 4, No. 4, December 2022, pp. 820-827 (HEC Recognized - Y Category) URL: <https://pjsr.com.pk/2022/12/22/classroom-assessment-practices-of-english-teachers-at-secondary-school-level-in-punjab-pakistan/>
- Nazir, S. Ajmal, A. & Khalid, A. (2022) Critical Analysis of Zoomorphism Narrative Language Technique: Little Bird Moth's attributes in the characters of "Moth Smoke" by Mohsin Hamid in Global Language Review Vol. VII, No. IV (Fall 2022) pp. 1-10 (HEC Recognized - Y Category) URL: <https://glrjournal.com/article/critical-analysis-of-zoomorphism-narrative-language-technique-little-bird-moths-attributes-in-the-characters-of-moth-smoke-by-mohsin-hamid>

Conferences and Seminars

As Keynote Speaker:

Delivered a Keynote Speech entitled "Pakistani Theatre in English: Linking the Imaginative & the Rational in Social Formations" in the International Conference on Applied Linguistics organized by Department of English Linguistics & Literature at Riphah International University Islamabad, held on 10-12 March, 2023.

Delivered a Keynote Speech entitled "Women, War, & Politics: A Study of Shifting Gender Representations in Literature" in the National Conference "Contemporary Feminist Perspectives" organized by Department of English and Literary Studies, Institute of Liberal Arts, held on 6th January, 2023 at University of Management & Technology, Lahore.





As Session Chairs:

International:

Chaired a session entitled "Gender & Literature A (05-14)" at SAML A (South Atlantic Modern Language Association) International Conference SAML A 94: Change held on 11-13 th November, 2022 sponsored by Florida State University, Florida, USA.

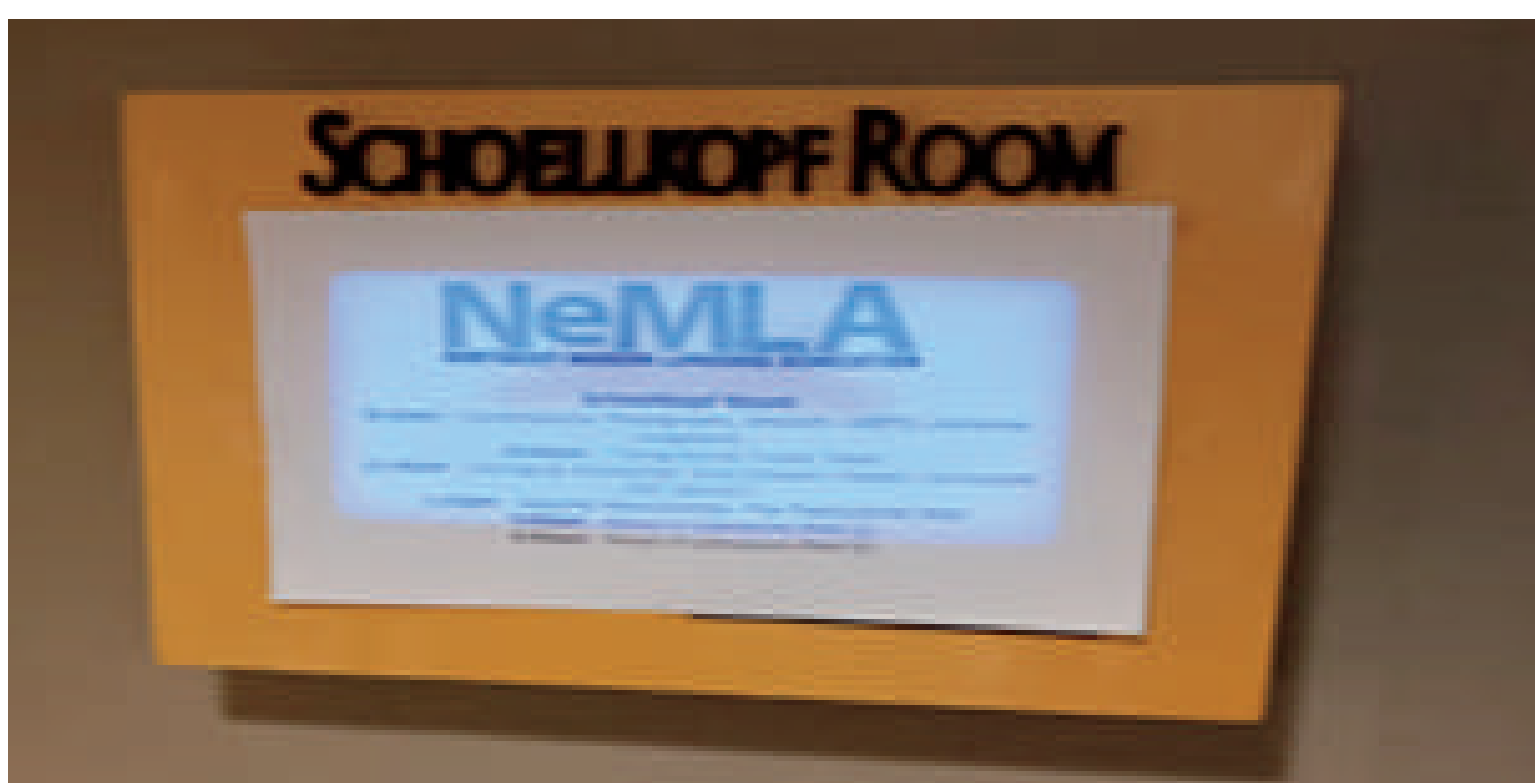
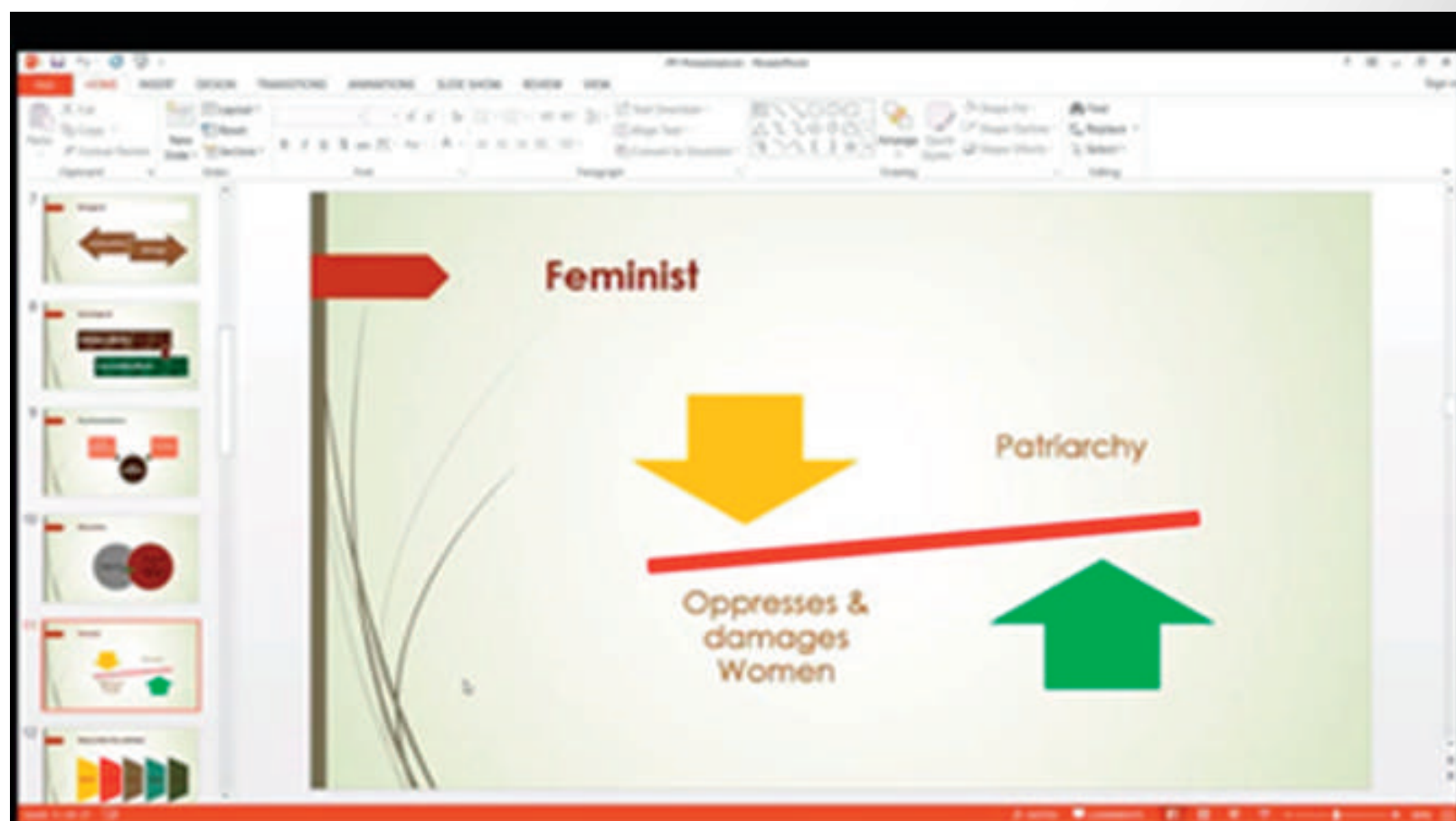
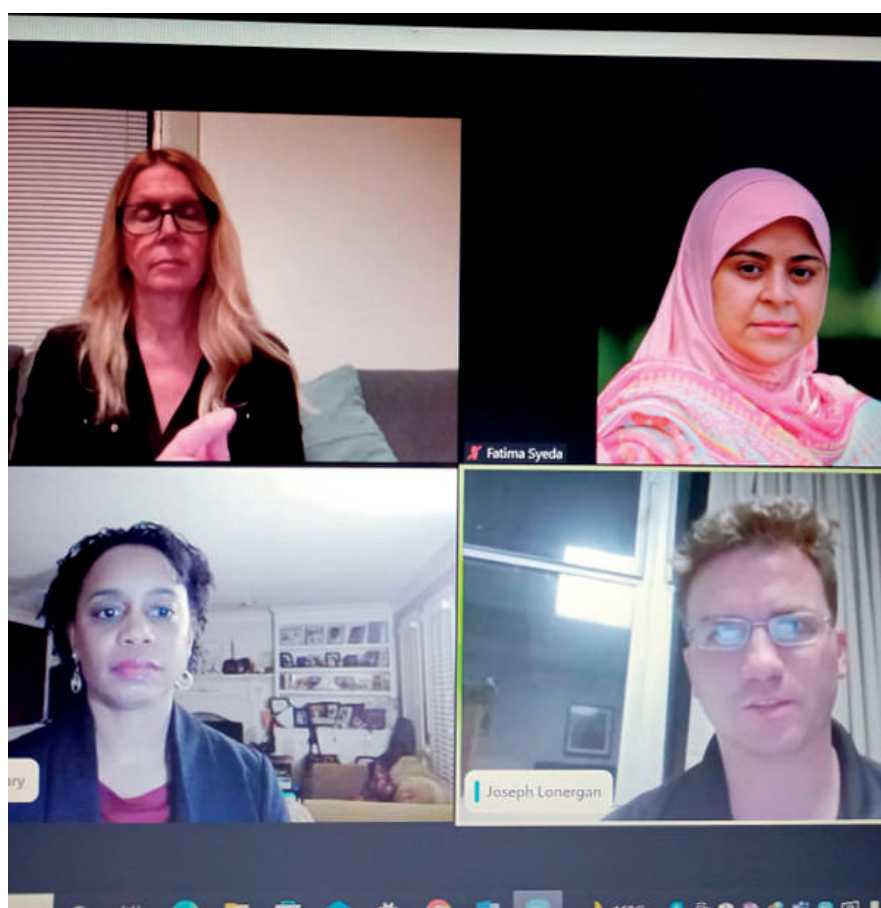
Chaired a session entitled "Resisting Gender Binaries in South Asian Fiction (06-09)" at SAML A (South Atlantic Modern Language Association) International Conference SAML A 94: Change held on 11-13 th November, 2022 sponsored by Florida State University, Florida, USA.

Conference Papers (Presented):

International:

A paper entitled "Stories of Honour, Heroism & Martyrdom: Representation of Women in Partition Narratives" presented at NeMLA: Northeast Modern Language Association, 54 th Annual Convention (RESILIENCE), March 23-26, 2023, Niagara Falls, NY.

A paper entitled "Beyond the Gender Constructs: A Study of Selected Male Characters from Partition Fiction" presented at SAML A: South Atlantic Modern Language Association, as a part of the session entitled "Resisting Gender Binaries in South Asian Fiction (06-09)" at International Conference SAML A 94: Change held on 11-13 th November 2022 sponsored by Florida State University, Florida, USA.



National:

Presented a paper on “Digital Approaches to Literature: Conception, Critique & Analysis” in the 5th Annual Conference on Social Sciences entitled "Contemporary perspectives and practices in Social Sciences, Media Studies, Arts & Design" held on March 7- 8, 2023 at Lahore School of Economics (LSE), Lahore.



Guest of Honour:

Prof. Fatima Syeda was invited as Guest of honour at the Intercollegiate & Varsity English Literature & Linguistics Quiz 2023 held on 9th March, 2023 at Govt. Graduate College Township, Lahore.





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Dr. Nukbah Taj Langah

- Nukbah Taj Langah in Conversation with Dr. Arfa Syeda Zahra, “Literature and History as Reflections of Life” organized by Ewing Literary Society on 7 November 2022 ((Forman Christian College University, Lahore, Pakistan)
- Nukbah Taj Langah and Dr. Tahir Kamran at “Meraki 2022”, A Retrospective: The Social Linguistic development of language in Pakistan organized by Forman Education Society (Forman Christian College University, Lahore, Pakistan) on 5-6 December 2022.
- 'Literature and History as Reflections of Life': A Conversation with Dr. Arfa Syeda Zahra (Date:07November2023)

Conference Presentations

- Search for Identity and Diasporic Resistance in Buddha of Suburbia by Hanif Kureishi' - online paper presentation for 'Refugee, Resistance, and Recognition: Global Literary Representations in [Post] post-colonial Perspectives' on 24th-25th January at Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh
- 'Post 9/11 and Pakistani Writing in English', Ewing Literary Society (24 Oct 2022)
- 'Digitisation, Globalization & Siraiki Folk Literature' at Gurmani Center, LUMS (8th February 2023)

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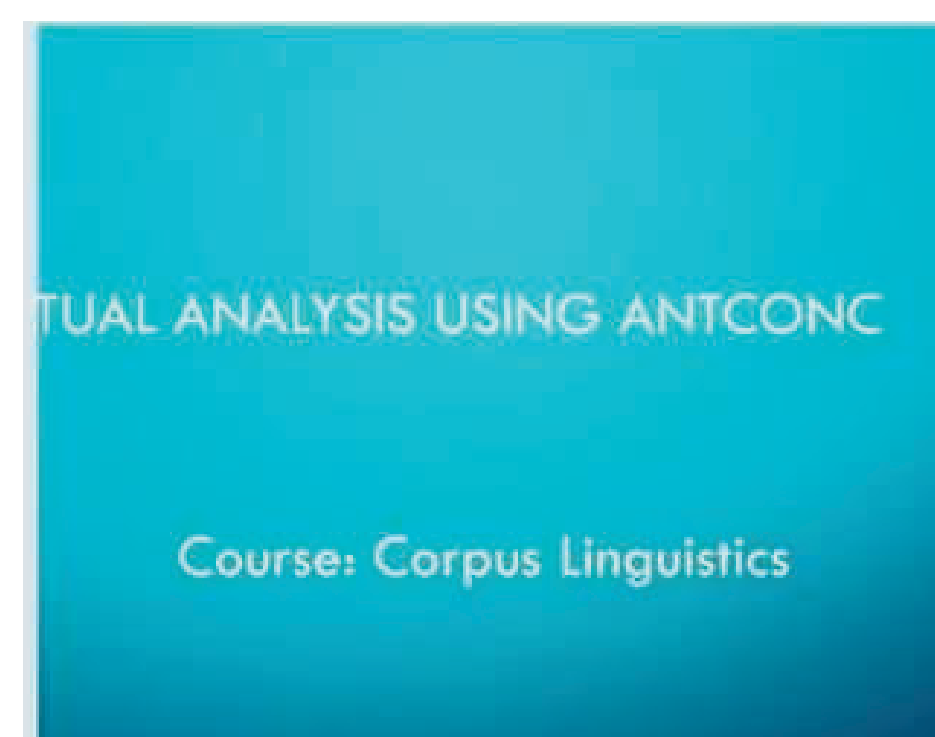
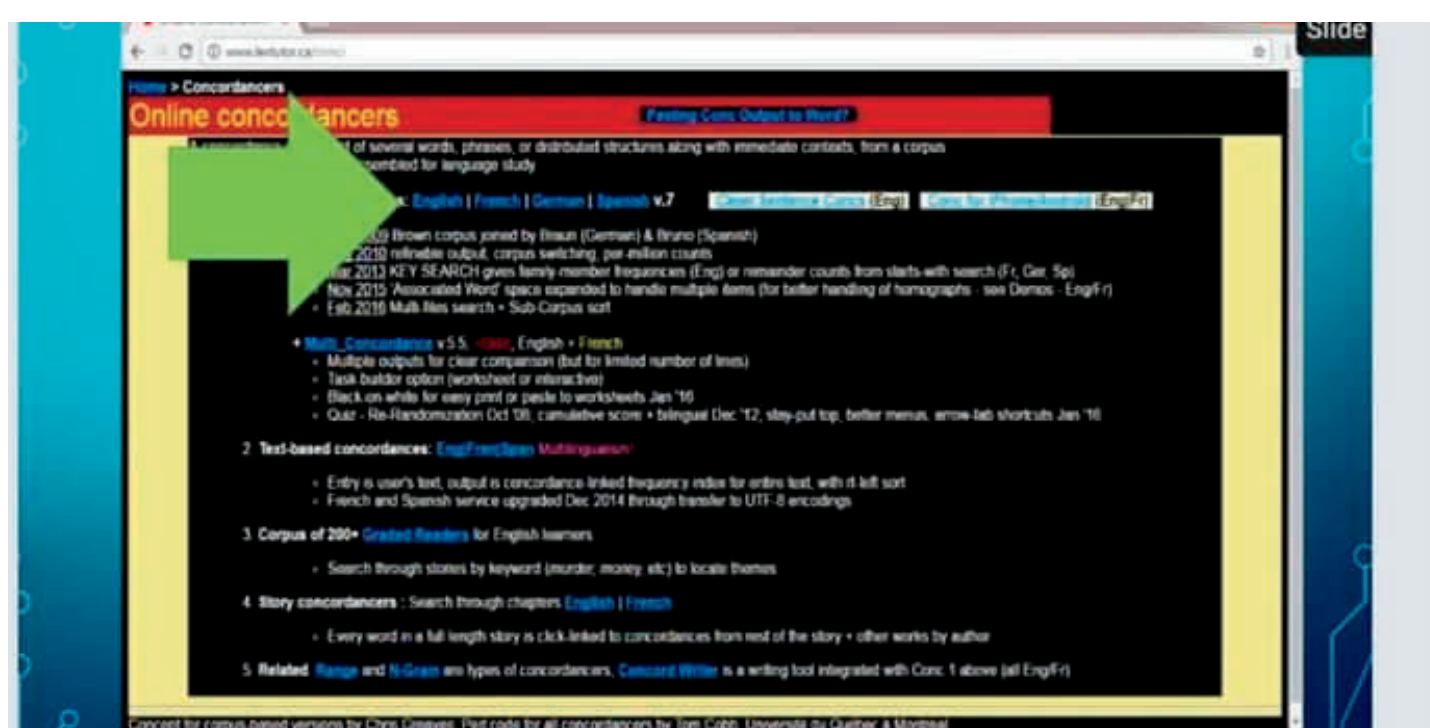
- Khalid, Adeel. "Gendered Discourse in Pakistani Newspaper Blogs" presented at the 2nd International Conference at Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) Oct 2022.

Ms. Maheen Zia :

- Ms. Maheen Zia was invited as a mentor and Adjudicator at Aitchison Collage's Annual English Language and Literature Festival 2022 for the Interpretive Reading competition.



- Ms. Maheen Zia represented FCCU in Session II of Computer-Assisted Textual Analysis with Voyant tools, Antconc, CLiC - hands-on training organised by Najla Jarkas (Mellon Fellow or the Digital Liberal fArts Programs-AMICAL consortium)Ms. Zia talked about her experience of incorporating Compleat Lextutor and AntConc tools in her classes and also introduce to and guided the attendees on using the former tools.



Other Activities

Ms. Maheen Zia

- Ms. Maheen Zia wrote a feature on the kid-targeted version of YouTube, titled "Raised by YouTube" which appeared in The Dawn Newspaper.



Mr. Adeel Khalid

- *Global Course Connection Fall 2022 - FCCU - Department of English & American College of Greece (Deree). Mr. Adeel Khalid serving as a lecturer in the Writing and Communication Program, Department of English, connected the course and co-taught the Writing and Communication WRCM-102 course in Fall 2022 in collaboration with Dr. Gina K. Kostoulas, DCM, Doctor of Coaching and Mentoring, Assistant Professor, English & Modern Languages Department, School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Dree _ The American College of Greece under Global Course Connections, The Great Lake Colleges Association (GLCA), USA.*
- The Writing and Communication Class at Forman successfully completed their Global Course Connection with American College of Greece on December 14, 2022.
- The students engaged with research using authentic academic sources and gained first-hand experience of global trends in research and data handling.
- They successfully analyzed, reported, and presented the history and status quo of current controversies in global contexts and suggested possible solutions to existing issues around them while relating their projects with the theme of their module.



August 2022

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'Differentiated Instruction in ESL/EFL Classes' by the Regional English Language
Office (RELO), Islamabad, Aug 2022.

Department of Mass Communication

Department Activities

Workshops and Trainings Organized

1. **Five-day Masterclass on Fact Checking:** Countering Fake News in Modern Media For Supporting Democracies, organized by the Faculty of Humanities in collaboration with US Mission Pakistan and Pakistan-US Alumni Network.

Link for the photos of the masterclass:

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2. **Three-day Peace Journalism Workshop** on Surviving the Social Media Onslaught: Mainstream Journalism, Peace, and Democracy in the Transitional Societies, organized by the faculty of humanities in collaboration with JMIC and OsloMet. The Faculty of Humanities, Forman Christian College University (FCCU), in collaboration with the Department of Journalism and Media Studies (JMIC), Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet) Norway, hosted a three-day workshop on “Peace Journalism” on the topic of “Surviving the social media onslaught: Mainstream journalism, peace, and democracy in the transitional societies.”

The event included academics, students, and expert journalists, plus representatives from over 40 top-tier national and international universities attended the workshop. Anne Hege Simonsen, the head of the department of journalism and media studies at Oslomet, Muhammad Feyyaz, Khalid Khattak,

multimedia journalist and Founder at Data Stories, and many other notable personalities attended the workshop. The presenters discussed major differences between mainstream media and social media, trying to find various channels to tackle the unethical aspects of news dissemination via media, and how to promote peaceful journalism via these platforms. Dr, Altaf Ullah Khan, Dean of Humanities at FCCU and organizer of the event,



inaugurated the workshop addressing the ethics and practices of mainstream and social media happening in the world right now. He added, "You have to use the social media platform instead of being used by it". The importance of language was further elaborated by Dr. Firasat Jabeen where she highlighted the juxtaposition Urdu-English Press. Furthermore, the first day ended with a statistical briefing by Khalid Khattak on how to balance technology with social media advancements.



The second day opened up with a captivating Q/A session between the Dean of Humanities, Dr, Altaf Ullah Khan and renowned anchor Rifatullah Khan where they shed light on the topic of "Reporting in Crisis Regions: Experiences as a Journalist".

Discussing his life experiences, Rifatullah Khan addressed numerous factors that journalists face while reporting in conflict zones. While explaining his journey in conflict reporting; he addressed the growing differences between the tribal and foreign journalists along with their organizations and the vice-versa outcomes.

An interactive session was held by Prof. Anne Hege Simonsen, from Oslo University, in which she grouped the participants and held an interactive session on how to identify the true meanings behind images on media platforms.

Moreover, Dr. Savera Mujib Shami talked about the main aspects of social capital and how 'trust' plays an important factor under this discipline. While talking about social capital and social media, she stated multiple factors leading towards a polarized society and how interaction is an essential element in building stronger bonds and tolerance levels. The topic of war and its relation with journalism was also brought forward by Prof. Elisabeth Eide. The topic uncovered propaganda, and explained about revealing a different side of every story with multiple perspectives.



Furthermore, day 2 was concluded by Dr. Jatin Srivastava where he highlighted the importance of following certain jargons and ethics when it comes to media outlets in order to build and maintain peace in journalism.

The last day of the event followed a theme of technology and dealing with social bullying. Ms. Tahira Tariq; Visiting Faculty at the Greenwich University, Karachi, presented on "Online Harassment and Social Media". With her vast research and literature, the audience engaged very well in the discussion. Her emphasis was mainly on the relevance of raising awareness on online harassment. Then Dr. Adeel Ahmed Amir presented on "Conflict Resolution in the Digital Age". His energizing session focused upon various concepts that come under issues of the digital age, mainly the formation and spread of fake and biased news content.

This session was followed by a tea break, after which an online session was conducted. Ms. Britta Peterson, advisor at Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). Her presentation was focused upon "A New Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere. Habermas and the Challenges of Social Media." Ms. Britta's presentation aimed at the public sphere and the historical aspects of how the mass media has played a role in transformation.

From her vast research on challenges of social media, she highlighted “it is not easy to curtail social media”. After lunch, the last session was conducted by Mr. Shiraz Hasnat, Bureau Chief, HUM News Network, presented on “Social Media is Dominating Mainstream Media in Agenda Setting”.

His presentation mainly discussed various statistics including the bulletin performance of Pakistani media channels within the past year. His argument stated that “Political stability and instability affects the rise and fall in the ratings.”

Following the session, Dr. Altaf appreciated and thanked the presence of each participant for attending the 3-day workshop on Peace and Journalism. Certificates were distributed by Dr. Douglas Trimble, Vice Rector of FCCU.



Link to the workshop newsletter:

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3. **2nd Climate Journalism Education Workshop** organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway in December 2022. The Faculty of Humanities, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), in collaboration with Journalism & Media International Center (JMIC), OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, and the MediaClimate Network hosted a one-day workshop on Climate Journalism Education.

The workshop was held on 13th December 2022, with various academicians, postgraduate students, and journalists joining in from all over Pakistan and abroad. Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan, Dean of Humanities at FCCU inaugurated the workshop and gave a keynote speech in which he stated. "In



the current environment, students need to have basic knowledge of climate change and we plan to make this into a skill set for them by introducing a course climate journalism in journalism institutions in Pakistan."

The workshop was moderated by Mr. Syed M. Saqib Saleem, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication, FCCU. The workshop recommended best practices along with sharing the course documents developed by different universities in Pakistan. International experts also shared their expertise which



gave a fair understanding of the global reach of the syllabi for climate journalism.

Dr. Firasat Jabeen, Chairperson Department of Mass Communication and Assistant Professor, FCCU and Prof. Elizabeth Eide, JMIC and Co-Director Media Climate Network and Professor of Journalism gave an introduction to the workshop and

welcomed all the speakers and participants. They both highlighted how climate journalism education in Pakistan is the need of the hour considering the major climate crisis situation in Pakistan.

The first speaker of the workshop was Ms. Farahnaz Zahidi Moazzam, the Pakistani Editor at The Third Pole. She called Environmental Journalism the next big thing in Pakistan. She said that The Third Pole specializes in doing value addition stories in climate journalism for a better understanding of an ordinary reader.

Ms Farahnaz was followed by Prof. Andreas Ytterstad, Professor at the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, OsloMet. He shared that while science journalism sets the base for climate change reporting, we also need to report on societal changes and how it is being affected by climate change. He was of the view that "Climate change is really just global warming which is causing havoc all over the world. The word climate change has been politicized." After his speech, he gave the floor to Mr. Mofizur Rahman, Professor University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a member of the Media Climate Network. Mr. Mofizur Rahman highlighted the need for climate journalism education all over the world and shared the course outline of the course on climate journalism that he is teaching.

Mr. Daud Khan, an award-winning multimedia journalist based in KPK, Pakistan, and a member of the Oxford Climate Journalism Network gave a presentation on visualizing climate change. He shared some tools and resources that could be used while doing climate coverage which included Digital Observatory for Protected Areas (DOPA), Global Forest Watch, and SkyTruth Flaring Map. The last speaker of the day was Mr. Syed M. Saqib Saleem, Assistant Professor Department of Mass Communication. He shared alternate learning pathways for



climate journalism in Pakistan and ideas for course content in Pakistan. He said, "For improving the quality of climate news coverage, journalism students need to be trained in the universities and be motivated for climate action."

Finally, a group activity was done where participants brainstormed student learning objectives and course activities and presented their ideas on teaching climate journalism. The workshop concluded with some final remarks by Dr. Elisabeth Eide. Dr. Jonathan S. Addleton, Rector, FCCU, was also present at the occasion and gave his concluding speech.

After that, certificates were distributed among the participants. Overall, the training was informative and valuable for participants and encouraged them to become changemakers within their institutions and support the efforts to introduce climate journalism education courses for journalism students in Pakistan.

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4. Science Journalism Workshop

The Faculty of Humanities and Kauser Abdullah Malik School of Life Science, Forman Christian College University (FCCU) in collaboration with the Pakistan Academy of Science (PAS) has organized a two-day workshop on Science Journalism. The inaugural session of the workshop



was held at FCCU on Wednesday. Prof Dr Shahid Munir, Chairperson of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Rector FCCU, Dr Jonathan S Addleton, Dean of Humanities, Dr Altaf Ullah Khan, Director ORIC and Dean Postgraduate Studies, Dr Kauser A Malik, and Secretary General of Pakistan Academy of Sciences Dr Tawasar Hayat gave welcome remarks.

The workshop is aimed at bridging the gap between science and journalism through capacity building of scientists, educators and journalists. International experts Dr Mahaletchumy Arujanan and Mr Ehsan Masood conducted interactive sessions on the first day. Dr Mahaletchumy Arujanan is a Global Coordinator of International Service for the Acquisition of Agribiotech Applications and Executive Director Malaysian Biotechnology Information Centre (MABIC) Malaysia. Mr Ehsan Masood is the Bureau Chief: Editorial, Africa and the Middle East at Nature magazine, London, UK. Eminent national speakers and academicians also conducted sessions on different aspects of Science Journalism.

Dr Manzoor Soomro, Advisor & Immediate Past President Economic Cooperation Organization Science, Dr Zabta Khan Shinwari, Professor Emeritus-QAU and UNESCO Laureate, Dr Savera Mujib Shami, Chairperson, Department of Digital Media, SCS PU, Dr Ayesha Ashfaq, Chairperson, Department of Development Communication, SCS PU, and Mr Syed Muhammad Abu Bakar, Communication Specialist at International Water Management Institute, Pakistan (IWMI) presented on different topics. Dr Savera Shami talked about the fundamentals of creating good science stories while Dr Ayesha Ashfaq shared details about her ongoing research that is aimed at bridging the gap between scientists and journalists.



Link for the photos of the workshop: Day 1:

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Link for the photos of the workshop: Day 2:

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5. **Book Chapter 70 Years of Freedom of Expression in Pakistan:** An Intercultural Analysis of. Press/Media in Time and Social Processes: In: Transcultural Humanities in South Asia: Critical Essays on Literature and Culture. (Ed. Waseem Anwar.), Routledge, 2022.
6. **Keynote speech at 1st International Media & Communication Conference on Two Hundred Years of Urdu Journalism:** A Journey of Opportunities and Challenges at University of Management & Technology (UMT), Lahore, November 23-25, 2022.
7. **Invitation & Speech session with the Pakistani Community in Oslo** on Freedom of Expression & Problems Faced by Journalists in Pakistan organized by Pakistan Family Network, Oslo, (November 6, 6 to 9 pm)
8. **Participation in One-Day workshop on Freedom of Speech and Expression, Migration;** Social Media at Christiana University College, Oslo, Norway, November 3. 2022.
9. **Paper presentation at 8th International Conference on Safety of Journalists, Solidarity;** Self Reliance for Improved Safety of Journalists at Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet) Norway (November 1-2). Paper title: Journalism in Internet Dominated Pakistan
10. **Speech at the Plenary session of AMCAP International Conference on Health and Wellbeing.** In the (post) Pandemic World: Roles and Responsibilities of Media & Communication at University of Okara (February 2. 2022). Plenary session Theme Lessons Learned: The Effects of Media on Public Behavior: What was More Difficult to Deal With, (mis/dis) Information or the Virus?
11. **Speech at the Plenary session of AMCAP** - PU International Media Conference February 08-09, 2023.

12. **Dr. Firasat Jabeen** assumed the role of Chairperson for the department of Mass Communication in October 2022. Dr. Firasat is a Fulbright scholar, and currently, she is working on a research project (as Principal Investigator) funded by Higher Education Commission (HEC)'s flagship grant named National Research Program for Universities (NRPU). Dr. Saleem Abbas and Mr. Saqib Saleem from Mass Communication are also among the collaborators.



13. The Department of Mass Communication recently organized an interactive session on **"Multimodal Projects in Communication and Media Studies: Creation, Exhibition, and Publication."** The resource person for this session was Dr. Nico Carpentier, who is a professor of Communication and Journalism Studies at Charles University in Prague. Dr. Carpentier is also the president of International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR).



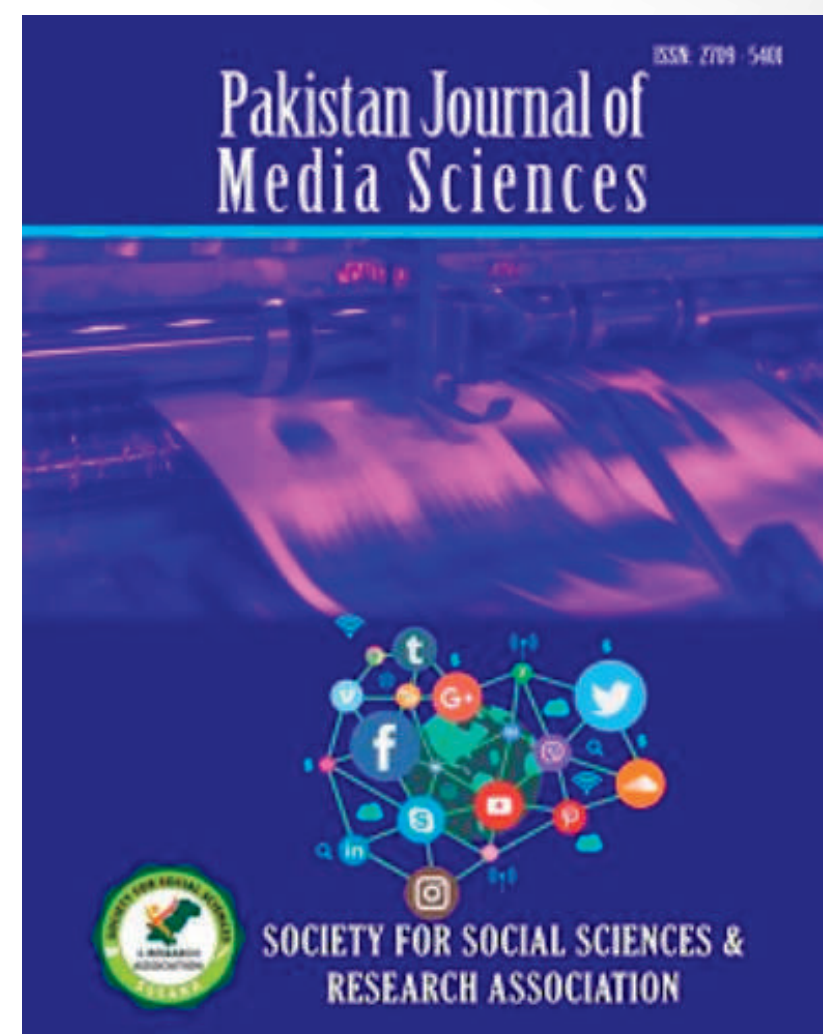
14. Students of MCOM 301: Media Systems organized a guest lecture of an independent journalist and winner of the RTI Champion award, Ms. Saddia Mazhar, on the **"Use of RTI Act by Journalists."** It was an interactive session where students were given guidelines for the proper attainment of information for their stories.

Publications

Dr. Firasat Jabeen

She has recently published a research article in the Pakistan Journal of Media Sciences. The title of her essay is "Pandemic Versus Infodemic," where she studied how different mainstream newspapers in Pakistan were spreading misinformation and disinformation related to the COVID-19 pandemic. To find more detail on this paper, please see this link:

<https://media-sciences.com/index.php/pjms/article/view/140>



Dr. Anam Muzamill

Dr. Anam Muzamill published a multi-disciplinary protocol paper in public health in collaboration with Dr. Sara Rizvi Jafree, Assistant Professor and Chairperson, Department of Sociology, FCC, Ms. Nadia Bukhari, School of Pharmacy, UCL, London, UK, and Chief Pharmacist at DoctHers, Ms. Syeda Khadija Burhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, FCC and Dr. Florian Fischer, Professor, Institute of Public Health, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany.



The study is titled "Impact of a digital health literacy intervention and risk predictors for multimorbidity among poor women of reproductive years: Results of a randomized-controlled trial " published in Digital Health, Sage Publications. The project was funded by doctHERS, in partnership with the University of Health Sciences (UHS), the Punjab Population Innovation Fund (PPIF), Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WCCI) & Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN); under their joint agreement to provide Maternal, Child Health & Family Planning Services via telemedicine to underprivileged women of Pakistan.

Conferences and Seminars

Dr. Saleem Abbas

Dr. Saleem Abbas, Associate Professor, Department of Mass Communication, participated in the Association for Media and Communication Academics and Professionals (AMCAP)'s International Media Conference 2023 as a discussant. The theme of the session was 'Development Communication,' which was held on February 8 & 9, 2023.



Dr. Saleem Abbas moderated a working group session on February 9, 2023, during the AMCAP International Media Conference. The session's theme was 'Teaching Pedagogies used in the Media Classrooms'; it involved 18 media academicians from various schools and departments across Pakistan, as well as two international professors from Russia and the Czech Republic. Together, they shared their experiences and insights on the topic."



Dr. Saleem Abbas, together with Jamshed Zaman, has published a research paper entitled "Twitter: A Spine in Pakistani Political Turmoil," which examines the growing influence of Twitter and its widespread use among the public in shaping the decisions, actions, and responses of ordinary citizens to political instability. The paper highlights how Twitter has replaced traditional media in shaping the narrative of the nation, particularly during the no-confidence vote against former

Prime Minister Imran Khan, with the hashtag #ImportedGovernmentNaManzoor trending as the most popular hashtag in history. The paper has been published in the Pakistan Journal of International Affairs.

(<http://pjia.com.pk/index.php/pjia/article/view/543>)

Dr. Anam Muzamill

Dr. Anam Muzamill delivered a talk on “The theory behind the action: freedom vs control, the normative frames of a social media dominated reality” in Fact-checking Masterclass organized between August 29-September 02 by Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) and US Mission Pakistan on partnership with the Pakistan-U.S. Alumni Network (PUAN)





Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor -Department of Mass Communication, attended a 3-day peace journalism workshop on Surviving the Social Media Onslaught: Mainstream Journalism, Peace, and Democracy in the Transitional Societies, organized by the faculty of humanities in collaboration with JMJC and OsloMet.

Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor -Department of Mass Communication, presented as a speaker at the 4th Cairo Media Conference held at American University in Cairo on the topic of climate crisis.



Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor of Department of Mass Communication, presented as a panelist in a panel discussion at the Masterclass on Fact Checking: Countering Fake News in Modern Media for Supporting Democracies organized by the Faculty of Humanities, US Mission Pakistan and Pakistan-US Alumni Network 2022.



Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor – Department of Mass Communication, presented at the 2nd Climate Journalism Workshop organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway in December 2022. Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor –Department of Mass Communication, conducted a workshop on Climate Journalism Education for university teachers held at the American University in Cairo, Egypt.



Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor –Department of Mass Communication, arranged an interactive session with the Director of the film, KAMLI, Sarmad Khoosat, under the banner of Forman Dramatics Club.





Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor Department of Mass Communication, moderated a session on Development Communication at the AMCAP - PU International Media Conference 2023, held on February 08-09, 2023.

Ms. Mehwish Batool

Department of Mass Communication, participated in the working group titled "Learning from Pedagogies: Practices and Possibilities in Media Education" during AMCAP-PU International Media Conference 2023. Delegation of FCCU students



participated at the 9th Annual National Privacy Conference under the supervision of The conference was organized by Digital Rights Foundation on 19th November, 2022 in Lahore. The delegation involved student representatives from Forman Journalism Society and Forman Debating Society.

Forman Journalism Society organized a guest lecture of renowned anchorpersons, Salman Haider and Hina Niazi on "How to become an anchorperson?" It was an interactive session where the guests shared their views about the media industry with students. The talk was also attended by Faculty members of Department of Mass Communication.





Forman Journalism Society organized an intra-university competition “DigiTalent” on 19th December, 2022. The event included screening of short films, documentaries, vlogs and an interactive session with the team of Festival De Cannes nominated movie Kalashnikov.

Ms. Shamail Zehra, Lecturer – Department of Mass Communication, attended 4th AMCAP Doctoral Spring School as participant, held in Beaconhouse National University (BNU) from 11th till 19th of February, 2023. Dr. Nico Carpentier, President of IAMCR, was one of the core instructors of the spring school.



Other Activities

Dr. Anam Muzamil

Dr. Anam Muzamil assumed a new role as Head of Forman's Academic Advising Centre (AAC) in May 2022. As AAC Head, she is working towards strengthening the academic advising and student success at FCCU.



Adeel Ahmad Aamir

Adeel Ahmad Aamir, Assistant Professor Department of Mass Communication, has recently completed his Ph.D. in Media and Mass Communication Studies from the University of Central Punjab. The topic of his doctoral dissertation was "Students' Predisposition from Social Media Cognitive Model on Bandwagon Narcissism and Stress."



Syed Muhammad Saqib

Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor -Department of Mass Communication, organized a photo walk for students for helping them learn and experience outdoor shoot dynamics. The photo walk was organized specifically for the students enrolled in the course, Media Lab, for providing them hands on experience and a chance to learn in a more informal setting.



Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor Department of Mass (Conferences and seminars) Communication, attended a 5-day Masterclass on Fact Checking: Countering Fake News in Modern Media for Supporting Democracies, organized by the Faculty of Humanities in collaboration with US Mission Pakistan and Pakistan-US Alumni Network. Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor - Department of Mass Communication, attended a 3-day peace journalism workshop on Surviving the Social Media Onslaught: Mainstream Journalism, Peace, and Democracy in the Transitional Societies, organized by the faculty of humanities in collaboration with JMIC and OsloMet.

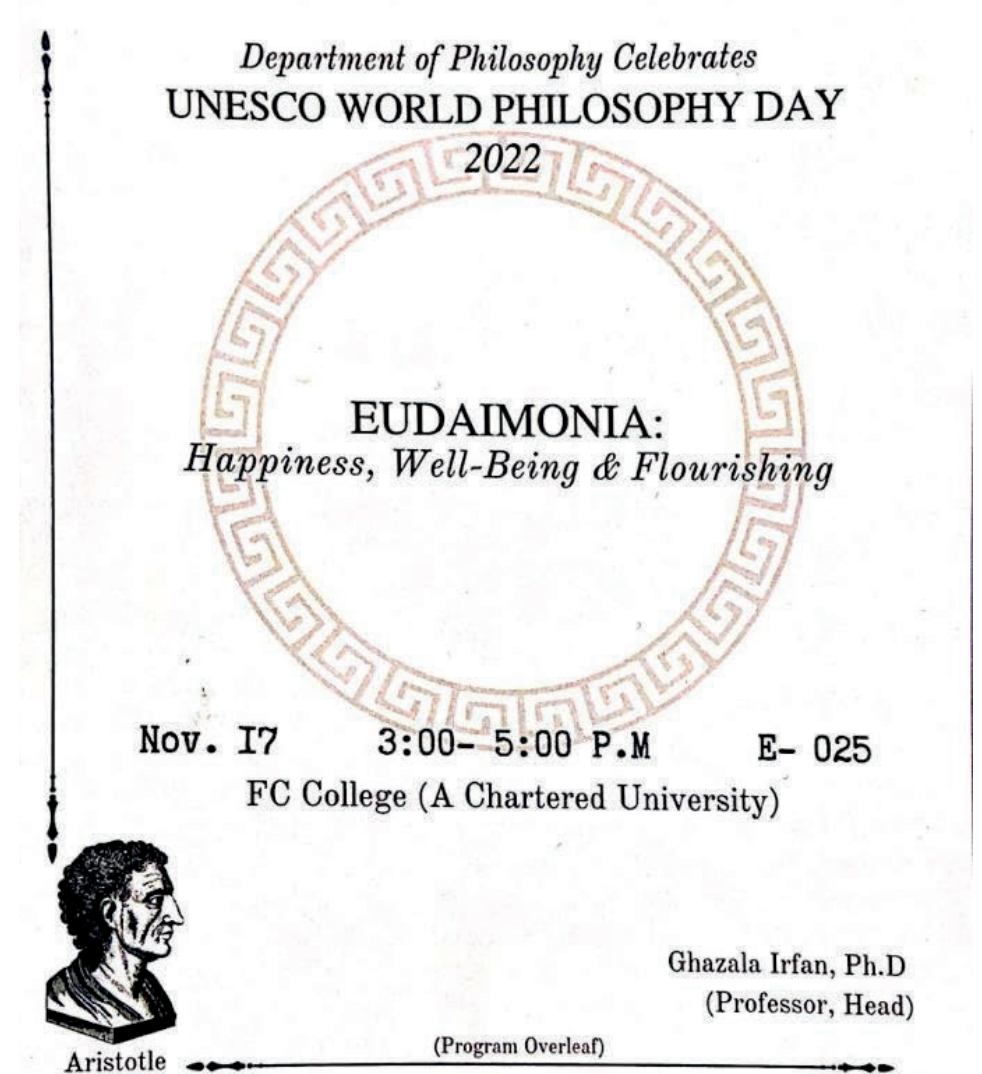
Department of Philosophy

Department Activities

November 17, 2022

Eudaimonia: Happiness, Well-being & Flourishing

The Department of Philosophy celebrated UNESCO World Philosophy Day on November 17, 2022, with an event titled “EUDAIMONIA: Happiness, Well-Being & Flourishing”. It started with an interactive Q&A session with students which allowed them to express their opinions on what eudaimonia means to them. Speakers from within and outside FC contributed to the discussion and Amina Ali UNESCO National Project Officer Lahore graced the occasion.



Launch of Miller’s Dream - January 16, 2022

The Fall 2022-2023 edition of ‘Miller’s Dream’: Pakistan’s only student-led philosophy journal was launched by The Department of Philosophy on January 16, 2023. Faculty and students from diverse departments attended the launch held in E-038 to listen and observe speakers orating and dilating on their contributions. The event was hosted by Anam Mahmood the editor of the journal.



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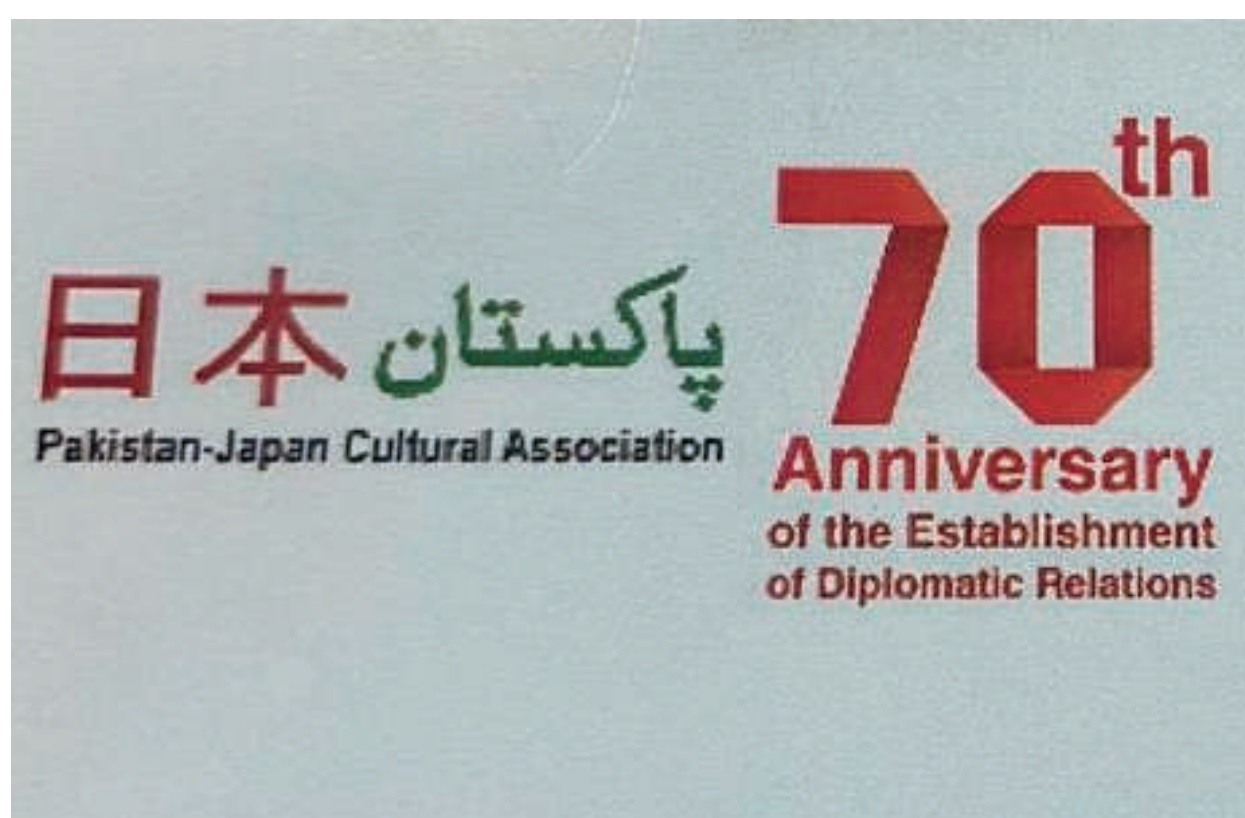
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Sudoku Challenge - 23rd January 2023

As a part of the festivities to celebrate 70 years of friendly relations between Japan and Pakistan since 1952, the Department of Philosophy FC College (A Chartered University) and Pakistan Japan Cultural Association Lahore organized a Sudoku Challenge on Monday 23rd January 2023 in E-038. Students and faculty both participated in the challenge making it a fun and healthy competition. Mr. Taimoor Farouk from the Philosophy Department conducted the puzzle. The first three winners were awarded prizes at the end. Professor Uzma Khan HoD Center for Language Development (CLD) and IEAP won the first prize.



Department of Religious Studies

Department Activities

Department of Religious Studies has always been proactive and productive in terms of arranging intra-institutional and collaborative initiatives that promote the culture of learning, professional and personal growth. Tenure of Fall 2022 was no exception.

1. The first event of the year, **“The vision of Islam and the teaching of Islamic Education”** by Prof. Dr. H. Abdul Ghani Sahib (Chairperson) was conducted on September 30, 2022, at 02:00 PM in D-58 at the department.

2. On October 6th, Dr Brannon Ingram was invited by Department to deliver a lecture on the topic **‘Islam and the Category of Religion’**.

3. **“Respect for Diversity through Quran and Bible (Safi Kaskas & Brad Jersak)”** second event of the year a significant virtual talk was held on 18th October, the speakers extensively discussed the measure to improve religious inclusivity and tolerance.

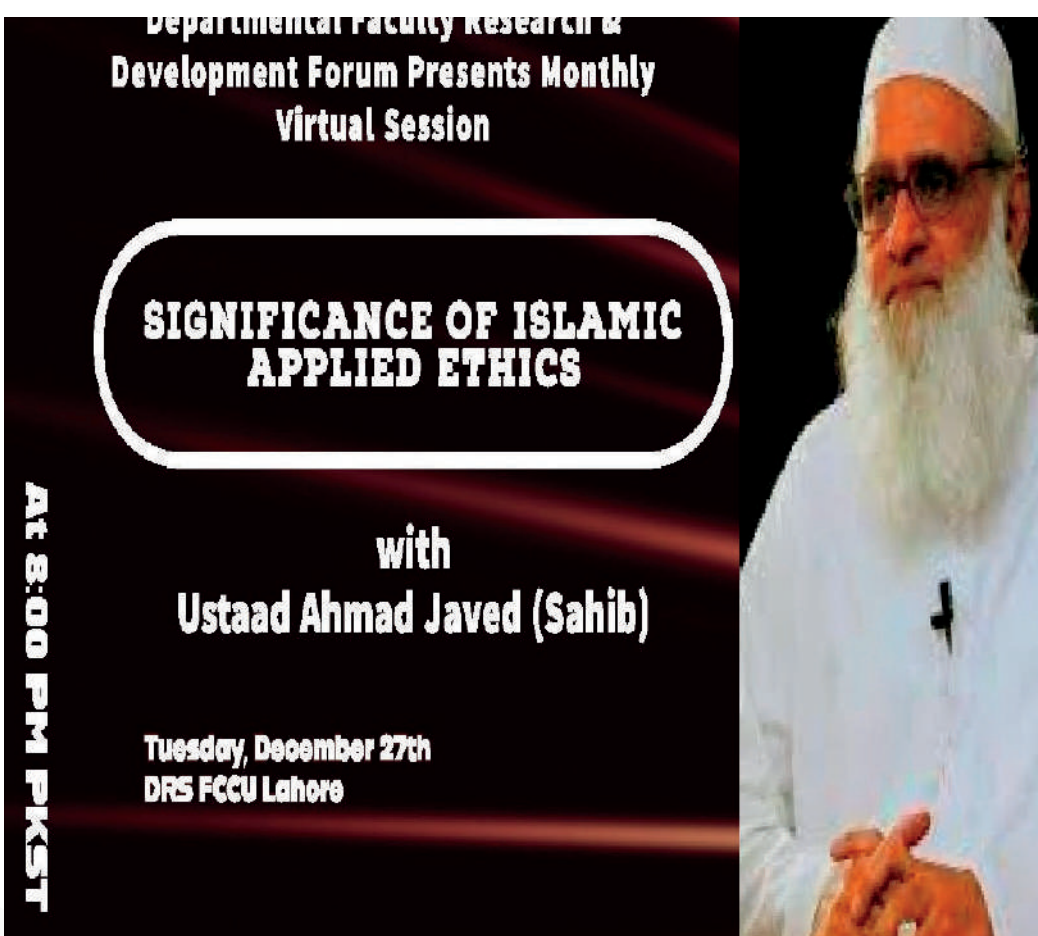
4. **‘Kenneth Cragg and the Challenges of Muslim Christian Engagement’** was delivered by Dr Daniel Borwn which was arranged by DRS. Moderator for the this session was Dr Atiq Ur Rehman.

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5. Department arranged a talk in January 2023 on the subject of ‘Modern Christian Thought in the Middle East and South Asia’ by Dr Michael Nazir Ali. The session was moderated by Dr Robert K. Wetmore. Activities of R & D Forum. The third event was organized on **“Modern Trends in the studies of Hadith Literature and Vision of Islam (Ammar Khan Nasir)”** on November 14, 2022, from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at E block in 136.

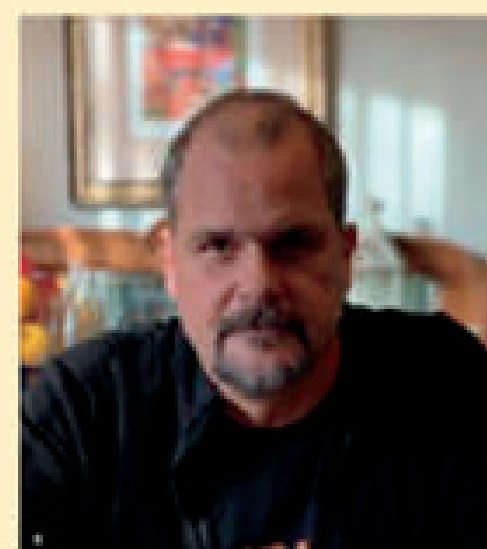
Activities of Forman Islamic Society

Forman Islamic Society is a highly efficient student body striving to help the students learn and grow in terms of their character and moral values. Forman Islamic Society under the advisory of Ms. Zaneera Azam arranged the following intra-institutional events:



Dr. Safi Kaskas

Safi Kaskas is an administrator in the managerial sciences with over 40 years of broad-based experience in strategic planning, leadership and business ethics with an emphasis on strategic management in the corporate and academic worlds. He is a co-founder of East West University, Chicago, IL; and was elected as President of its Board of Directors. In addition to his focus on strategic management science, Dr. Kaskas has studied Abrahamic religions and lectured throughout the US and the Middle East on subjects related to Islam, interfaith and reconciliation between Evangelicals and American Muslims.



Dr. Bradley Jersak

Rev. Dr. Bradley Jersak is the Dean of Theology & Culture at St. Stephen's University, New Brunswick, Canada (SSU.ca) and Professor of Religious Studies with the Institute for Religion, Peace and Justice (IRPJ.org). He is also a monastery preacher at All Saints of North America Orthodox Monastery in Canada.

Forman Islamic Society (FIS) Events:

- FIS arranged a **Declamation Contest on Seerat Un Nabi SAW** to accentuate the message of Prophet SAW and inculcate the concept of religious diversity amongst students.
- FIS arranged a talk on the subject of **'Is life a Game', 'Youth around Prophet Muhammad SAW'**. Raja Zia Ul Haq and Tuaha Ibn Jalil were invited to deliver the talk.
- To assist the flood devastated areas FIS ran a **'Flood Donation Drive'**
- FIS arranged around **Eight Study Circles** on numerous topics, it also collaborated with a Christian life study program to educate students on the subject of religious tolerance and diversity.

Publications

Dr. Hafiz. Abdul Ghani (Associate Professor, Chairperson Department of Religious Studies)

Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani's studious efforts brought along a highly productive academic year, his diverse academic and non-academic achievements for the institutional and departmental growth are proven through his many endeavors.

Dr. Ghani's research article on the subject of **'Importance of Interfaith Dialogue in the Promotion of Social Harmony'** was published in a research journal named JARH.

Dr. Atiq Ur Rehman (Head of the Academic Advisory, Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies)

Dr Atiq attended the conference on "بين المذاهب هم آهنگی اور عصر حاضر کے تقاضے" organized by Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony on Dec. 3, 2022.

He invited Dr Daniel Brown to deliver the Guest Lecture Talk in his course ISLM 304 on the subject of **'Western View of Islam'**.

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Dr. Abid Naeem (Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies)

Dr. Abid has prepared the manuscript of a book related to the 'Quranic Sciences' field.

Dr. Abid published his research paper

سیرت رسول کریم ﷺ کی روشنی میں اخلاقی تربیت کا منہج

Methodology of Ethical Training in the light of Holy Prophet's Sīrah' in the Journal .of Academic Research for Humanities

نہ مصادر میں علامہ ابن حزم کے مناہج کا "الفصل فی الملل والابواء والذحل" کے مصادر اور بیا تجزیاتی مطالعہ

An Analytical Study of the sources of al-Fisal fi al-Milal wa al-Ahwa wa al-Nihal and Methodological Style of Ibn Hazm in Revealing his sources of knowledge, published in the research journal 'Al Manhal'.

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Comparative Study of the Principles and Objectives of Muslim and Western Study of Religions, published in research journal 'Inkishaf'. Dr. Abid has prepared the manuscript of a book related to the '**Quranic Sciences**' field.

Ms. Zaneera Azam Lecturer Department of Religious Studies and Advisor Forman Islamic Society

Ms. Zaneera has recently published (Co-Authored with Dr. H. Abdul Ghani) an article in the research journal JARH titled 'Role of Interfaith Dialogue in the Development of Social Cohesion in Pakistan'

Seminars and Conferences

Dr. Hafiz. Abdul Ghani (Associate Professor, Chairperson Department of Religious Studies)

He served as a Panelist in an International Conference on World Religion arranged by Minhaj Ul Quran University Lahore.

Dr Ghani delivered a talk through the Research and Development forum FCCU on the subject of **The vision of Islam and the teaching of Islamic Education.**

Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani proudly served as a CLT designated trainer in numerous workshops and training sessions held at FCCU, **Developing Teaching Philosophy, writing a Professional Statement, Course Designing Workshop** are to name a few.

Dr. Atiq Ur Rehman (Head of the Academic Advisory, Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies)

Dr Atiq Ur Rehman arranged a seminar on the title '**Islam and the Category of Religion**' the invited guest speaker was Dr Brannon Ingram. The event was very well attended.

Dr Atiq Ur Rehman served as a convener/moderator in a panel discussion arranged on the **Respect For Diversity Through Quran and Bible.**

In the Dr Atiq Ur Rehman delivered multiple advisory sessions on departmental and institutional level.



Dr. Abid Naeem (Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies)

Dr. Abid attended the “Sirah and Teachers” workshop by Tarbiyah Institute, conducted by Dr. Aziz Ur Rehman in November.

Dr. Abid attended professional pieces of training workshop arranged by CLT in December.

An Introduction to Zoroastrianism and Jainism’ was organized by the Centre for Peace and Global Studies, Islamabad, Dr Abid attended this one-day symposium.

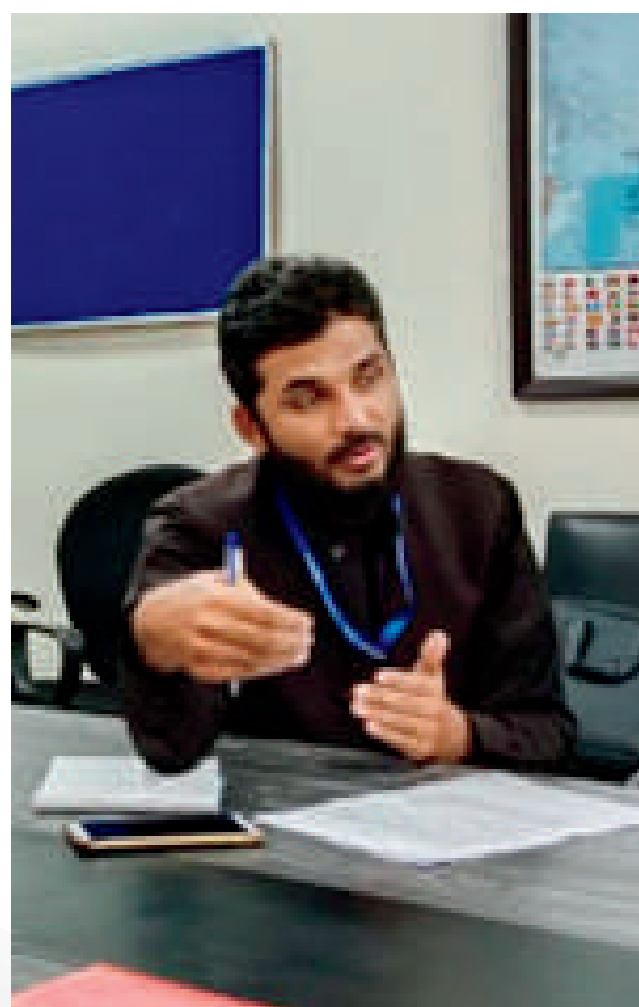
Dr. Nisar Ahmed (Associate Professor Department of Religious Studies, Coordinator R&D Forum)

Dr. Nisar Ahmed’s academic year brought along numerous remarkable feats comprising on:

Dr. Nisar through the Research and Development Forum arranged webinars an in person seminars on topics circling around religion, ethics and morality.

Research and Development Forum: Through R&D forum Dr Nisar organized three major seminars on departmental levels. The seminars were dedicated on following topics

- Religion and Applied Ethics
- The vision of Islam and the teaching of Islamic Education
- Modern Trends in the studies of Hadith Literature and Vision of Islam



Ms. Zaneera Azam

(Lecturer Department of Religious Studies and Advisor Forman Islamic Society)

Ms Zaneera delivered two dedicated talks through the forum of FIS and has chaired eight study circles to spread awareness on numerous youth related topics circling around religion and social issues.

Ms Zaneera delivered three seminars through the forum of FIS on the titles 'Religious Diversity and Youth', 'Islam and Social Etiquettes', 'Positioning Spirituality In the Heart of Islam'



Dr. Abid Naeem

Department welcomes Dr. Abid Naeem's return from his sabbatical leave and looks forward to his energetic contributions on academic and departmental fronts.

Dr. Abid has served as an **Associate Editor** of an HEC-recognized Islamic Studies research journal, Nuqtah, Journal of Theological Studies, and Chief Executive of NuqtahJTS Research Board, Resurgence Academic and Research Institute, Sialkot.

Trainings and Workshops

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Dr. Daniel Lenz (Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies)

Dr. Daniel Lenz's tirelessly worked for the enhancement of academic performance of his students particularly in the discipline of Biblical Hebrew Language, his notable achievements include:

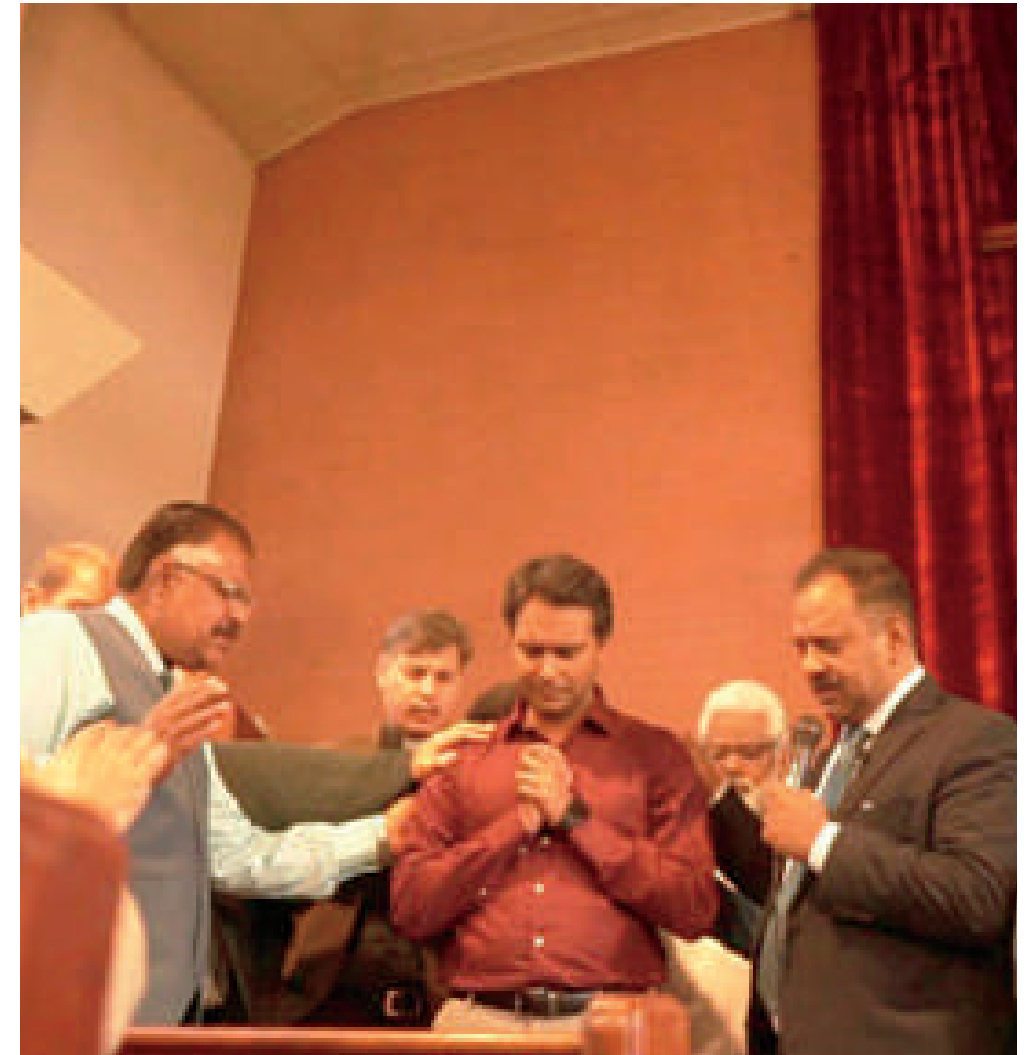
Under the Christian Studies Department students were awarded certificates in Biblical Language courses. Dr. Daniel partook in the distribution of Biblical Language (Greek/Hebrew) Certificates. Distribution of Certificates for the Biblical Language Programs (Greek/Hebrew). The event was arranged at Presbyterian Church building, F. C. College. Dr. Jonathon Addleton was invited as Chief Guest to show his acknowledgment and appreciation for the students and contributive faculty. Dr. Robert K. Wetmore from Christian Studies was in the presence as well.



Dr. Keneth Parvaiz (Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies)

Department of Religious Studies congratulates Dr. Keneth for his official ordination officially as 'Associate Pastor' at International Christian Fellowship Church (ICF church) on-campus.

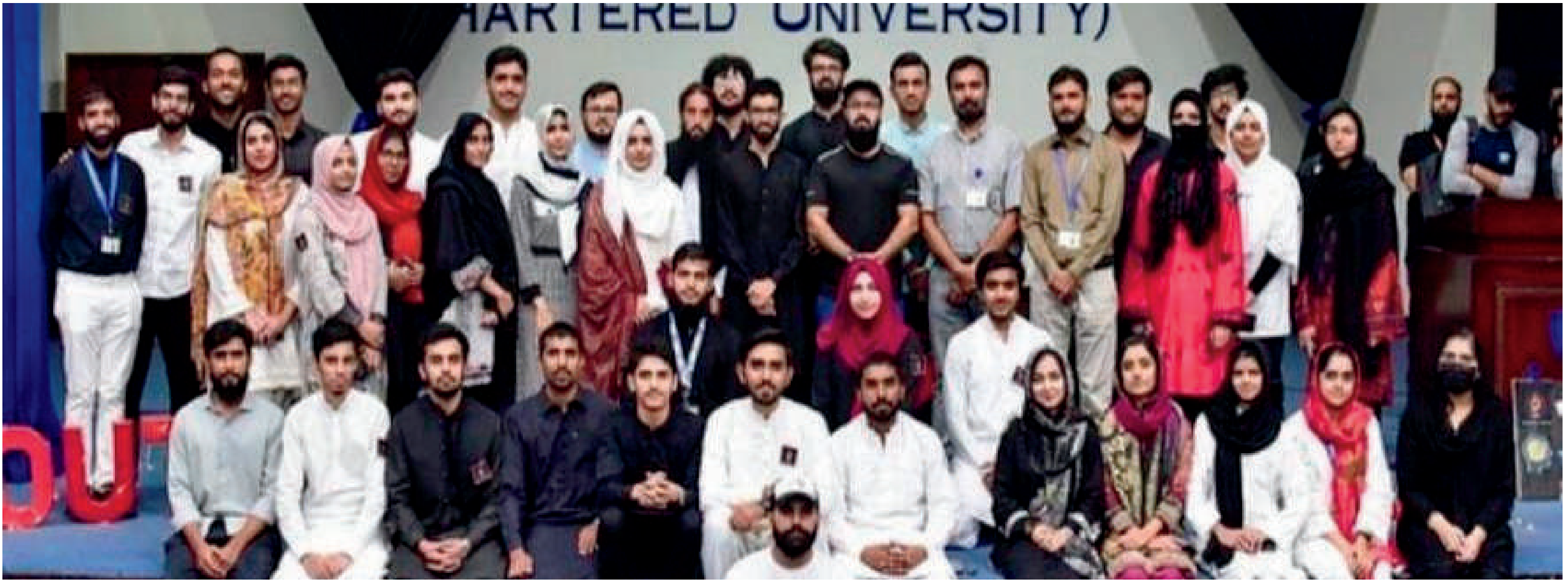
Dr. Keneth was invited by FIS to deliver a talk on the subject of Religious Diversity in Pakistan at FCCU.



Dr. Hafiz Saeed Ahmed (Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies)

Dr. Saeed arranged a Qirat competition. On the 17th and 24th of January to encourage learning about the Quranic phonology among university students.





Other Activities

Dr. Keneth Parvaiz

Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies

Dr. Keneth got a membership of “The International Network for Christian Higher Education (INCHE)”.

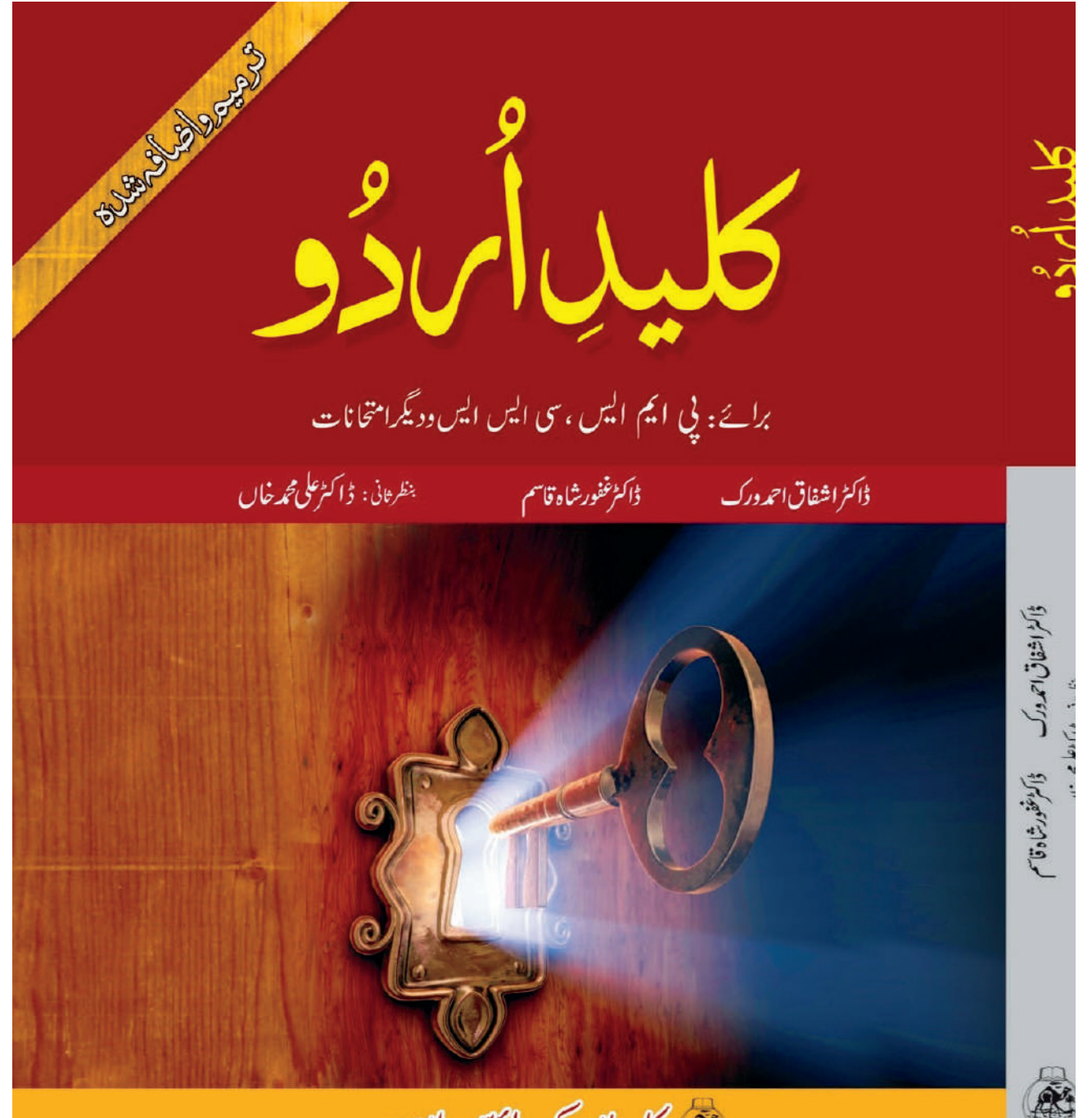
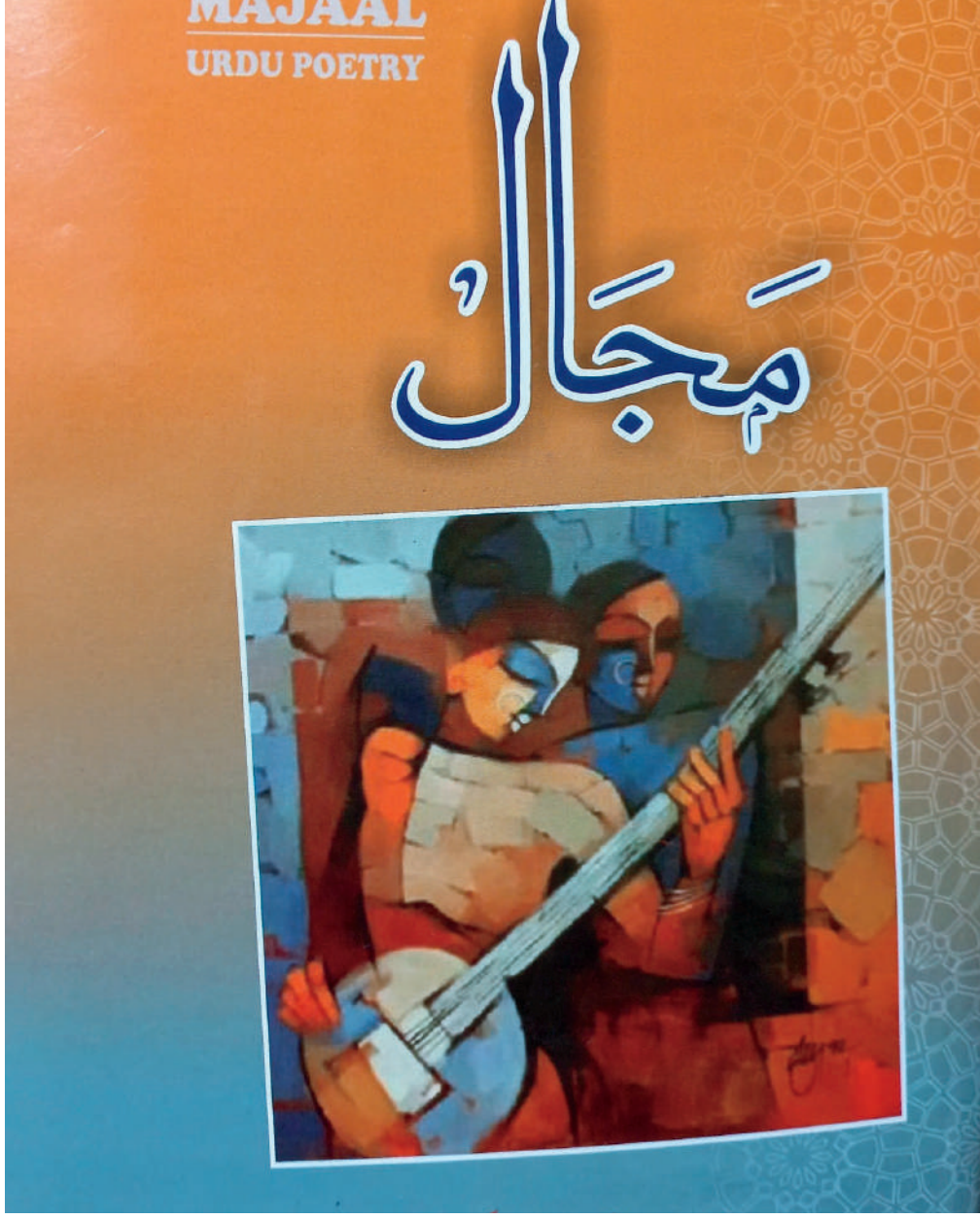
Dr Keneth has recently finished a writing project on “South Asian Study Bible (SASB)” which will be published by international organizations called Langham and Open Doors.

Non-Academic Activities: Dr. Keneth has recently been appointed as advisor to the Character Building Society.

Department of Urdu

Department Activities

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