

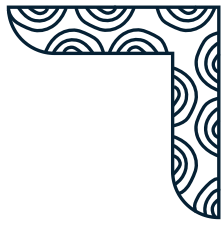


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Fall 2022

By Love Serve One Another



Dean's Note

Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan



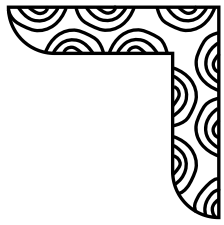
Humanities, always viewed as a body of knowledge comprising of the emotional heritage of human existence, has evolved with the time, space and opportunities in academia and the world beyond. Literature, art, religion, history, and other disciplines in humanities have always traced the ebb and flow of human emotions prioritizing the conception of human needs and feelings. The advent of digital humanities has furnished a new impetus to the oft static appearing stream of knowledge within this discipline.

Digitalization has introduced a whole new world of meanings and interpretations in different disciplines. The term world had an air of exclusivity to it, accepting only the dominant Western ethos. The other forms of representations were treated as secondary, accessory, alternative, or even archaic. In a digitalized world, one has the opportunity to develop a global human narrative. The story told by the Humanities is now the story of the whole world excluding any alternatives or binaries such as traditional vs. modern and rational vs. emotional.

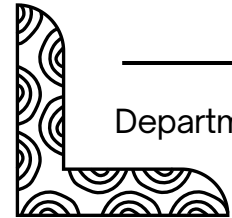
The challenge is now to create a space within the discipline to accommodate this all-inclusive world. Simply understanding and empathizing with the world would not be enough, acceptance is also needed to encompass each and every being. We have to consider the possibility of developing an emotional narrative of the world beyond the binary domains of right and wrong and good and evil, giving an equal weightage and respect to all the existing voices by including them in one dominant narrative.

Voicing an insightful and universal narrative and being heard by others compliments the very existence of each discipline. This oft sermonized lesson of acceptance and inclusivity can be achieved through embracing flexible approaches towards the different disciplines in Humanities and accepting the challenges of this ever-evolving world. I am heard, because I am. This, to me, is the responsibility of humanities, its biggest strength and challenge.





DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

The Writer's Lounge

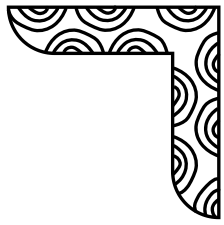
Session One:

The Department of English hosted its 4th Session of The Writer's Lounge on the 29th of March, 2022.

Dr. Shahid Imtiaz presented his recently published book entitled 'Amorphous Lahore: Colonial & Postcolonial, A Journey through History & Fiction'. Ms. Asfa Zia acted as the facilitator.

Dr. Shahid Imtiaz's book critiques the historical and literary writings on Lahore from the late 19th to the early 21st century, all the while focusing on the amorphous nature of the city during the colonial and postcolonial era.





Session Two:

The Department of English hosted its 5th Session of The Writer's Lounge on 31st May, 2022 entitled 'Art of Theater & the Contemporary Political Context in Pakistan' featuring Mr. Usman Ali. Dr. Fatima Syeda organized this session for the students of her ENGL 407 (Pakistani Literature: Contemporary Political Context) class.



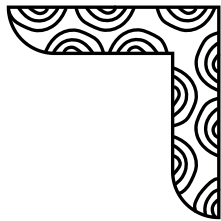
Faculty Research Forum

The FCCU faculty from the Department of English along with their post graduate students attended the Two Day International Training Workshop for PhD Supervisors arranged by IES, University of the Punjab.

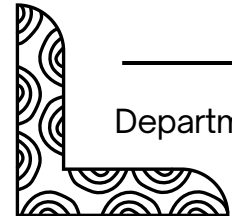


The Department of English organized a session on “Introduction to Digital Humanities” which was facilitated by Mr. Adeel Khalid. The Faculty Research Forum aims to create a conversation between new faculty and senior faculty around success strategies for establishing an interdisciplinary peer network that provides services, advice and support for faculty in their scholarly and academic activities.



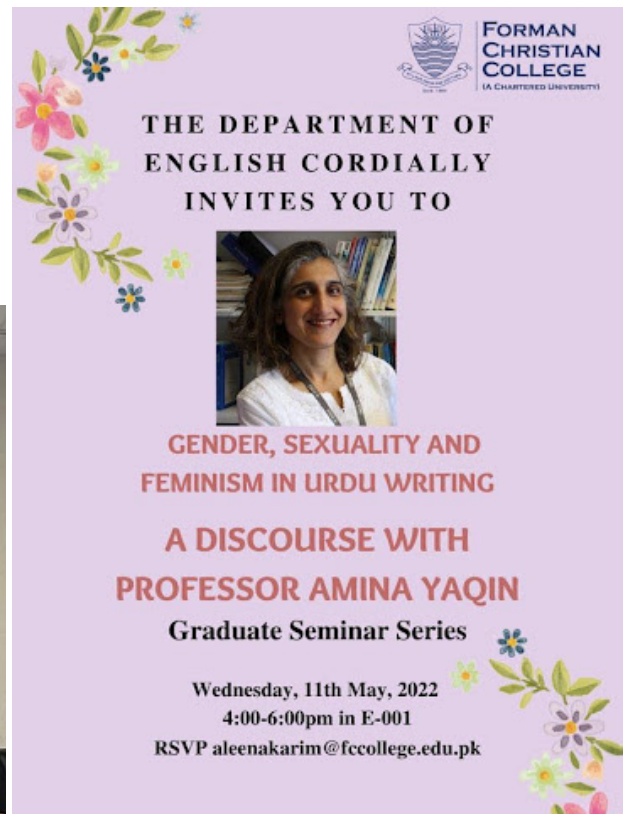


The Department of English organized another session on 'Supervising Baccalaureate Thesis: Challenges vs Enriching Experience' for the Faculty Research Forum. This session was facilitated by Dr. Nukhbah Langah.



Graduate Seminar Series

The Department of English hosted the Graduate Seminar Session with Professor Amina Yaqin on Wednesday 11 May, 2022. Prof. Amina Yaqin gave a talk on “Gender, Sexuality & Feminism in Literature”. The faculty from different universities and departments and the postgraduate students attended the event. Ms. Aleena Karim acted as the facilitator for this event.



Baccalaureate Research

Baccalaureate Theses Viva Fall 21:

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.



Baccalaureate Theses Viva Spring 22:



M.Phil Research

M.Phil Theses Viva:

A viva was conducted by internal and external examiners to evaluate & grade M.Phil students' research for the completion of their degrees.



Department Social Space

The department makes sure to provide a social space for different events where the faculty of the English department can get together to celebrate different occasions. Dr. Fatima Syeda hosted a lunch for her colleagues, teachers, and friends to celebrate her promotion to the post of Professor.



Student Led Initiatives

Baccalaureate Poster Competition:

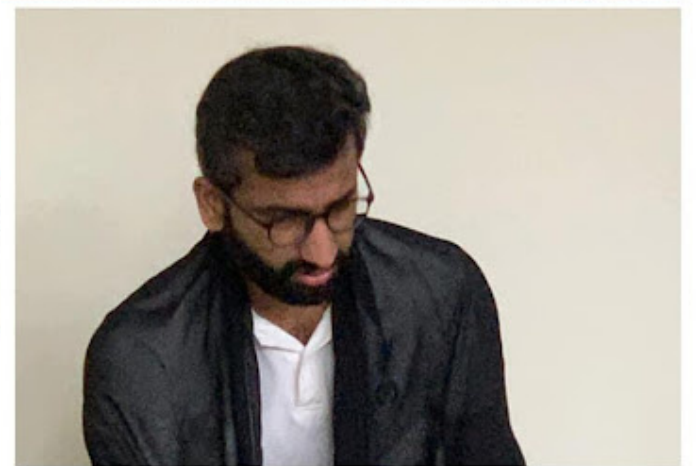
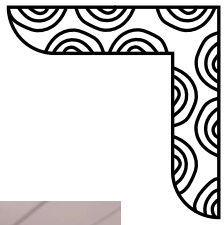
The department of English organized an undergraduate Poster Competition. The event was organized by Dr. Qurratulaen, Dr. Ambreen Javed & Ms. Ayesha Fareed. These posters were evaluated by Dr. Fatima Syeda (Chairperson English Department) and Dr. Faiza Zaheer (Coordinator MPhil program). At the end of the event, winners were awarded certificates.



Enactments on Critical Aspects of our Society

The students of Dr. Fatima Syeda's ENGL 175: Critical Thinking & Reading class presented their final project on August 25, 2022 by enacting scripts on the Critical Aspects of Society. The event was organized by Dr. Fatima Syeda and was attended by Ms. Fiona Addleton and faculty members from the department of English. The students performed short plays on the various facets of our society with great enthusiasm and dedication.





Public Readings (Creative Nonfiction)

The class of ENGL 318: Creative Nonfiction (Instructor: Dr. Naveed Rehan) organized a session in which the students read their best creative nonfiction essays in front of the public.

Our Rector Dr. Jonathan Addleton and English Department Chairperson Dr. Fatima Syeda also joined the session and encouraged the students.



Paper Presentations

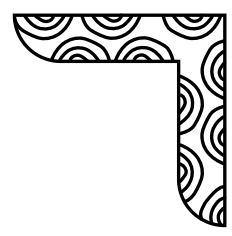
As part of their training on how to prepare and present papers on literary forums, the class of ENGL 407: Pakistani Literature: A Contemporary Political Context organized a session. Two students opted to present their papers. The presentations were followed by a Q & A session by the students. The session was organized by the course instructor Dr. Fatima Syeda.



Forman Literary Festival 2022

Preparation Meetings





Forman Literary Festival 2022 was the first ever literary festival organized by the Ewing English Society. The Event took place in May 2022. A great number of literary representatives, writers, scholars and experts participated in the event. The event was a huge success.

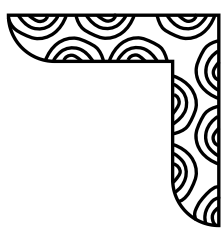


Collaborations with the Advising Office

Advising Sessions for the English Department Faculty:

An advising session was arranged for the English Department Faculty by the Advising Office on Monday, March 7, 2022. This session was led by Dr. Atiq-ur-Rehman, who emphasized the importance of effective advising.





English Faculty Advising Fair 2022:

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



PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Fatima Syeda

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Dr. Nukhbah Langah

Journal article:

Covid-19 and Literary Resistance in Pakistan: A Feminist Analysis of The Stained-Glass Window, <http://pu.edu.pk/home/journal/jrh/Current-Issue.html>, 57, Issue-1 (Summer-2021), Journal of Research in Humanities (JRH), ('Y' Category HEC recognized journal)

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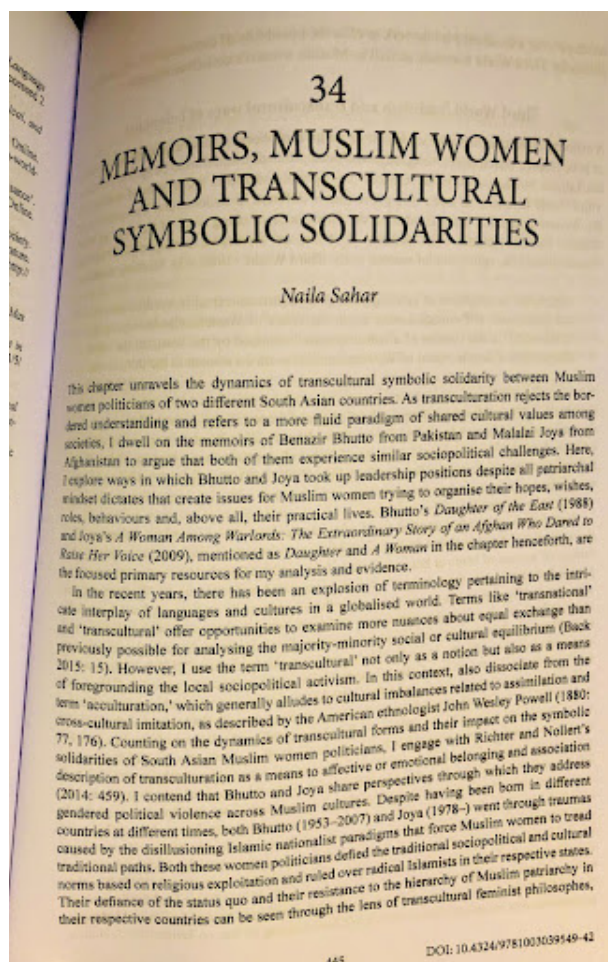
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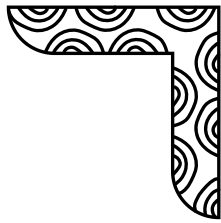
Dr. Naila Sahar

- Memoirs, Muslim women and transcultural symbolic solidarities, in Transcultural Humanities in South Asia: Critical Essays on Literature and Culture (Routledge)

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- Double Bind of Muslim Women's Activism in Pakistan: Case of Malala Yousafzai and Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, in special double issue of The Journal of International Women's Studies (JIWS) and WAGADU: A Journal of Transnational Women's & Gender Studies.

<https://vc.bridgew.edu/jiws/vol24/iss2/14/fbclid=IwAR3ZpbfS7Cd1pngM1yJUNAEWrX-5-y1YtQnmN79j3Rzf2nmpnWARqg9adRU&fs=e&s=cl>

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[Double Bind of Muslim Women's Activism in Pakistan: Case of Malala Yousafzai and Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy](#)

[Naila Sahar](#), *University at Buffalo*

Abstract

A majority of Western feminist studies has dealt with women from the third world as a homogenous entity of poor and passive victims without agency, who need saving and thus need to be spoken for. Chandra Talpade Mohanty and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak have both underscored the urgency of seeing and dealing with third world feminism in terms of a genre that is different in socio-cultural background from Western dynamics, and they emphasize the importance of being wary of the ways





Dr. Qurratulaen Liaqat

- “Drone fiction, empathy gap and the reader: Mohsin Hamid’s short story Terminator: Attack of the Drone (2011)”, *Textual Practice*, 2022, Taylor & Francis.

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- “Non-Western Onto-Epistemological Paradigm Shifts: Posthuman Feminist Discourse of the Pakistani TV animation Series *Burka Avenger* (2013-2016)”. *Journal of Posthuman Studies*, Penn State University Press, USA, vol. 4, no. 2, 2020, pp. 195-215.

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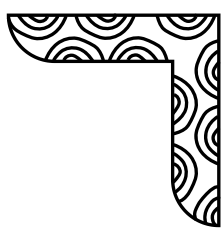
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Dr. Fatima Syeda

Session Chair:

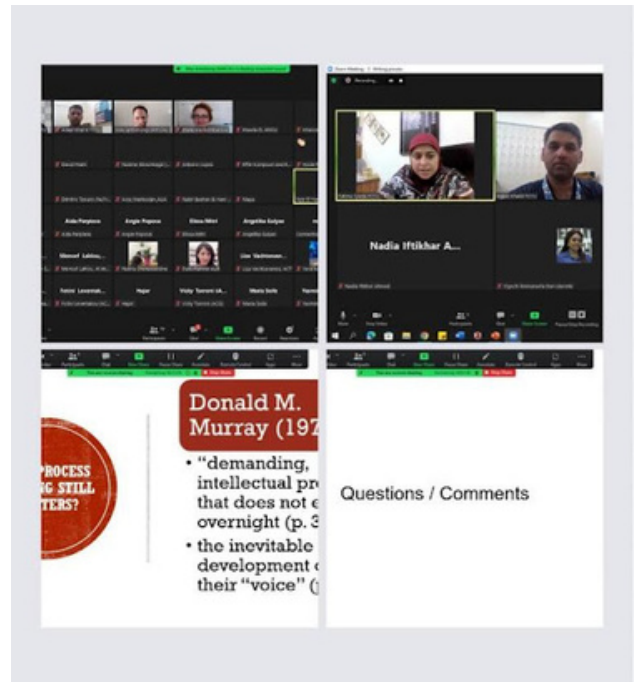
Dr. Fatima Syeda chaired a session at “Kinnaird’s 3rd International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities”. The conference was held from May 17th -19th, 2022 by the Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization at Kinnaird College For Women, Lahore.



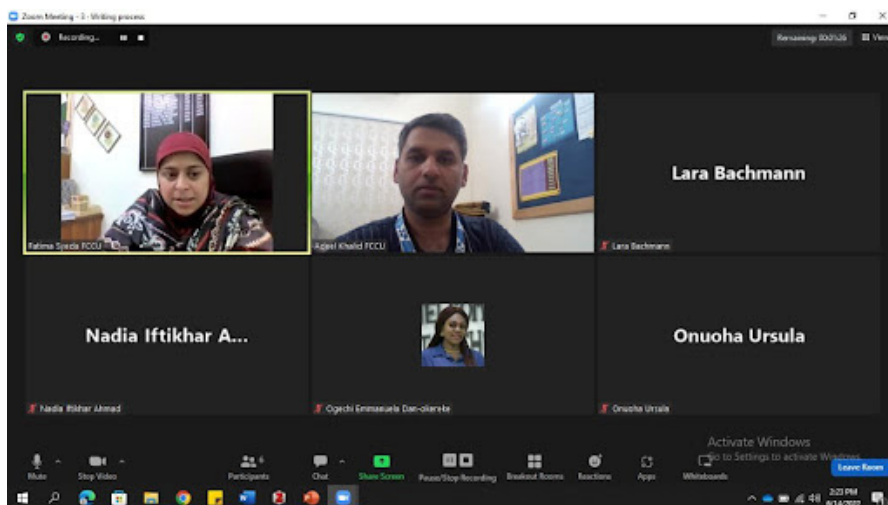


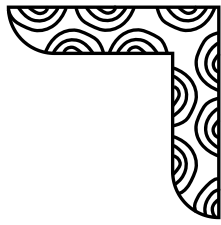
Paper Presentation:

- Dr. Fatima Syeda presented a paper entitled “A Contemporized Myth and Reality in Conflict: Sunderlal’s Psychic Imbalance in Lajwanti by Rajinder Singh Bedi” at Globalizing Lokloric Wisdom: An International Conference on Folk Literature in Pakistani Languages organized by Iqbal International Institute for Research & Dialogue and Project Secretariat, Digitizing Folk Wisdom, Department of English, Faculty of Languages & Literature, International Islamic University, Islamabad on March 30-31, 2022.



- In a collaborative project, Mr. Adeel Khalid and Dr. Fatima Syeda from the Department of English presented their pedagogical ideas during the Community Idea Exchange at AMICAL 2022 Conference for American Universities. The topic of their presentation was 'Inspire and Empower Learners in a Composition Class: Writing Process Through Google Docs and Weebly portfolios'.





Dr. Naveed Rehan

Online Symposium held from 10-14 July, 2021 by the D. H. Lawrence Society of Great Britain:

Details of the Symposium: <https://www.dhlawrencesociety.com/symposium>

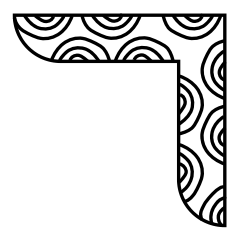
Article:

<https://journalofdhlawrencestudies.com/universal-lawrence-a-creative-non-fiction-workshop/>

Dr. Nukhbah Langah

Panel discussant at 'Globalizing Lokloric Wisdom: An International Conference on Folk Literature in Pakistani Languages', conference held at IIU, Islamabad on 30 March 2022. The topic of the panel discussion was “The Endangerment of Siraiki Language/Literature: The Need for Globalizing & Digitizing ‘Folk’ Literature”.





Dr. Naila Sahar

Delivered a talk as AAUW international Postdoctoral Fellow at University at Buffalo in collaboration with Gender institute, UB. The title of the talk was, ‘Postcolonial Feminism: Women’s Digital Activism in South Asia with focus on Pakistan’.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wUGVzu2KRT8&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0r9nOD0_K4AJkDhlyTW_EC4W_p88AKDG8U5XWkCDpkd-YqBvuX1ra9g8&fs=e&s=cl

Chaired a panel on 'Government's Role in Spreading Disinformation and How it Affects Marginalized Groups' in ‘Rustgi Undergraduate Conference on South Asia’ held by Asian Studies Institute, University at Buffalo.

<https://ubwp.buffalo.edu/southasiaatub/2022/04/14/april-30-4th-annual-rustgi-undergraduate-conference-on-south-asia/>

Join us virtually on Fri 05/06 @ 12 PM (EDT) for AAUW International Postdoctoral Fellow - Dr. Naila Sahar's @nailasahar talk titled “Postcolonial Feminism: Women’s Digital Activism in South Asia with focus on Pakistan.”

Register Here: bit.ly/NailaSahar



Program Schedule

Saturday, April 30th

Panel 1: Governments' Role in the Spread of Disinformation & How it Affects Marginalized Groups

8:45 am - 10:30am

Panel Chair: Dr. Naila Sahar, University at Buffalo & Forman Christian College (Pakistan)

Prerna Vij, Ashoka University

Saniya Saif, Syeda Das, Sehra Zaidi, Habib University

Mansam, University of Delhi

Syeda Zahra Batool, Habib University

"The Conspiratorial Road to the North East Delhi Pogrom"

"Sociopolitical Discourse of Balochistan versus Censored Media"

"Islamization: Role of Art in Combating Religious Polarization"

"Misrepresenting while Studying: Coming Back To Campus after Lockdown in Pakistan"

Panel 2: The Role of Social Media & Technology in the Spread of Disinformation & Prejudice

10:45am - 12:30pm

Panel Chair: Anupriya Pandey, University at Buffalo

Ananya Pajari, FIAPU University

Bukhtaiyan Haroon, Ayisha Naem, Ummah Ratiina, Lahore University

Mansam Shahid, McGill University

Sudanshan Pajari, Indraprastha University

"The Effect of Climate Change Fake News on Emotions across Generations"

"Sociopolitical Discourse of Balochistan versus Censored Media"

"Dalit Muslims in the Face of Hindu Supremacy"

"Are 'Voluntary' Religious Associations Laboratories for State-Politics? The Case of 'Dress' in the Politics of North-Western India"



Dr. Qurratulaen Liaqat

“Conflicting Dialectics of Humanism and Posthumanism in Contemporary Science Fiction.” NeMLA’s 53rd Convention (10-13rd March, 2022), Baltimore, Maryland, USA



“Power-Politics: A Marxist Literary Analysis of the Fairytale ‘RUMPELSTILTSKIN’ ” Trajectories and Discourses in English Studies (26th May, 2022), English Department, COMSATS, Lahore.

“Politics of Representation: Pakistan Vis-À-Vis Violent Human History in Nadeem Aslam’s The Golden Legend.” International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities (17th – 19th May, 2022), Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore.



Panelist at the Academic Writing Conference for Global Learners (20th May 2022), FCCU Writing Center

Moderated a panel discussion with famous author Dr. Osama Siddique on Japanese novelist Haruki Marakami’s art organized by Japanese embassy at the Forman Literary Festival (16-19th May, 2022)



Conducted a training session on the topic “Paragraph Writing Workshop” at Academic Writing Conference for Global Learners (20th May, 2022), organized by FCCU Writing Centre.



Organized Poster Presentation Competition ENGL 331 (24th June, 2022)



Nadia Iftikhar

Besides being a progressive and diligent faculty member and a meticulous researcher, Ms Nadia is also working as an Academic Advisor, Proctor and Secretary of Research and Review Club at FCC.

In Spring 2022, she started off with using the platform of Teacher Development Webinars to present her ideas on Planning Research. This session was especially organized to discuss the key components involved in planning academic research.

On 18th May, 2022 she presented her paper titled, "ESL Learning in Post Covid Times " in the 3rd International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities organized by Kinnaird College for Women Lahore. Using the platform of Academic Writing for Global Learners, a one day conference organized by the Writing Center at FCC, Ms Nadia organized a session on "Choosing a Research Topic". The students learnt a lot of new and important techniques in this interactive and engaging session.



On 26th May, she presented her paper titled, "Women Voices from Periphery in Kishwar Naheed's work" in a one day International Conference: Trajectories and Discourses in English Studies organized by Comsats University.

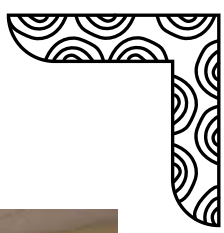
Adeel Khalid

Mr. Adeel Khalid got selected to present at Albion College, MI, USA, and received a fully funded travel and residential training award from the Great Lake College Association (GLCA), Jun 2022 at Albion College, Albion, Michigan, U.S.A June 6-8, 2022.

Every college has a unique relationship with the local community, and a conference hosted by Albion College demonstrated that “local focus” is indeed an international topic. Nearly 70 educators from eight countries gathered in Albion to discuss “The Role of Higher Education in Nurturing Sustainable Communities.”

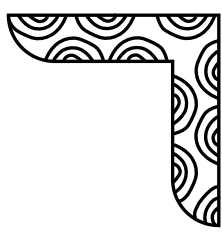
“Colleges and universities play an important role in both developing the leaders of tomorrow and contributing positively to the communities of which they are a part,” said Cristen Casey, director of Albion College’s Center for International Education. “During this conference, we discussed the many ways that colleges collaborate within their local, national, and global communities on projects sustainably, respectfully, and ethically.”



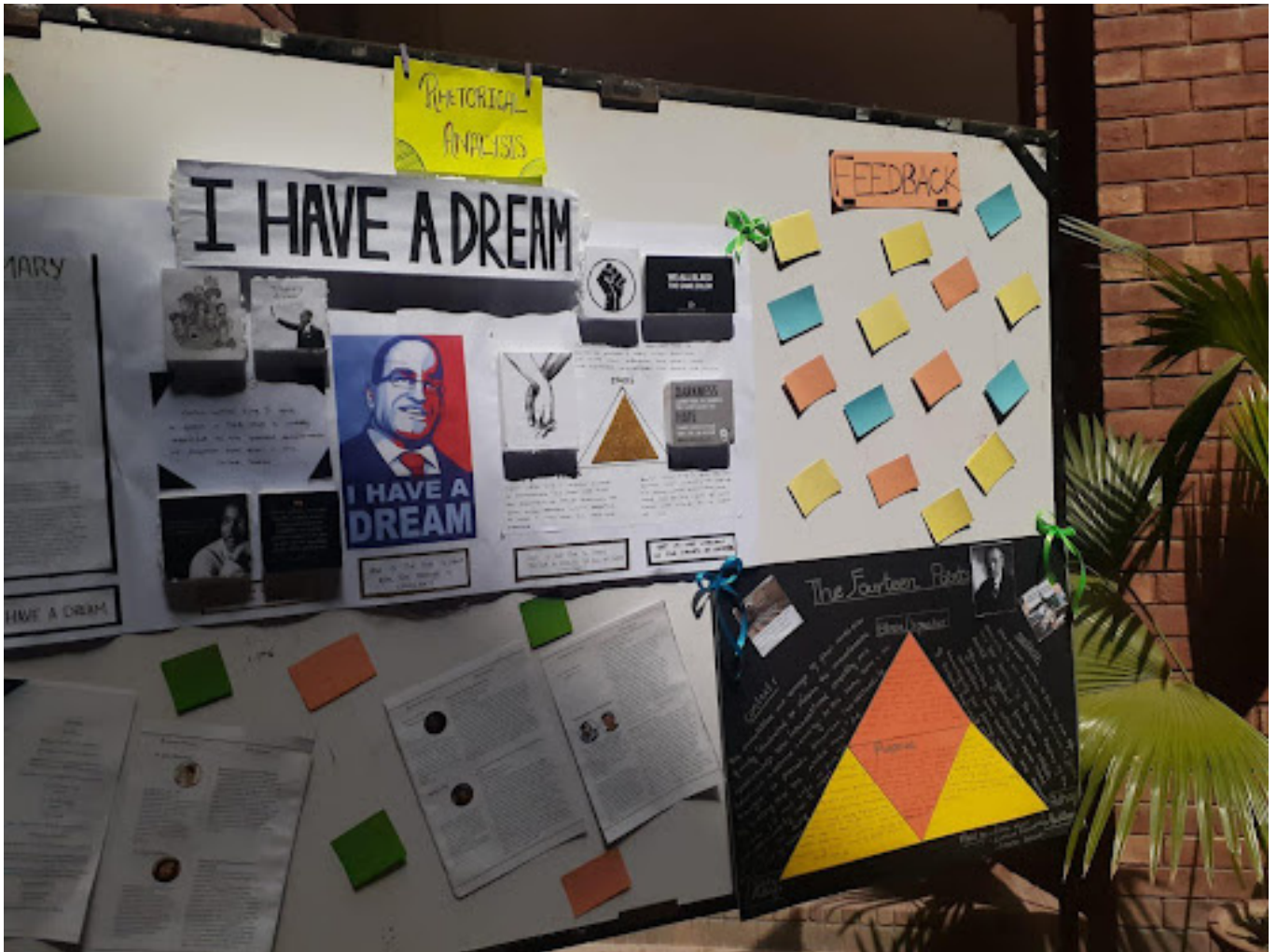


Mr. Adeel Khalid also conducted a teacher-training session on using digital tools and techniques at FAST CFD Campus.





Mr. Adeel Khalid led a workshop for FCCU Writing Conference for Global Learners on 'Using Digital Tools and Research Techniques for Academic Writing' and during the day-long conference, students from the Writing and Communication 102 sections displayed their rhetorical analysis and research-based posters.



Maheen Zia

Led a workshop on the topic “Turning Class Assignments into Newspaper Articles” at the Academic Writing Conference for Global Learners, organized by FCCU Writing Centre on 20th May, 2022.

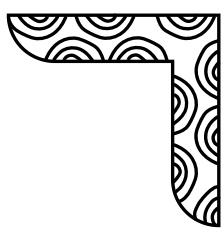


RESEARCH GRANTS & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Dr. Qurratulaen Liaqat

Attended Global Course Connection Training at American University of Paris (27th-30th June, 2022)





Dr. Qurratulaen will be co-teaching ENGL 403 Contemporary Literary Critics in Fall 2022 in collaboration with Dr. Curtis Gruenler from Hope College, USA. It is a Global Course Connection supported by Global Liberal Arts Alliance (GLAA) program introduced by Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA), USA.



Adeel Khalid

Mr. Khalid attended the Global Course Connection Faculty Development Workshop held at the American University of Paris on June 27-30, 2022. The resource persons for these sessions were Dr. Deirdre Johnston, (Hope College) and Dr. Irene López (Kenyon College, Ohio). Both presenters coedited the book “The Wiley Handbook of Online Collaborative Learning and Global Engagement” based on their past experiences of attending global course connections.

The goal of this workshop was to support faculty teams in the design and delivery of courses offered through the Global Learning and Global Course Connections Program. During this workshop, the dyads spanned three rigorous days, and during these three days we planned, reflected, and sorted things out on how to proceed with our courses within our institutional contexts.



Mr. Khalid received a letter of appreciation from the Program Manager Ms. Sidra Niaz, Evolution Karachi, for rendering volunteering service to the ELT Community in Pakistan and beyond.

Mr. Adeel Khalid also secured a place to attend the Culture & Technology 12th European Summer University in Digital Humanities at the University of Leipzig (Germany) in August 2022.

He attended the virtual 'International English Language Publishers Exhibition' Spring 2022 where various ELT community and publication houses displayed their latest research and pedagogical resources for both students and teachers.





OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Nukhbah Langah

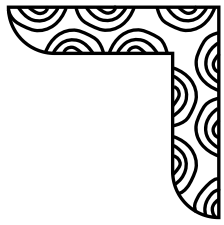
Guest Editor for South East Asia Review (SARE). Theme: “Religion, Secularism and Nationalism: Literature of South Asia”.

<https://sare.um.edu.my/index.php/SARE/announcement>

Nadia Iftikhar

In order to keep her knowledge up to date, Ms Nadia has completed a Virtual Course on “Writing in Disciplines” offered by Excelsior College, Powered by Canvas Network. She also took a Virtual Summer Course titled, “Language and Gender” from Florida Atlantic University, USA.





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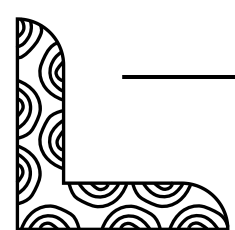
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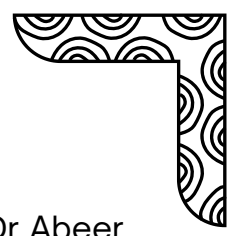
Faculty of Humanities and Department of Mass Communication hold a Training Workshop on Journalists' Safety

Faculty of Humanities and Department of Mass Communication hosted a four-day workshop on “Journalists’ Safety During Conflicts and Working on Sensitive Issues”, from 19th April 2022 to 22nd April 2022. The trainers of the workshop were Dr Altaf Ullah Khan (Dean of Humanities and Professor of Mass Communication at FCCU), Dr Abeer Saady (an internationally recognized war correspondent, researcher and media trainer), as well as Mr Umer Farooq (journalist working for Voice of America (VOA)).

On the first day of the workshop, Ms Rachel Hasan (Chairperson Department of Mass Communication) gave a welcome speech to all the participants and trainers including journalists and academicians from various parts of Pakistan. Dr Altaf Ullah Khan also shared a keynote speech at the commencement.

All the training sessions throughout the four days were conducted by Dr Abeer Saady with various reflections and inputs shared by Dr Altaf Ullah Khan which also gave a local perspective on the conflict reportage in Pakistan. Dr Abeer Saady stressed over the importance of digital securing in the current age and shared various tips to deflect threats faced by journalists. She stated, “Safety comes first; Good shots or scoops are not worth your life.”





A training session was given on situational awareness in times of conflict and Dr Abeer Saady reflected that, “At times when a foreign reporter or a parachute journalist visits a conflict zone, he/she provides a perspective which was there, but could not be spotted by local journalists or fixers in the conflict zone since they have become accustomed to the conflict and everything is normalized for them. Thus, a foreign eye into conflict is also important and necessary.”

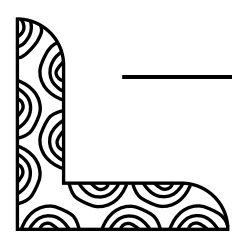
When discussing reportage from tribal areas within Pakistan, Mr Umer Farooq added, “While covering tribal areas in Pakistan, at times, you don't have any signals while covering the tribal areas in Pakistan. This is why it is important to have someone you trust at the backend in contact with your editorial team who can work to locate you if you lose contact for 24 hours.”

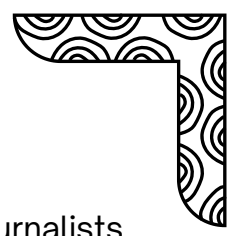
Moreover, Dr Abeer Saady shared all the considerations a reporter must take into account before going into or while in the conflict zone; like having a travel checklist, personal preparation, methods to evade surveillance and going through checkpoints etc. Dr Altaf Ullah Khan added his insights into this discussion and shared, “When covering tribal areas in Pakistan journalists should blend in with the people, but it should not be overdone as there is ethnic homogeneity and it is easy for the militants and terrorists to identify an outsider.”

Finally, smear campaigns, online harassment and ways to deal with threats, smear campaigns, and online harassment were also shared. Dr Abeer highlighted the psychological issues faced by journalists due to this with the participants. Participants were also given various group activities throughout the training which gave them a chance to put their learnings to practice.

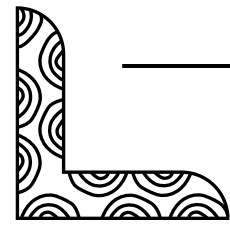
On the final day, the closing ceremony was inaugurated by Dr Altaf Ullah Khan, Dr Jonathan Addleton (Rector, FCCU) and Dr Douglas Trimble (Vice Rector, FCCU).

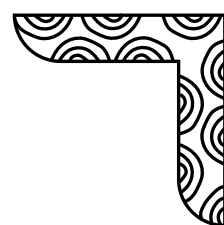
After a concluding speech by all the speakers, certificates were distributed among the participants.





Overall, this training was very informative and insightful for academicians, journalists and students willing to cover conflict zones in the future. We hope to see more of such workshops in the future.



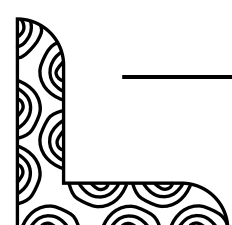


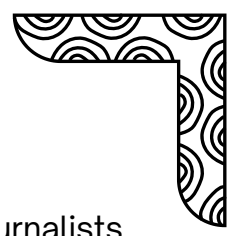
Faculty of Humanities and Department of Mass Communication host a Workshop on Climate Journalism Education

The Faculty of Humanities, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), in collaboration with Journalism Media International Center (JMIC), OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, hosted a one-day workshop on Climate Journalism Education. The workshop was held on 1st June 2022, with various academicians, postgraduate students and journalists joining in from all over Pakistan and abroad. It discussed ways of teaching climate journalism and helped provide ideas for training journalism students through the collective effort of academicians and journalists who have worked in the field and are aware of the climate crisis. Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan, Dean of Humanities at FCCU, inaugurated the workshop and gave a keynote speech in which he stated, “Only if we, as academicians, have a good understanding of the climate crisis, will we be able to train our students on its journalistic perspective in the best way possible, since climate change is both our present and future.”

Dr Elisabeth Eide, Co-Director Media Climate Network and Professor of Journalism from OsloMet, gave a brief introduction of the workshop and gave the floor to Dr Derk Bakker, Associate Professor and Chairperson of Department of Environmental Sciences, FCCU. He highlighted the impacts and solutions for climate change. Dr Elisabeth Eide later built up on his speech and shared why climate change is a concern for journalists and journalism students. She shared the models for education on climate journalism and stated, “It is crucial to combine studies with field visits for students as well and help them learn from local experts and indigenous people.”

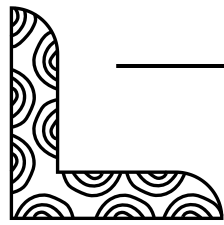
Moreover, Ms Hannah Bernstein, science journalist and project manager at Internews’ Earth Journalism Network, along with Syed Abubakar, environment journalist and media trainer, and Syed M. Saqib, Assistant Professor of Mass Communication, FCCU, further discussed ways to train students to cover climate stories and what can be included in the courses to enhance future journalists’ capacity to report on climate. They were of the view that it is high time that climate journalism was integrated into the curriculum for journalism students in Pakistan.

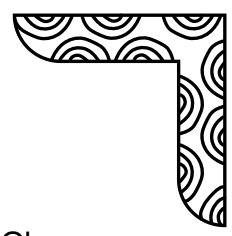




Finally, Muhammad Daud Khan and Stella Paul, the two famous climate journalists working in the field and setting a precedent for others to follow, joined the workshop and shared that, “As journalists, we are storytellers and are also the mediators between people at the frontline of climate crisis and masses. So, we have to be the ones to tell the missing stories to the world.” The workshop was concluded with some final remarks by Dr Elisabeth Eide and Ms Oona Solberg, Director JMIC. Dr Douglas Trimble, Vice-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.



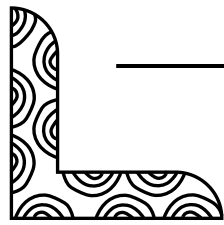


A guest lecture on “Film and Drama as channels for Social and Behavior Change Communication” was held on 17th June 2022, Friday, at Forman Christian College (A Chartered University). It was arranged by Assistant Professor of Mass Communication, Mr. Syed Muhammad Saqib Saleem, for the students enrolled in the course MCOM 415, i.e., Communication Campaign Design. Mr. Fayyaz Ahmad Khan, a public health expert, manager, and social and behavior change communication specialist who has also produced the first-ever feature film on gender and family planning, Bol, graced us with his presence and delivered the lecture. Students and faculty from the Department of Mass Communication, FCCU, attended the session.

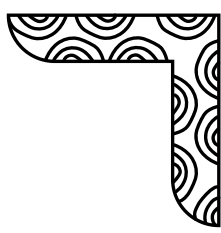
He discussed how social and behavior change communication uses communication strategies based on behavioral science to positively influence knowledge, attitudes and social norms among individuals, institutions and communities. He shared how theories of the magic bullet, diffusion, innovation and social learning reflect how we can use film and drama to inspire the audience and bring about change.



After his lecture, Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan, Dean of Humanities and Professor of Mass Communication, shared his concluding remarks and presented Mr. Fayyaz, along with the course instructor, Mr. Syed Muhammad Saqib Saleem and Lecturer, Ms. Mehwish Batool, with souvenirs and thanked Mr. Fayyaz for delivering such an enlightening lecture.

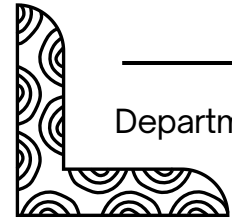
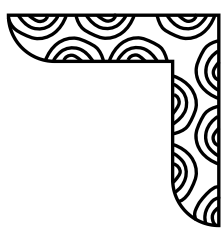


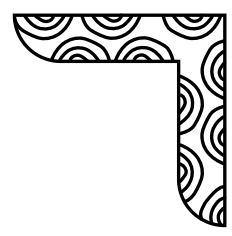




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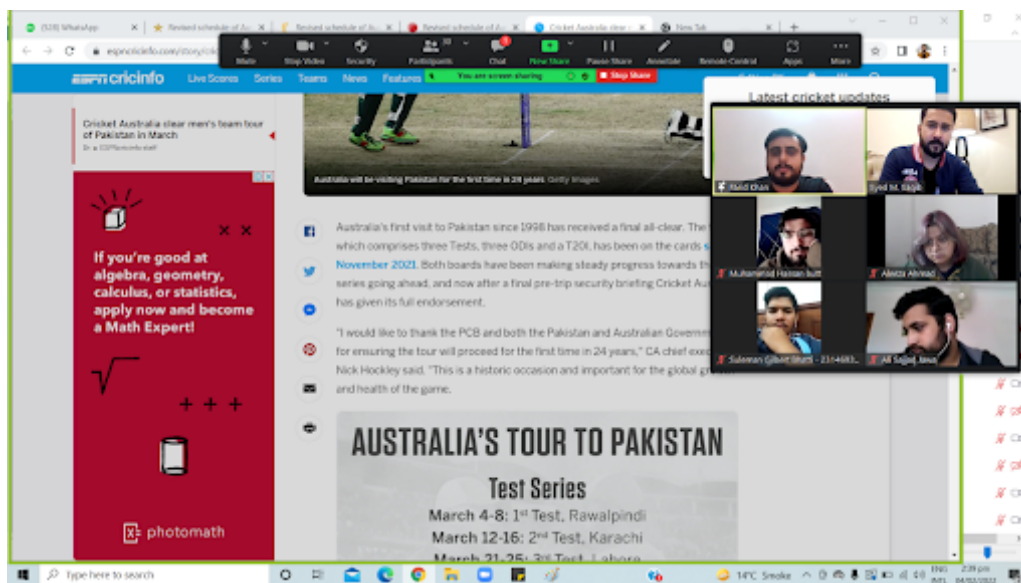
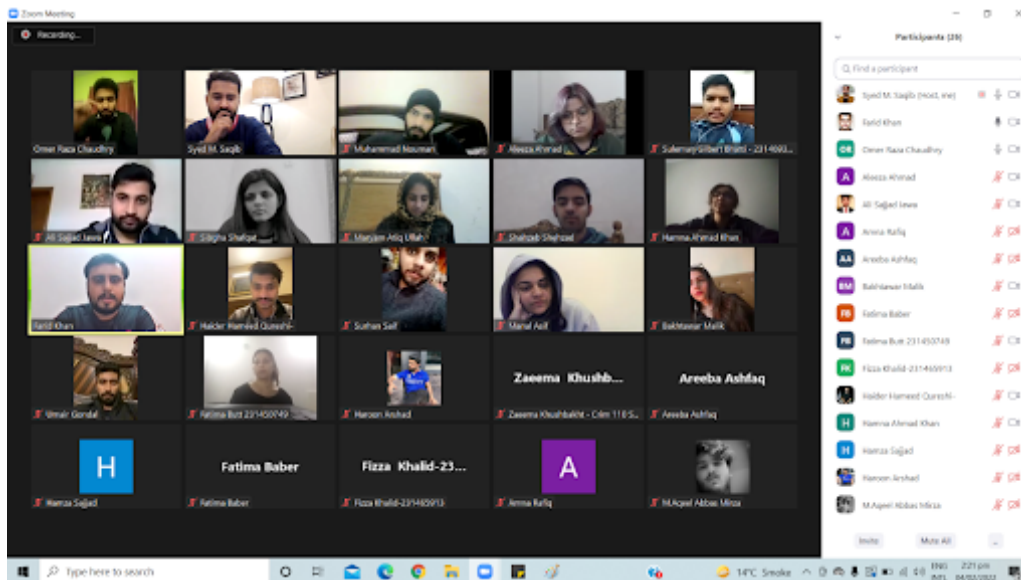




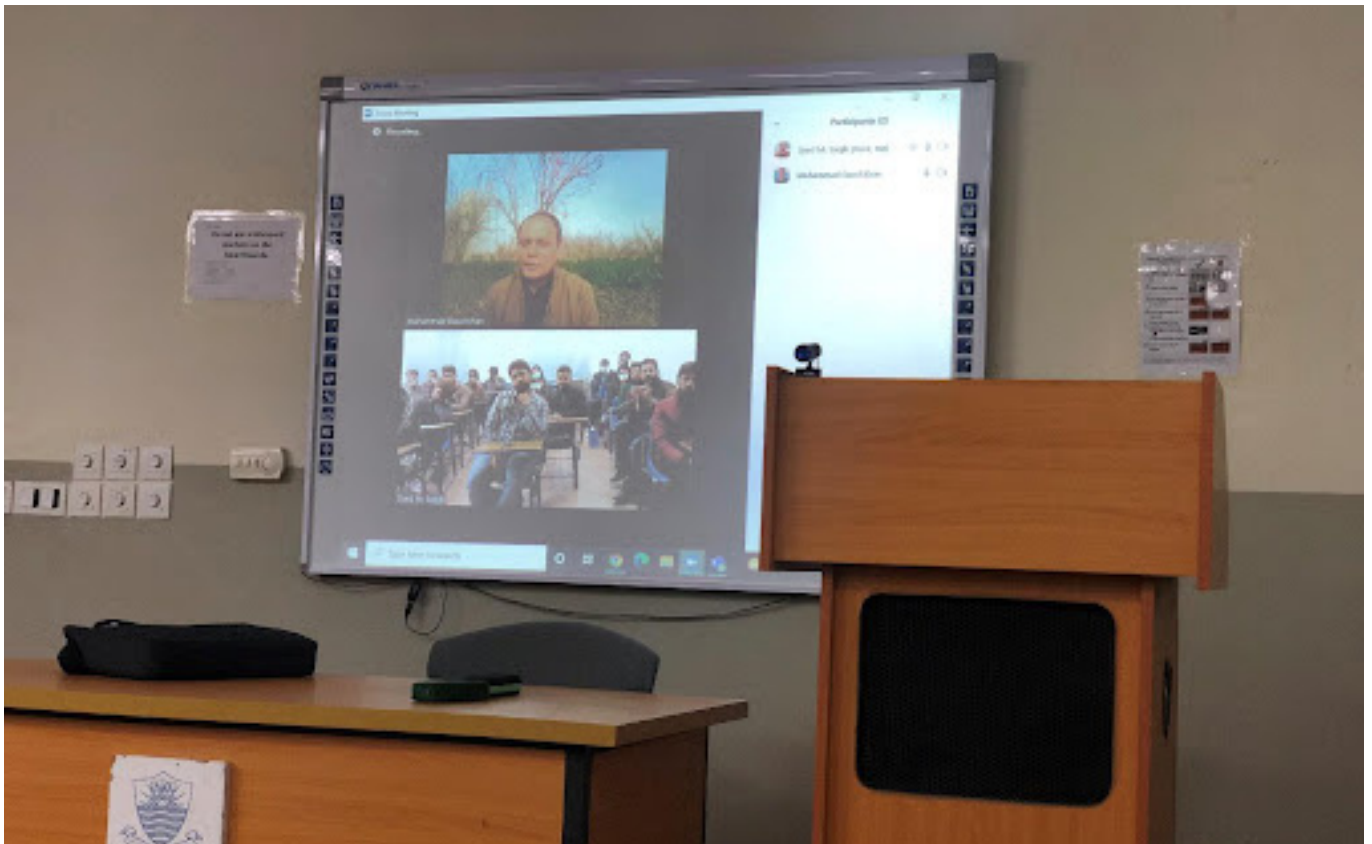
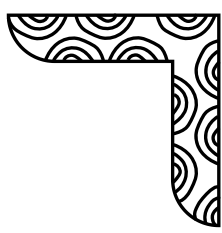


A 3-day training session on Sports Journalism was organized by Syed Muhammad Saqib for the students enrolled in MCOM201 i.e. News Reporting. The guest speaker was Mr. Farid Khan. Mr. Khan has 9 years of experience in Sports Journalism. He started his career with Internships at Pakistan Cricket Board in 2013 and 2014, and then worked at Bramertz in 2015 and 2016 for Pakistan Super League. Mr. Khan also worked as a Digital Media Lead at Peshawar Zalmi in 2018, Head of Digital at Cricingif from 2018-2020, covered Pakistan Super League in UAE and Pakistan, Lanka Premier League in Sri Lanka and T10 League in UAE as well. Additionally, he worked with IPG as a broadcast assistant and curated content for Ten Sports. Moreover, Mr. Khan worked with Cricwick and Khaleef Technologies, with Wasim Akram, Salman Butt, Saeed Ajmal, Imran Nazir and Misbah Ul Haq on the panel. Mr. Khan is currently working with A Sports & Karachi Kings as Head of Content & Digital Media.





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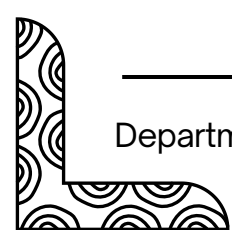




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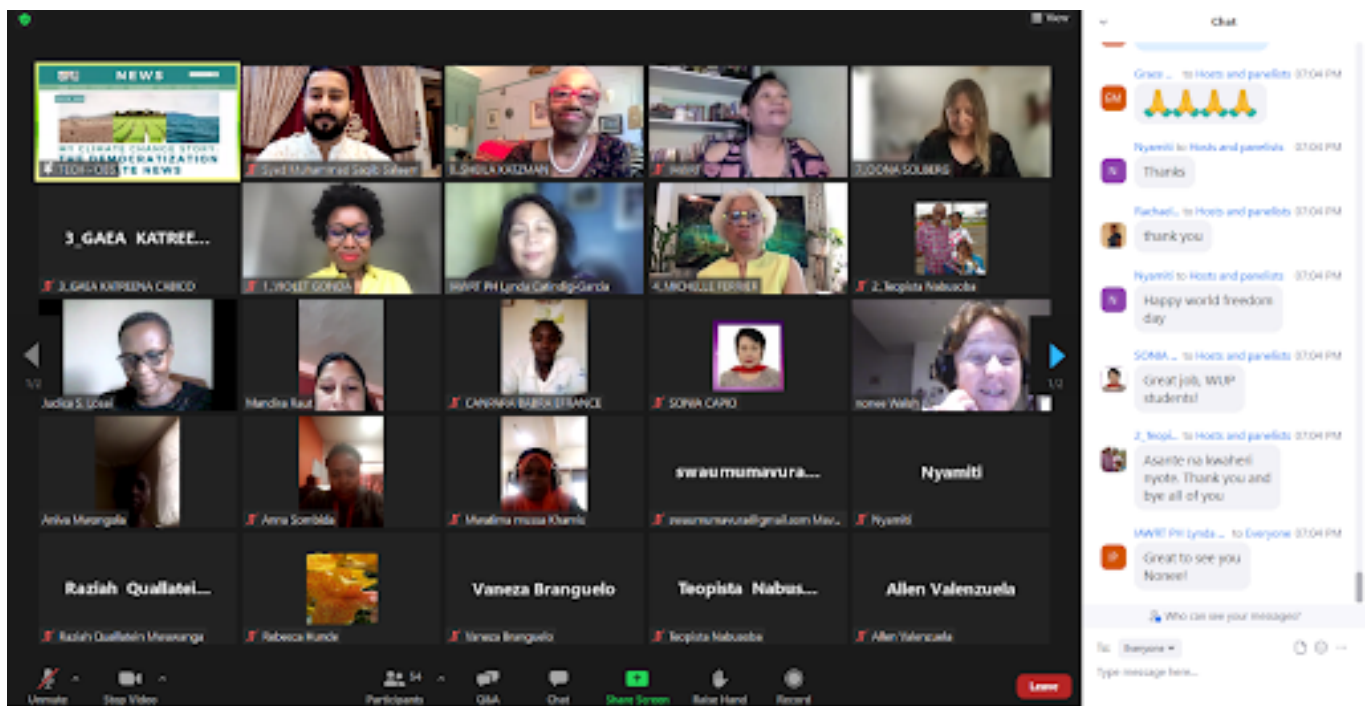
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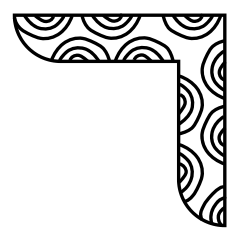


CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Syed Muhammad Saqib

Syed Muhammad Saqib, Assistant Professor of the Mass Communication Department participated in a webinar on My Climate Change Story: The Democratization of Climate News, organized by the International Association of Women in Radio & Television (IAWRT) and Journalism and Media International Center (JMIC). The webinar was held on 3rd May 2022.

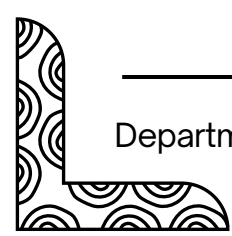


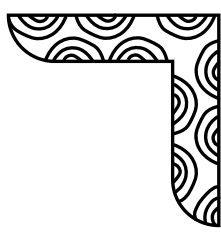


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The guest speakers were Ms. Syeda Intiaz, General Secretary of Voice Society, National chairperson of CIP/TDEA, and trainer for women, people with disabilities and transgender persons in Sialkot, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan and Bahawalpur, and Ms. Jannat Ali, who is a transgender artist activist, Executive Director of community-based organization Track-T, and a motivational speaker, trainer and change mentor. She works on community capacity development, civil society and institution sensitization, advocacy, and trans healthcare. She is also the founder of the Trans Pride March in Pakistan and has contributed to legislation to protect trans rights.

Among the attendees were Ms Rachel Hasan, Chairperson Department of Mass Communication, and Brig (R) Dr. Nayer Fardows, Registrar of Forman Christian College (A Chartered University). Dr. Nayer delivered the welcome speech. In his address, he announced that FCCU is working on a comprehensive policy for transgender rights to give them a separate respective identity during admissions and other activities.





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Syed Muhammad Saqib, participated in the stakeholder’s consultation workshop on Development and Implementation of Plastic Management Strategy and Regulation on Production and Consumption of Single-Use Plastics in Punjab. The workshop was hosted by Strategic Planning & Implementation Unit - SPIU, Punjab Green Development Program.



Shamail Zehra

Ms. Shamail Zehra, Lecturer of the Mass Communication Department, presented a paper at IAMCR (International Association for Media and Communication Research) conference, 11-15 July 2022 held in Beijing, China. The title of the paper was "Theatre in the Digital Age: Challenges and Audience Viewing Experiences".

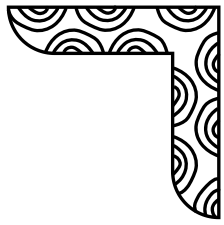


RESEARCH GRANTS & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

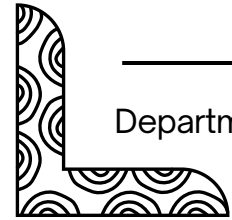
Shamail Zehra

Ms. Shamail Zehra, Lecturer of Mass Communication Department, is participating in Global Course Connections this year. Several FCCU faculty members attended the recent workshop in Paris. Also known as the Virtual Exchange (VE) / Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), these kinds of courses are being developed at colleges and universities around the globe as a resource-effective way to give students exposure to other parts of the world and other ways of thinking while enriching a course's topics through different content and perspectives. Faculty benefit from the experience as well. GLAA also offers a summer workshop for paired instructors to work on their course connection.





DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

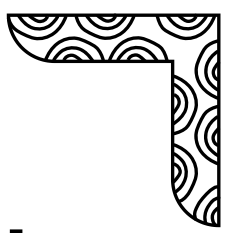


DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

FLF May 16: Talk: “Is Sufism Misunderstood in Pakistan?”

The Forman Literary Festival (FLF) on May 16, 2022, started with a much-awaited discussion between Dr. Ghazala Irfan and Dr. Arfa Syeda Zehra in Sinclair Hall. The title of the talk was: “Is Sufism Misunderstood in Pakistan?” The speakers expressed their opinions on the history of Sufism in the subcontinent and its ununderstood philosophy. The talk was intellectually stimulating. It ended with a Q&A session with students.

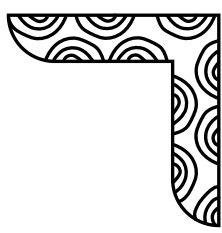




FLF May 16: Japanese Haiku Poetry Workshop in English with Dr. Athar Tahir

The Japanese Haiku Poetry workshop in English was conducted by M. Athar Tahir on May 16. M. Athar Tahir is a Pakistani civil servant who is also a poet, author, translator, painter, calligrapher and winner of Tamgha-e-Imtiaz and Sitara-e-Imtiaz. Around 35 students from seven different universities across Lahore were selected from more than a hundred applicants. The three-hour workshop began with a presentation by M. Athar and later on students were asked to write poems. The three winners were awarded at the closing ceremony of FLF on May 18.





FLF May 18: Talk: The Legacy of Murakami in Literature

The Department of Philosophy in collaboration with Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA) brought into focus the Japanese philosophical novelist, Haruki Murakami for FLF. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Osama Siddique, a distinguished speaker and writer who talked about the postmodernist elements in the novels of Murakami. The event was moderated by Dr. Qurrat ul Aen from the English Department. Dr. Aamir H. Shirazi, Honorary Consul General of Japan and Mr. Ryuji Iwasaki, Head Culture and Public Information Section, Embassy of Japan were the two guests of the event.



Miller's Dream Launching Ceremony – June 24

The Department of Philosophy launched the Fall 2021 edition of Miller's Dream: Pakistan's only student philosophy journal. Students and faculty from several departments attended the event in E-038 to listen to the speakers talk about their papers. The event was moderated by the editor of the journal, Fakhar-un-nisa Riaz.

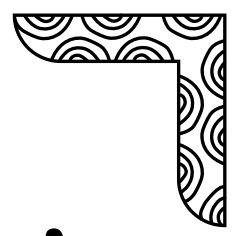


CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Annual Philosophy Conference on Populism – June 10

The Department of Philosophy, with the collaboration of Forman Philosophy Society and Center for Public Policy and Governance (CPPG), organized an annual philosophy conference on ‘Populism’ on June 10, 2022. The speakers of the events were: Dr. Saeed Shafqat, Haseeb Asif, Syed Muzammil Shah, Fatima Razaq and Jasir Shahbaz. Considering the current national and international political situation, the topic was of contemporary relevance. The conference was attended by students and faculty members from FCC and other universities.





Second Vice Chancellor's Conference – June 30

The Second Vice Chancellor's Conference was held at Faletti's Hotel Lahore, on the theme: The Challenges of Academic Governance, Achieving Excellence and Equity in Higher Education. The conference was welcomed by Dr. Ghazala Irfan, who has also been elected the chairperson of the board of directors of Bargad.



2nd Vice-Chancellors' Conference
 The Challenges of Academic Governance, Achieving Excellence and Equity in Higher Education
 June 30, 2022



Sitting Left to Right: Prof. Dr. Abdal Sattar Shakir (VC) Prof. Dr. Talat Masood Pesho S.S. (VC) Prof. Dr. Saigee Imtiaz Asif (VC) Prof. Dr. Bakhtiana Kaizer (VC) Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir (Chairman FHEC) Mr. Fana Mazhooq Ahmad Khan (Former Education Minister) Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (VC) Prof. Dr. Ghazala Irfan Prof. Dr. Salma Hamid (VC) Prof. Dr. Robina Farooq (VC) Mrs. Sabiha Shaheen

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Ghazala Irfan

On July 16, the Head of Philosophy Department, Dr. Ghazala Irfan, who is also the General Secretary of All Pakistan Music Conference (APMC) was honored with the Excellence Service Award by the Sham Chaurasi Music Circle and singer Shafqat Salamat Ali Khan for her services to promote classical music in Pakistan. The award was given to her at Yaad E Salamat Music Festival 2022 at Al-Hamra Arts Council.





DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

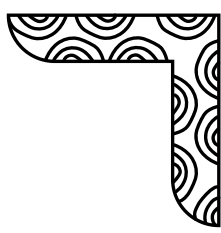
DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

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



The Department finds immense joy and pride in congratulating Dr. Nisar Ahmed and Dr. Hafiz Saeed in their promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor and Lecturer to Assistant Professor respectively. A departmental celebration was organized to rejoice both Professors.





The Department arranged a welcome lunch for new faculty members i.e. Dr Kenneth Pervaiz and Ms. Zaneera Azam on 9th of March 2022 where souvenirs were presented to both.



Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani, Dr. Atiq ur Rehman and Dr. Abid Naeem were invited for the Annual Advising Lunch by the Head of Faculty Advising, FCCU, for their efforts to be acknowledged in the student advisement.

The R & D forum under the leadership of Dr. Abid Naeem arranged a faculty discursive retreat for the Department of Religious Studies about Interfaith Dialogue and its dynamics. The presenters included Dr. Hafiz Saeed and Ms. Zaneera Azam who respectively the discussed the topics of Christian Muslim Relationship in the light of selected commentators of Quran and Dialectical Etiquettes of Interfaith Dialogue in the Prophetic Seerah.



PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Hafiz Saeed Ahmed (Assistant Professor Islamic Studies Department)

Dr. Saeed presented his Dissertation at R&D forum FCCU. He successfully completed his doctoral degree from UMT on the subject of ‘Muslim-Christian Interfaith Relationship in the light of Selected Commentators of Quran’.



CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani

(Associate Professor, Chairperson Islamic Studies Department)

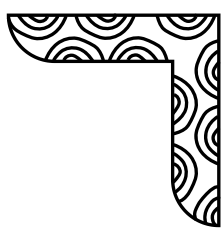
Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani invited Dr. Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi, a Sri Lankan erudite scholar, to deliver a talk on the subject of 'Interfaith Dialogue' on 23rd of May 2022.



Dr. Nisar Ahmed

(Associate Professor, Chairperson Islamic Studies Department)

Dr. Nisar received an accolade from GLAA & Albion College Michigan USA and presented his paper at the conference titled, 'The Role of Higher Education in Nurturing Sustainable Societies, Local to Global connections in Classroom: Shaping the Connected Communities (A case study of the Religious Studies Department at FCCU Lahore)', June 6-8, 2022.



Dr. Abid Naeem

(Assistant Professor Islamic Studies Department)

Dr. Abid presented his research paper entitled “Study of Quranic Phonemics in Vocal Aesthetics and Canorousness of the Quran” in the “International Quran Conference” in The University of Lahore on May 16, 2022.

Dr. Daniel Lenz

(Assistant Professor Christian Studies Department)

The M.Phil. program in Biblical Studies held a colloquium titled “The Hebrew Psalms and the Punjabi Zabur,” which focused on the message of the biblical Psalms, their reception in the Punjabi church, and their ongoing relevance in the Christian community.



FORMAN ISLAMIC SOCIETY

(Coordinator/ Advisor: Dr. Nisar Ahmed
Co-Advisor: Ms. Zaneera Azam)

The 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 Dr. Nisar Ahmed, arranged the following intra-institutional events:



FIS arranged a talk to welcome the arrival of the month of Ramadan and spread its message of empathy, dedication and gratitude, titled as 'Paigham-E-Ramadan' delivered by Dr. Muhammad Husnain Professor at the University of Education Lahore.



FIS arranged a lecture titled, 'Islam, Youth and Contemporary World: Challenges and Opportunity'. The talk was delivered by an international speaker, Dr. Yusuf Raza, who is a Doctoral Fellow at the University of West Georgia.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani

(Associate Professor, Chairperson Islamic Studies Department)

Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani had the opportunity to attend the search committee training session organized by the Vice Rector Dr. Douglas Trimble on the 9th of June 2022.

Dr. Atiq Ur Rehman

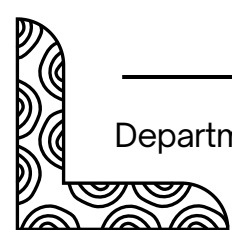
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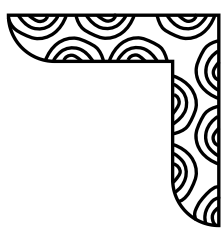
Dr. Atiq Ur Rehman served as 'Reviewer of Research Proposals' for the International NACADA conference 2022. NACADA is the largest advising community in the USA.

Dr. Abid Naeem

(Assistant Professor Islamic Studies Department)

Dr. Abid Naeem served as an Associate Editor of an Islamic Studies research journal, Nuqtah, Journal of Theological Studies and Chief Executive Nuqtah JTS Research Board, Resurgence Academic and Research Institute, Sialkot, Pakistan.





He attended a lecture on “Relationship between Sufism and Eastern Christianity” by Dr. Michael Nazir Ali on March 29, 2022 in FCCU.



Dr. Abid Naeem also attended a two day Pedagogical Training Session by HEC and earned an accolade of certification.

Dr. Abid Naeem had the opportunity to attend the search committee training session organized by the Vice Rector Dr. Douglas Trimble on the 9th of June 2022.



Dr. Hafiz Saeed Ahmed **(Assistant Professor Islamic Studies Department)**

Dr. Saeed successfully arranged two departmental events, congratulatory lunch and welcome lunch, for the new faculty and for the completion of Dr. Atiq’s doctoral degree completion. The faculty of DRS welcomed Dr. Kenneth Pervaiz (Assistant Professor, Christian Studies) and Ms Zaneera Azam (Lecturer, Islamic Studies).





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