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Dean's Note

Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan

The world is suffering from polarization. Peace has become an illusion amid global wars in the wake of the pandemic. A pestilence is not showing any signs of disappearance for good. This shows a scary picture of the world. The emotional heritage of humanity is at a crossroads. We can stand up and survive or, God forbid, annihilate ourselves by succumbing to the prevalent pessimism around us.

Humanities can help, but it has to realign its priorities to be the savior of human emotions. Since we are the custodians of the emotional story of humanity, we need to put each brick together, connect the past with the present, and give a vision of the future. Globalization, communication explosion, digitalization, and many new entrants into the realm of individual and global identity have changed the emotional structure of our world.

Religion, nationalism, our beloved mores and customs, everyday rituals - all has changed, or at least, we are becoming more conscious of the flux around us. The search for meaning in

our lives has a different meaning than twenty years earlier. The world has become a melting pot of global identities with the ingredients not known to anyone.

Our role is not to find the solution. It is to understand the confusion first and give meaning to it. We are responsible for the representation of the human soul at this very moment in time. Ours is a role beyond judgment, beyond good and evil (to borrow from Nietzsche), beyond the realm of good and bad - Rumi. We need to understand that there is no ultimate truth in our lives. It is a truth that we have (to borrow from Kahlil Gibran).

Humanities narrates the emotional story of our existence, here and now, and we rightfully believe that the answers to the questions of existence lie within the story. We neither judge, nor frame. We tell the story - without prejudice, without pride.

Department of English

Department Activities

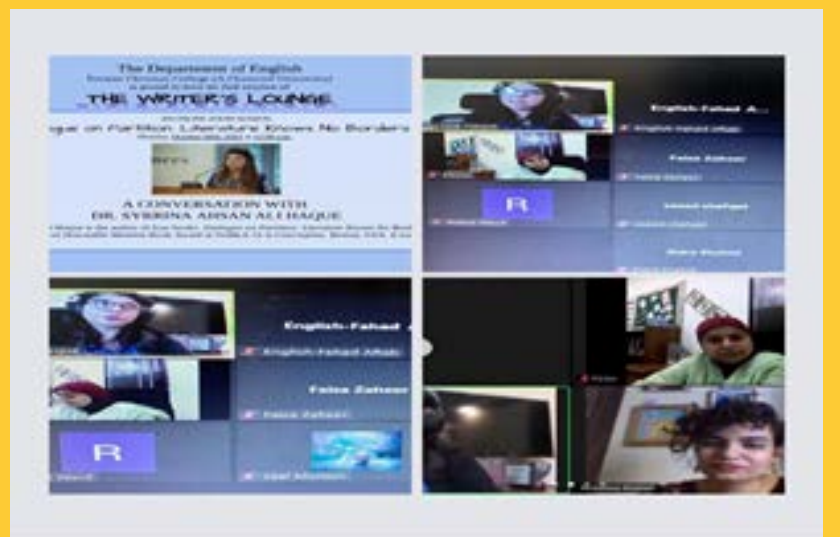
The Writer's Lounge

Coordinator: Ms. Mobeena Saeed

Team Member: Ms. Qurratulaen

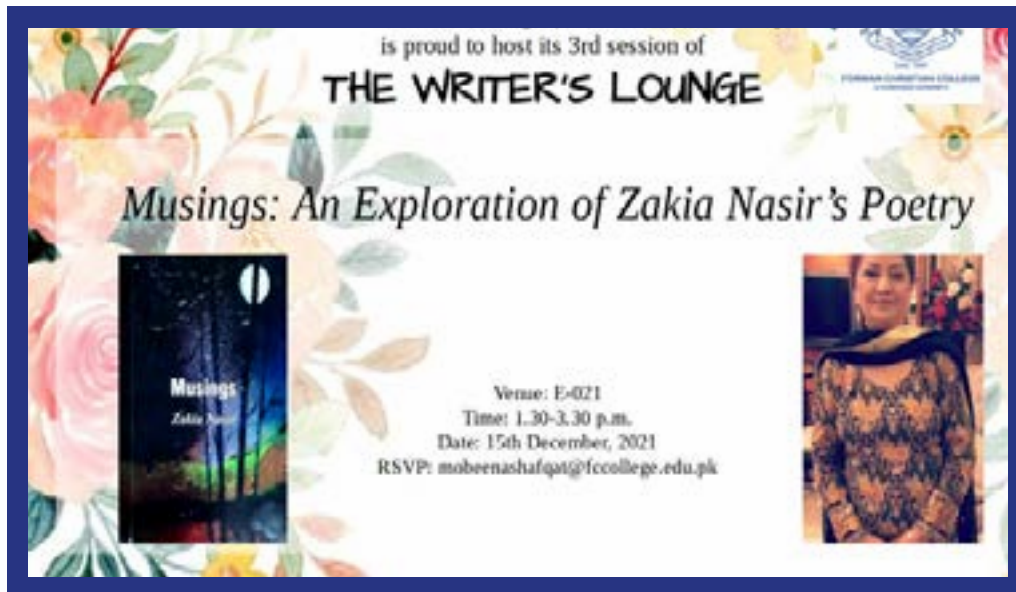
Conducted two sessions of The Writer's Lounge.

Session One: The second session of The Writer's Lounge was based on Dr Syrrina Haque's book Dialogue on Partition. It was held online and was primarily meant for the faculty of English Department and the post Graduate students.



Session Two: The Department of English hosted its third session of The Writer's Lounge on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. This session was held in honor of Professor Zakia Nasir's recently published book, entitled 'Musings'. Musings is a collection of poetry and her work ranges from exploring nature to terrorism to the impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the event was named 'Musings: An Exploration of Zakia Nasir's Poetry'. The Forman Dramatics society added a new dimension to one of her poems 'At Two in the Morning' by demonstrating it through a mime. Similarly, writers abroad such as Stephanie Barbe Hammer sent in a visual review of her work. A short but enriching panel discussion with Professors Zakia Nasir, Dr. Rizwan Akhtar, and Dr. Shahid Imtiaz was held. Lastly, a lively question and answer session took place.

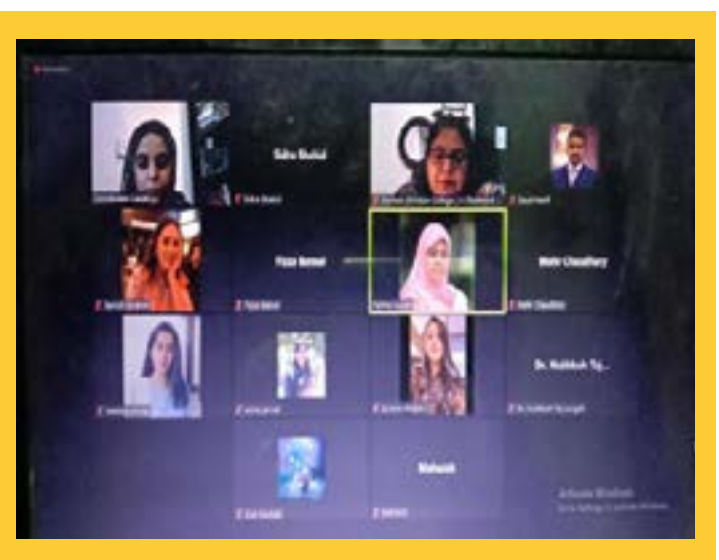
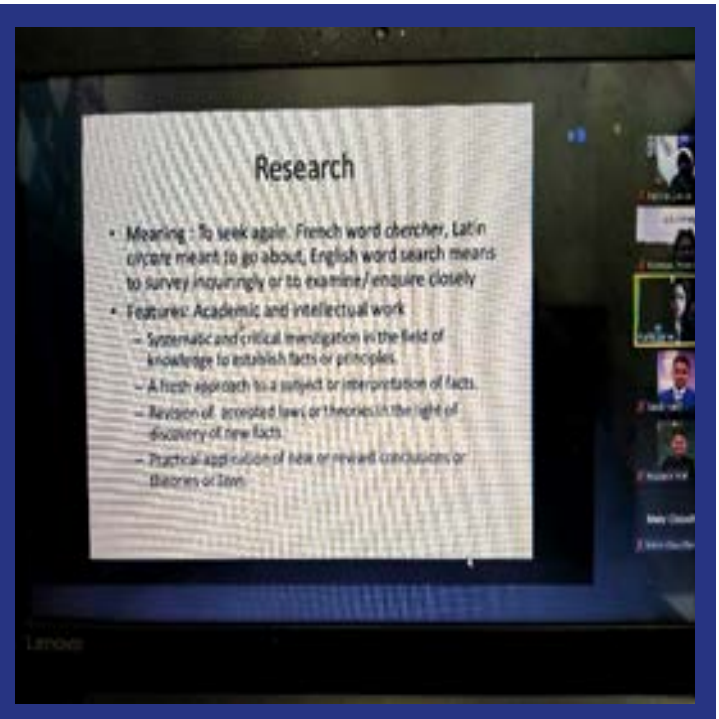
The Dean of Humanities, Altaf Khan, offered his thoughts on the poetic process and the event itself, while Dr. Fatima Syeda, Head of the English Department, concluded the event with a note of thanks to our external visitors and invited the room for tea and refreshments.



Faculty Research Forum

M.Phil: Organizer: Dr. Faiza Zaheer

1. Fundamentals of Research: 30th September, 2021
2. How to Write Literature Review for M.Phil. Research: 1st October, 2021
3. Choice of Theory & its Application for M.Phil. Research: 30th September, 2021
4. How to write Research thesis for M.Phil. 1st October, 2021



Baccalaureate: Organizer: Mr. Fahad Aftab

Essentials of Research in ENGL 499 (17th November, 2021): The Department of English organized a session on 'How to Write a Research Thesis' for all the Baccalaureate students enrolled this Fall for research theses. Assistant Professor Dr. Qurratulaen Liaquat lectured students on what counted as good research, how to figure out a working topic and gave an articulate account on how to smoothly cruise through a dissertation. All the supervisees along with their supervisors attended this informative session. The event was recorded for a reference for all the undergrad research students.



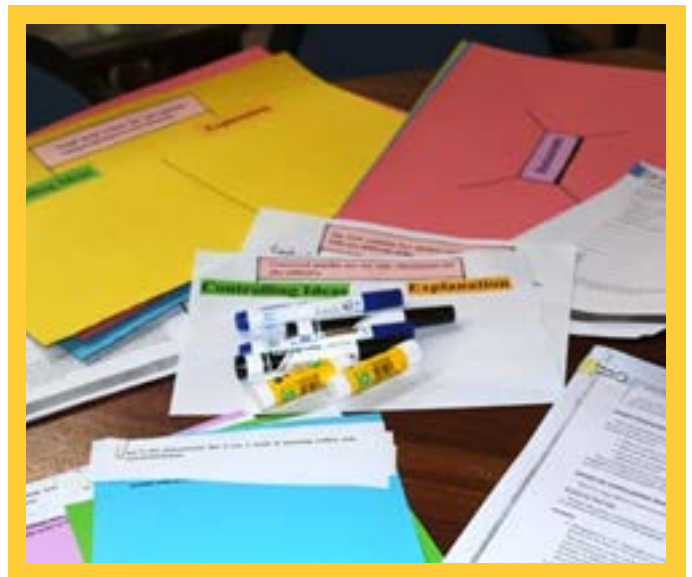
WRCM Faculty (CPD): Organizer: Ms. Mussarat Shahid

1. Using Critical Thinking to explore a variety of Academic texts
2. Formative Assessment Strategies
3. Formative Assessment through Digital Technologies
4. Academic Writing -Paragraphs
5. Purpose of Academic Writing

(The aim of the program was to collectively consider all possibilities and opportunities likely to ensure an effective and robust learning experience for teachers and students returning after almost nineteen months of remote learning. Also, a CPD program seemed to be an effective way to share best practices and innovative ideas in engaging students and making learning meaningful and enriching for them.

As a first step, a questionnaire was sent out to the WRCM faculty to gauge their interests regarding areas relevant to the course outlines of WRCM 101 and 102. In addition to identifying areas for CPD, such as 'Using Critical Thinking to explore a variety of Academic texts', 'Formative Assessment Strategies' and 'Academic Writing', the questionnaire invited faculty members to volunteer to facilitate sessions.

The response to the questionnaire was quite encouraging as out of 20 WRCM faculty members, 12 showed an interest in attending the sessions, while a few excused due to a clash with Univ 100 classes and a few because of some other engagements. The workshop titles that got an 80% and a 70% response were scheduled over four days and were led by four WRCM faculty members.)





Graduate Seminar Series

Coordinator: Ms. Nadia Iftikhar

Team Members: Ms. Fatima Husnain, Mr. Adeel Khalid, Ms. Iffat Sayeed

- The Department of English hosted a session entitled 'Fact or Fancy: A Rendezvous with Navid Shahzad' in its Graduate Seminar Series on Thursday January 20, 2022. Well known for her perfect enunciation, erudite dialogue delivery and expression, Navid Shahzad's talk was a treat for the audience.

- Conducted a Webinar on 9th November, 2021: The Department of English at FCCU hosted a webinar under Graduate Seminar Series on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Professor Sasanka Prera from South Asian University in Delhi delivered a talk on 'Confessions of a Reluctant Sociologist: Research, Writing and Passion in Social Sciences and Humanities in Contemporary Times.'



The poster features the logos of the Department of English and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at the top. The title of the talk is 'Confessions of a 'Reluctant' Sociologist: Research, Writing and Passion in Social Sciences and Humanities in Contemporary Times'. The speaker is identified as Sasanka Prera, Department of Sociology, South Asian University (New Delhi). A list of his publications is provided, including 'Fear of the Fossil? Photography, Anthropology and the Aesthetics of Being (2020)', 'Tourists to Sri Lanka: Tapes from Worker-Peasants to Postcolonial (2016)', and 'Women and the Burial of Women: Rehearsals and Events in Islamic Communities (2016)'. The talk is scheduled for 6:00pm-7:00pm on 9th November, 2021, with Ms. Nadia Iftikhar as the R/S/P. The coordinator's contact information is also listed.



6. **Online Orientation Session Oxford University Press (8th November, 2021):** OUP conducted an online orientation session for the English Language Teaching faculty at FCCU. The session was about OUP's recently published books and the way these books can help in developing the requisite skills and students' proficiency in the English language.



- **Seminars / Webinars:**

Facilitator: Ms. Qurratulaen

The Department of English FCCU arranged a seminar on “Girish Karnad and his Dramaturgy” on 8th December, 2021.

Report: The seminar was arranged for the students of MPhil English Literature from Drama and South Asian Literary Genres classes.



The event began with a brief introduction to Girish Karnad and his stylistics and then the guest speaker Dr. Amara Khan, chairperson of the English Department, LCWU delivered a very insightful lecture on the Dramaturgy of Karnad.



All the students actively participated and interacted with the guest speaker. At the end of the event Dr. Fatima Syeda, chairperson of English Department, FCCU was invited to give her views on the writer and for the Vote of thanks. She presented a bouquet and a souvenir to Dr. Amara. The event was concluded with a traditional Hi-tea.

Department Social Space

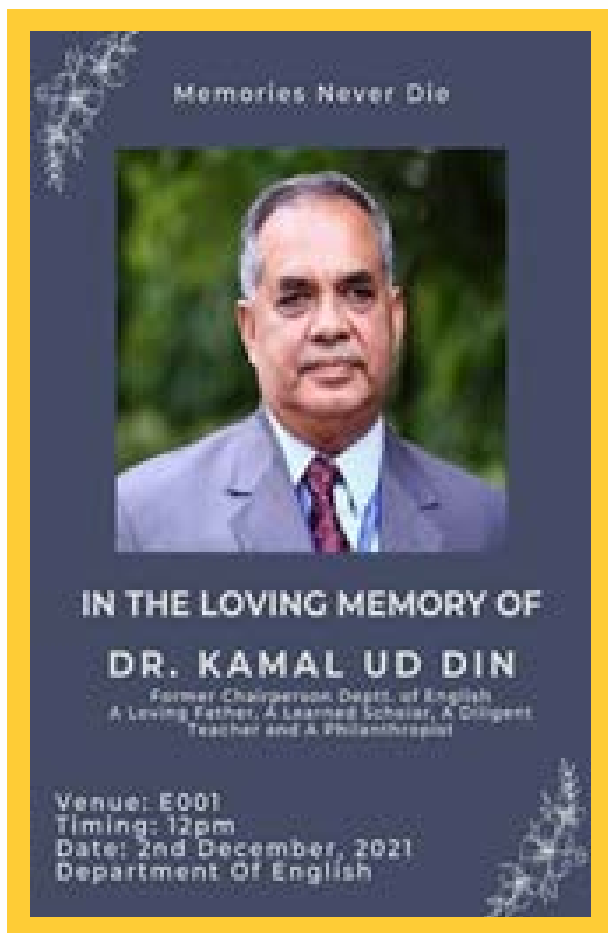
The department makes sure to provide a social space for different events where the faculty of English department gets together for different occasions.

1. Memorial Service for Dr. Kamal ud Din & Ms. Ayesha Pervez: 2nd Dec, 2021

Facilitator: Ms. Nadia Iftikhar

Team Members: Mr. Fahad Aftab, Ms. Naomi Justin, Ms. Fatima Husnain, Ms. Farheen Saeed, Mr. Adeel Khalid.

The Department of English organized a Memorial for Dr. Kamal-ud-Din and Ms. Ayesha Pervaiz on December 2, 2021. The memorial was attended by the family of Dr. Kamal-ud-Din, Rector Dr. Jonathon Addleton, Vice-Rector Dr. Douglas Trimble, Associate Vice Rector for Faculty Affairs Dr. Sufian Aslam, Associate Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Dr. Gloria Calib, Dean of Humanities Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan, Chairperson of English Department Dr. Fatima Syeda and others including faculty members, staff and students.

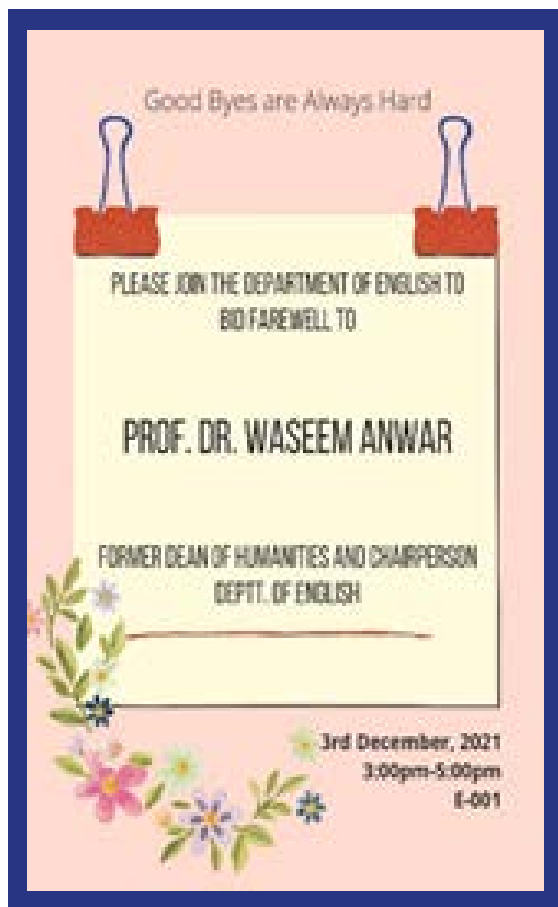


2. Farewell Party for Dr. Waseem Anwar: 3rd Dec, 2021

Facilitator: Ms. Nadia Iftikhar

Team Members: Ms. Naomi Justin, Ms. Fatima Husnain, Ms. Farheen Saeed, Mr. Adeel Khalid.

The Department of English organized a farewell ceremony for Dr. Waseem Anwar on December 3, 2021. Professor Dr. Waseem Anwar's professional and academic journey is truly a reflection of his dedication to excellence, service, and leadership. The farewell was graced by Professor Dr. Waseem Anwar and family, Rector Dr. Jonathon Addleton, Vice-Rector Dr. Douglas Trimble, Associate Vice Rector for Faculty Affairs Dr. Sufian Aslam, Associate Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Dr. Gloria Calib, Dean of Humanities Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan, Chairperson of English Department Dr. Fatima Syeda and faculty members.



3. **Season's Greetings and Christmas: 21st Dec, 2021.** The Department of English at FCCU arranged a small get-together with all the colleagues in the department celebrating Christmas and exchanged greetings of the seasons.



MPhil Poster Competition

Facilitator: Ms. Qurratulaen

A poster presentation competition on Modern Drama was organized by the Department of English, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University) on 9th February, 2022.

MPhil students of Modern to Contemporary Continental Drama (ENGL 617) Class presented their posters on Modern British, American, European, African, Chinese, Italian, South Asian, French, and German Drama.

These posters were evaluated by Dr. Altaf Ullah Khan (Dean of Humanities), Dr. Fatima Syeda (Chairperson English Department) and Dr. Faiza Zaheer (Coordinator MPhil program).

At the end of the event, winners were awarded certificates.



PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Fatima Syeda

1. Syeda, Fatima, and Rija Batool. "A Writer's Urge for a Cathartic Narrativization: A Study of the Narratives from the Traumatic Memory of Kashmir Victims in Basharat Peer's Curfewed Nights". Kashmir Journal of Language Research, vol. 24, no. 2, Feb, 2021, pp.17-32. <https://kjlr.pk/index.php/kjlr/article/view/258/173>
2. Syeda, Fatima, and Saud Hanif "A Contemporized Myth and Reality in Conflict: Sunderlal's Psychic Imbalance in Lajwanti by Rajinder Singh Bedi". Pakistan Journal of Humanities & Social Sciences Research, vol. 04, no. 02, Dec, 2021, pp. 175-188. (<https://doi.org/10.37605/pjhssr.v4i2.256>)
3. Syeda, Fatima, and Khurshid Alam. "Weakness of Faith and the Silenced Exploitation of Women in Ahmed Nadeem Qasmi's "A Lament"" Journal of Research Society of Pakistan, vol. 58, no. 4, 2021, pp. 109-112. (http://pu.edu.pk/images/journal/history/PDF-FILES/13_58_4_21.pdf)
4. Syeda, Fatima, et. al. "The Tragedy Within the Comedy: The Politics of Narrativizing Émigré Crisis in Vladimir Nabokov's Pnin." Pakistan Social Sciences Review, vol. 5, no. 4, 2021, pp. 105-114. (<https://pssr.org.pk/issues/v5/4/the-tragedy-within-the-comedy-the-politics-of-narrativizing-migr-crisis-in-vladimir-nabokov-s-pnin.pdf>)

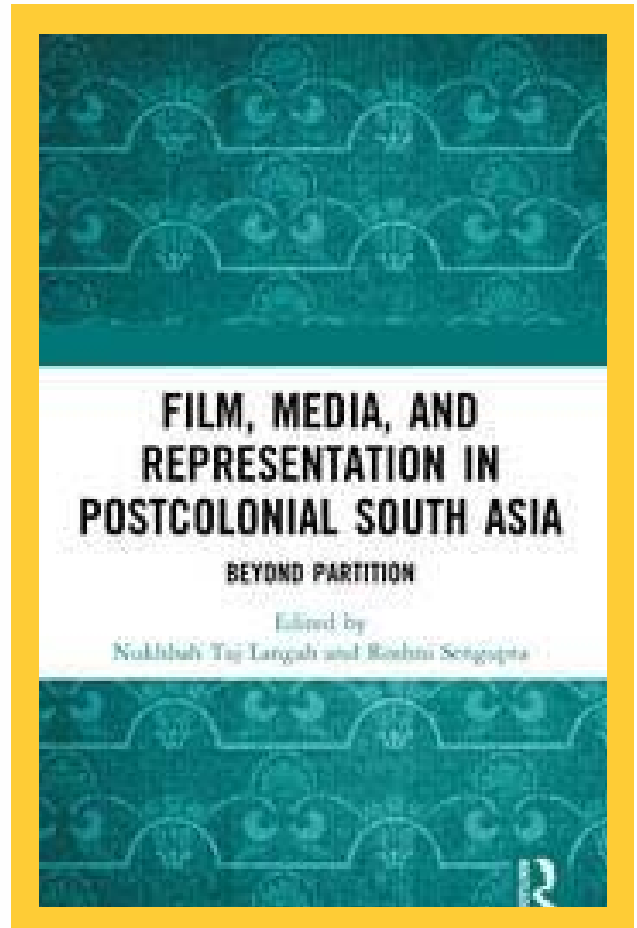
Dr. Nukhbah Langah

Coedited Book

Langah, N & Roshni Sengupta (eds.) *Film, Media, and Representation in Post Colonial South Asia* (Delhi: London: New York, Routledge 2021) <https://www.routledge.com/Film-Media-and-Representation-in-Post-colonial-South-Asia-Beyond-Partition/Langah-Sengupta/p/book/9781138339767> (Introductory chapter and Conclusion co-authored by Langah and Sengupta)

Book chapter

Langah, N and Kamal ud Din, “Responses Towards 9/11: Caricatures and Pashto Poetry from Pakistan” in *Handbook, Trans-cultural Humanities in South Asia: Critical Essays on Literature and Culture* edited by Waseem Anwar and Nosheen Yousaf, Rout-



Journal article

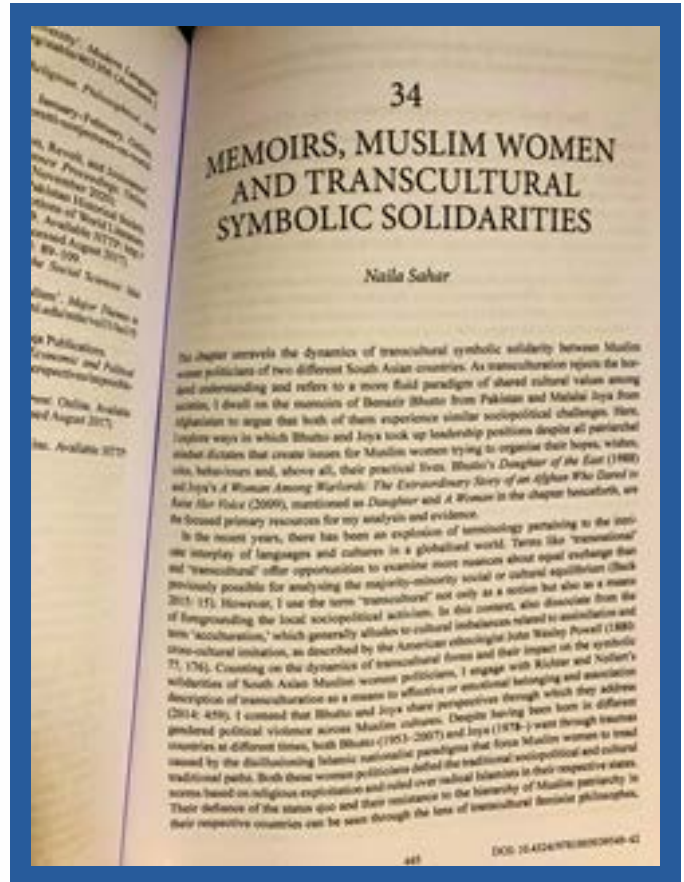
Covid-19 and Literary Resistance in Pakistan: A Feminist Analysis of The Stained-Glass Window, <http://pu.edu.pk/home/journal/jrh/Current-Issue.html>, 57, Issue-1 (Summer-2021), *Journal of Research in Humanities (JRH)*, ('Y' Category HEC recognized journal)

Electronic Input

'Building Online Bridges: Ethnography Across "Partitioned Nation States" during COVID-19', From a Series: Collaboratory of Cultural Ethnography, Society for Cultural Anthropology, (published online on 23 September 2021)

Dr. Naila Sahar

1. Book Chapter: Sahar, N. (2021). Feminist Ethnography, Revisionary Historiography and the Subaltern in Assia Djebar's *Fantasia: An Algerian Cavalcade*. In *Memory, Voice, and Identity: Muslim Women's Writing from across the Middle East*. Routledge. doi: <https://www.routledge.com/Memory-Voice-and-Identity-Muslim-Womens-Writing-from-across-the-Middle/Jussawalla-Omran/p/book/9780367569761>.
2. Book Chapter: "Memoirs, Muslim Women and Transcultural Symbolic Solidarities", (2022) in in *Routledge Handbook on Transcultural Humanities in South Asia*. Edited by Prof Waseem Anwar and Nosheen Yosaf. Routledge
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003039549-42/memoirs-muslim-women-transcultural-symbolic-solidarities-naila-sahar>

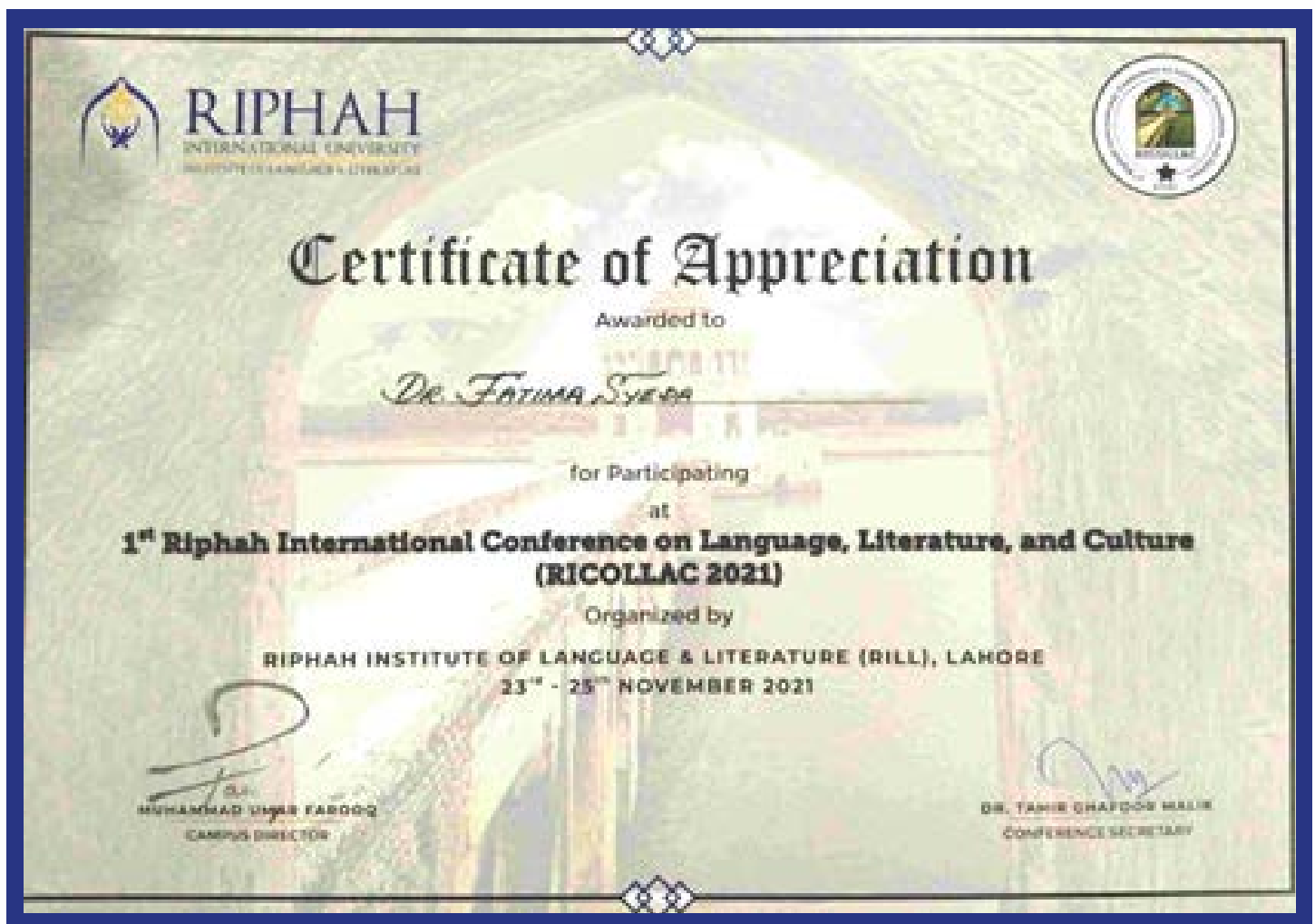


CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

Dr. Fatima Syeda

Session Chair in a Conference

Chaired a session at the “1st Riphah International Conference on Language, Literature, and Culture” (RICOLLAC). November 23-25, 2021, Riphah Institute of Language & Literature, Riphah University, Lahore Campus.



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Research Methodology (Conti...)

Discourse Analysis of Poetry

Language

- Social Identities
- Social Relations
- Systems of Knowledge and Belief

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Literacy, Education, Empowerment

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Kamran Rafiq

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A book of poetry:
If My Body Could Speak

A powerful discourse on women-organization
initiated by women themselves.

A critical evaluation of hegemonic patterns
of male chauvinistic society.

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or thing.

A book of poetry:
The Carrying

A woman like an empty womb
possesses an infinite ability to create endlessly.
Insistence on women to carve her own
space and from words grow laughter into
Dandelion.

the powerful discourse of
stepping up from silence
and reclaiming women's
is through others.

A book of poetry:
Don't Tell Me How to Act Why

She sheds the pressure
blocks of society
which discourage women to raise their
voice and encourage them to accept all
repression as the biological realities of sex
traffics.

Kamran Rafiq

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Panel Discussion

Acted as a Panelist in the Book Launch of the book Musings by the poet Ms. Zakia Nasir, organised by Lahore College Women University, Lahore, on 21st November, 2021.



Webinar

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Dr. Nukhbah Langah

1. 'The Nature of Folk Genres and Folk characters in Siraiki Literature' at National Panel on Preserving and Globalizing Lokloric Wisdom at 'Globalizing Lokloric Wisdom: An International Conference on Folk Literature in Pakistani Languages' held on March 30-31, 2022, Islamic University, Islamabad.
2. 'Siraiki Language Speakers in Britain: An Ethnographic Study', Partition Lecture Series 2021, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT, Kharagpur (India & Punjabi University, Patiala)
Recording available through the following YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_YZ7CIKdpdY&t=29s



Dr. Naveed Rehan

1. Presented a paper as a keynote address:
Rehan, Naveed. “Magic Wand, Cast of Spells’: The Language of D. H. Lawrence’s Essays.”
The 20th International Stylistics Symposium, Akdeniz University, Antalya, Turkey, Dec. 23-24, 2021. Keynote.

20. Uluslararası Dilbilimsel Sempozyumu
The 20th International Stylistics Symposium
23-24 Aralık 2021
December 23 to 24, 2021

Program

23 Aralık 2021 (December 23, 2021)

Time / Chair	Presentation Title	Presenter / Affiliation
13:13-13:30 ARIKAN	Açılış Töreni / Opening Remarks	
13:30-13:50 ARIKAN	KEYNOTE SPEECH “Magic Wand, Cast of Spells’: The Language of D. H. Lawrence’s Essays	Naveed REHAN Fomran Christian College University
14:00-14:20 ZORBA	Türk Sürsün Göstergeler İmparatorluğu: Yahya Kemal’in “Erdökünle Rake” Adlı Sürsünle Deneyimsel Döndemler	Merve Nihan DOĞAN Hacettepe University
14:30-14:50 ARIKAN	An Analysis of the Language in Two Different Chocolate Advertisements through Visual Discourse	Emel KILIC Nalan KIZILTAN Göteborg Maysa University
15:00-15:20 DURGUN	Mobile Uygulama “Lingoloid”’e Sosyal Göstergelerle Yönelim	Fatma Nur KAYA Nalan KIZILTAN Göteborg Maysa University
15:30-15:50 ARIKAN	Translation Peculiarities of National Realism in Mukhtar Ajanov’s Epic-Novel “Aba’s Way”	Gulmira ZAMSHIYEVA AINABEKOVNA Tatyana SHYM VALENTYEVNA Dzhaldy Tarsu State University
16:00-16:20 DURGUN	Abdullah Gül’ün Metin Merkezi Bakımı	Hülya BULUT Boğaziçi University
16:30-16:50 ARIKAN	Yükseköğretimde Yabancı Dilde Verilen Derelerde İki Dilin İşlevsel Öncelikleri	Bakiye GENÇ Akdeniz University
17:00-17:20 DURGUN	Reading Critically, Analyzing Systemically: The Case of “Marie Stopes”	Arda ARKAN Akdeniz University

2. Presented a paper online at a conference in Turkey:
Rehan, Naveed. “Rereading Stendhal’s Souvenirs d’Égotisme. The 6th International Language, Culture, and Literature Symposium, Süleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey, December 10, 2021.

Adeel Khalid

1. Khalid, Adeel. “Challenges and Prospects in a Multilingual Class: A Comparison of Teachers’ Perspectives in Punjab and Baluchistan Provinces.” Co-presented at 2nd English Language Expo 2022, the conference entitled ‘Bridging Global Education’ Jan 29, 2022
2. Khalid, Adeel. “Web-based Learning Tools Designed for ESL Context and Class” in the 26th Annual NileTESOL Conference entitled ‘New Norms in Teaching & Learning’ Jan 28, 2022
3. Conducted a webinar on Collaborative Writing Tasks for Online and F2F Classes for Evolution and RELO Pakistan Digital Media Sites 7.1 (December 2021)

Maheen Zia

Two of the students from Ms. Maheen Zia’s Sociolinguistics class presented their papers at the 7th International Conference of the Linguistics Association of Pakistan (ICLAP 2021) hosted by the Department of English at University of Sargodha on 10–12th of November, 2021.

1. Yalnaz Alam presented her paper titled ‘Language and the Portrayal of Women in Movies based on Comics’ co-authored by Ms. Maheen Zia.
2. Eisha Sohail presented her paper titled ‘Language and the Downgrading of Women in Pakistani Dramas’ co-authored by Ms. Maheen Zia.

This undergraduate course is designed using a research-oriented approach where students are encouraged to explore newer areas. All the tasks and assignments help them engage in critical thinking. Students are then provided assistance in publishing their work as well. Some amazing ideas are brought in and put together in form of research papers every semester by students studying this course.

Research Grants/Exchange Programs

Dr. Naila Sahar

Awarded a prestigious postdoctoral international fellowship from the American Association of University Women. Dr. Sahar will be in residence with the Department of Global Gender and Sexuality Studies (University at Buffalo, NY USA) as a 2022 AAUW International Post-Doctoral Fellow .

https://arts-sciences.buffalo.edu/global-gender-sexuality/news-events.host.html/content/shared/arts-sciences/global-gender-sexuality/department-news/Sahar-AAUW-Fellow.detail.html?fbclid=IwAR21viX9mABfur5yXA9vrxFLf9xftvEK72wqzuEt_2UHX1EotCjBqdTi-DE

Adeel Khalid

1. Selected for TESOL Exchange Program to attend TESOL International Convention 2022 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A by the RELO Pakistan, US Embassy Islamabad, and Evolution Karachi, Mar 2022

2. Won HEC fully funded Scholarship for doctoral studies under Faculty Development Program (Indigenous) 2021-2023



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Nukhbah Langah

BOOK LAUNCH

'Advancing Female Literacy and Empowerment in Pakistan and India through Life Writing Project' (2019-2021) organised at FCCU on 23rd September 2021 in collaboration with Dr. Rukhsana Zia.

(Note: This project was initiated by Professor Siobhan Lambert-Hurley, University of Sheffield, and supported by Global Challenges Research Fund (GRCF). Forman Christian College University and an NGO, Bunyad Foundation were collaborators from Pakistan in addition to international partners from UK and India).

GUEST TALKS ORGANISED FOR STUDENTS

1. ENGL 690: Special Research Seminar, ENGL 406: Gender & Sexuality, ENGL 407: Pakistani Literature
2. Topic: "Confessions of a 'Reluctant' Sociologist: Research, Writing and Passion in Social Sciences and Humanities in Contemporary Times."
Guest: Professor Sasanka Perera, Department of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi
3. Date: 9th November 2021
Recording available through the following YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASbugK94rQ>



4. Topic: “Thesis Writing & Research Experience: Some Reflections”
Speaker: Nosheen Yousuf - , Lecturer in English at Government College University Faisalabad, Pakistan

Date: 21 December 2021

Recording available through the following YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13TucWG8bns&t=1s>

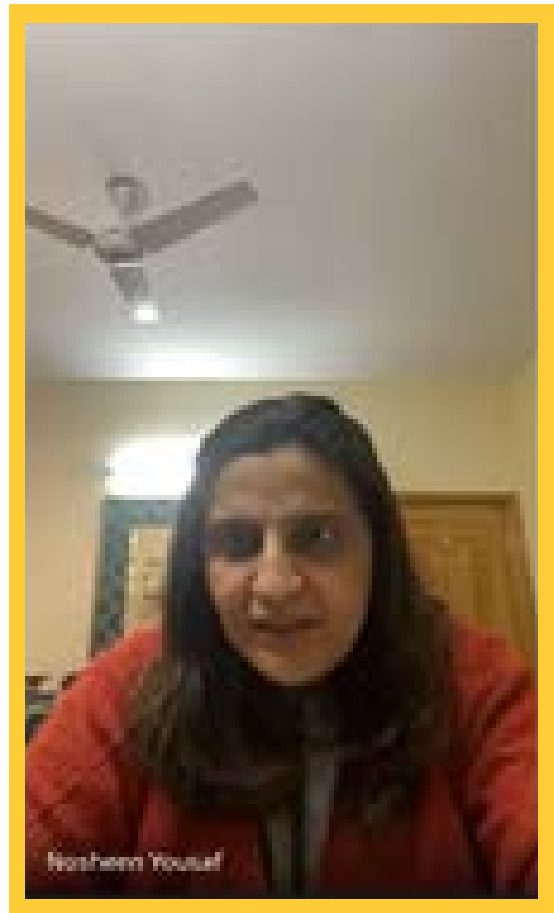
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Nosheen Yousuf

Thesis Writing & Research Experience: Some Reflections

FILM SCREENING ORGANISED FOR STUDENTS

(The screening was organised online for ENGL 406 class on 11 November 2021 with the permission of Claire Pamment)

Pamment, Claire, Iram Sana, Naghma Gogi, Neeli Rana, Jannat Ali, Anaya Sheikh, Lucky Khan, Sunniya Abbasi. Teesri Dhun (The Third Tune). Social Sciences and Humanities Research of Canada and Olomopolo Media, Alhamra Lahore, 2015.

Dr. Naila Sahar

1. Fall 2021: Taught a PhD course in collaboration with InterGender Consortium for Interdisciplinary Feminist Research Training and University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Title of the course was ‘Technocultural assemblages: Methods and methodologies in focus’, and Dr. Sahar taught a module on “Postcolonial feminism: Women’s digital activism in South Asia with focus on Pakistan”.
2. Member Gender Collaborative Forum, which is a collaborative project between FCCU and LCWU, under the US-Pakistan University Partnership Grant Program (UPGP) funded by US Mission to Pakistan and administered by United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) (2021-2022).
3. Gave a virtual talk on ‘Digital feminism in South Asia’ which was open to public.
4. Member international network and Research Cluster TechnAct: Transformations of Struggle. Research cluster on gender, sexualities, emergent communities and technocultural assemblages (Department of Cultural Sciences at the University of Gothenburg). This is a 5 year research project seeking to explore the impact of digital technologies on civil society engagement and social movements. This network is composed of 16 international members who do research on social movements/feminist and queer activism and digital technology from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and different universities.
<https://technactcluster.com/about-us/the-cluster-network/>



Adeel Khalid

1. Served as B.S English undergraduate external thesis evaluator for Faculty of English, University of Jhang,
2. Featured in Regional English Language Office (RELO) Pakistan Official Social Media Sites in Alumni Stories,
3. Nominated as the American English Live Star Alumni for successfully attending 5 American English Live Webinar Series that were broadcasted from January 2018 - April 2021,
4. Won Doctoral Scholar Membership of Learner Corpus Association (LCA),
5. Mentored Forman Students to present in OPEN Pakistan Virtual Conference for English Language Learners (November 2021),
6. Completed a two-day HEC workshop on 'Promoting Research Excellence in Academics Across Pakistan' (1st and 2nd February 2022),
7. Volunteered for the 2ND English Language Expo 2022.

Department of Mass Communications

Department Activities

Peace Journalism Workshop 2021

The Department of Mass Communication organised “Journalism for Peace, Counter Violent Extremism among Youth, and International Reporting” conference in collaboration with Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet), Oslo, Norway. The 3-day workshop included the themes of Populism, Authoritarianism and Representation of Peace; the legal structure for free expression: theory and practice and the practice of journalism for peace and freedom and truth. A number of national and international speakers from the field of journalism and academics spoke at the conference. Dr Elisabeth Eide, Dr. Altafullah Khan, Dr Jahanzeb Khan, Dr Christopher Galloway, Dr Nasir Jamal Khattak, Dr Abeer Saady, Ms Moneeza Hashmi, Dr Alexandra Wake, Mr Atta Ansari and Ms Olga Stokke were amongst the most celebrated speakers of the event. A large number of journalism faculty, students and journalists from various universities and organisations participated in the event.





Seminar and Workshop on Digital Marketing

Ms. Shamail Zehra in collaboration with Forman Journalism Society organised a digital marketing seminar and training workshop for copy writing students in collaboration with The Alphas Digital in December 2021. The Alpha's Digital as a Digital Marketing Agency offers social media services to reach the broader audience groups. Mr. Shehryar Asim and Mr. Aqran Azmat were the resource persons for the workshop, Mr. Asim is an FCC alumnus and Mr. Azmat is currently studying at FCC. Both resource persons gave extensive training and valuable information regarding business development and growth via digital platforms.



Media Centre, Department of Mass Communication

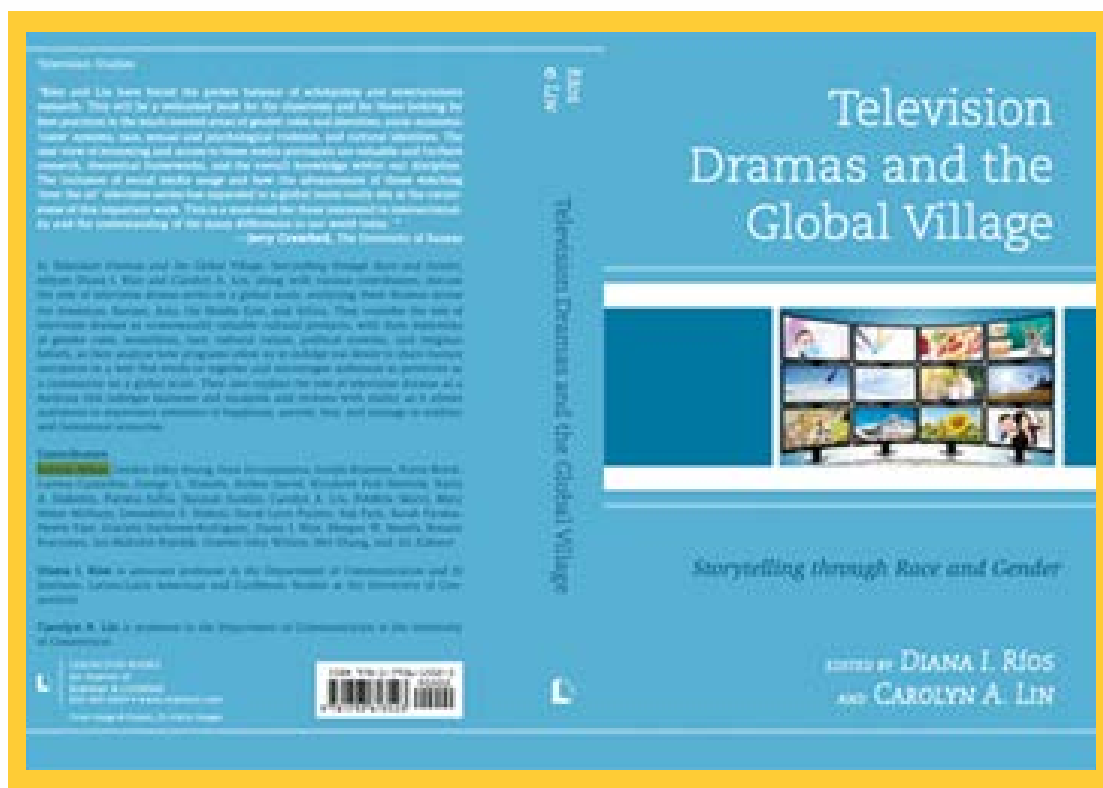
The Department of Mass Communication takes immense pride in sharing the developments related to the Media Centre. The centre is fully equipped with state of art facilities including a radio station, production control room, television studio to facilitate 3 to 5 camera production, a separate recording studio, an audio-video editing lab and a conference room. Documentary production and radio broadcasting classes have already commenced in the media centre. Facilities in the media centre will provide necessary hands-on experience to mass communication students.



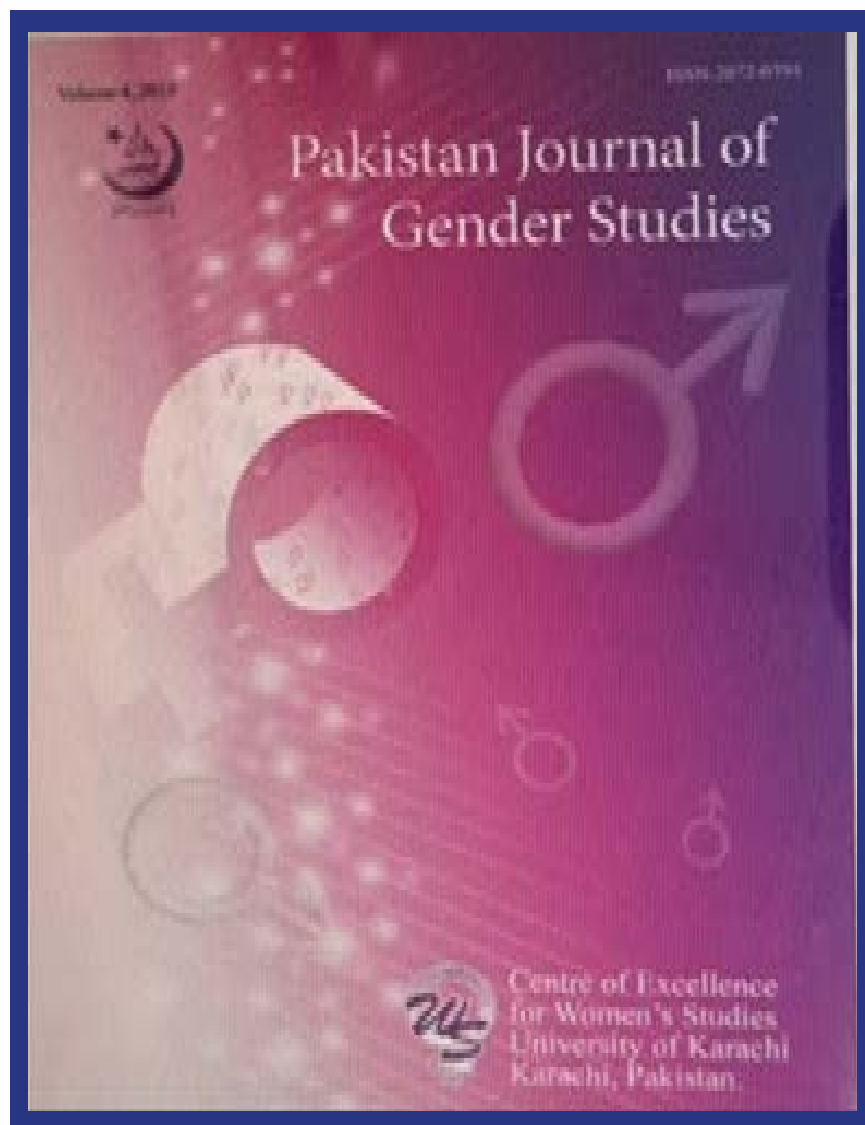
PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Saleem Abbas

1. Dr. Saleem Abbas, Assistant Professors at Mass Communication department, published his book chapter titled “Pakistani Television Drama: Gendering in Different Regimes” in the book *Television Dramas and the Global Village: Storytelling Through Race and Gender*. The book is published by Lexington Books (Rawman & Little field (ISBN 978-1-793b-1352-3). The chapter discusses past fifty years’ tradition (1970-2019) of Pakistani Urdu TV drama serials/telenovelas and explores gendering throughout different political regimes in the content of these TV shows. The research also studies media images and occupational patterns from the perspective of gender regulation through the cast analysis of these dramas in the current age of digitalization.

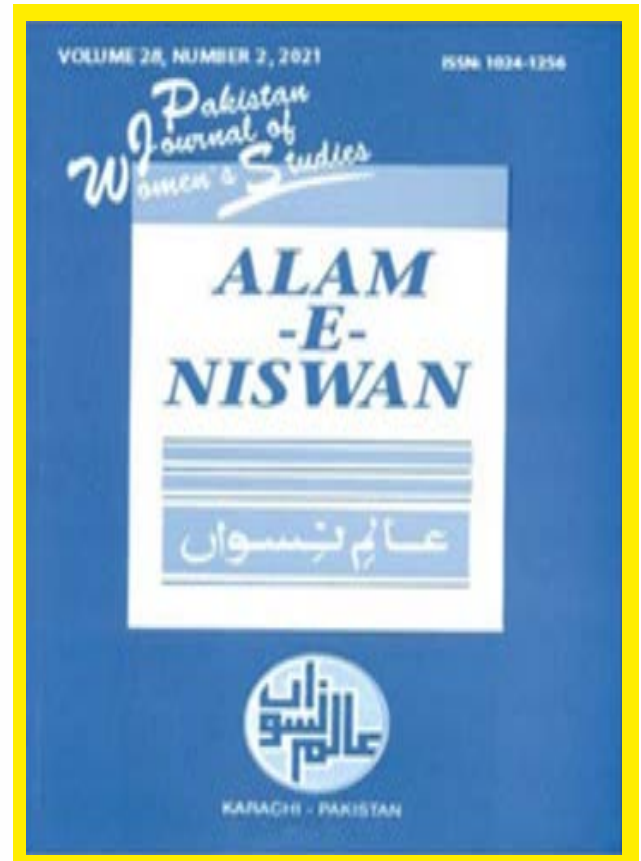


2. Dr. Saleem Abbas and Rayyan Asad Mahmood co-authored and published a research paper titled “Manufacturing Consents in Dissolving Marriages: A Qualitative Content Analysis on Pakistani Urdu TV Dramas” in Pakistan Journal of Gender Studies. They discussed that fantasised lives, illicit independence, and unwise behaviour depicted in visual television contents can completely change its audience’s perception of the world. People start doubting their relationships with their significant others on a subconscious level. This depiction also sets precedent for distrust in the minds of children as well. They argued that repeated television exposure increases favourable attitudes to separation between married couples. The study also analyses the tragedies in domestic stories of dramas that represent the vulnerability of the married couple’s relationship. The publication can be accessed at: <https://www.socialsciencejournals.pjgs-ws.com/index.php/PJGS/article/view/568>



Dr. Saleem Abbas and Dr. Firasat Jabeen

Dr. Saleem Abbas, Dr. Firasat Jabeen and Huma Tahir co-authored and published a research paper titled “COVID-19 and Education of Mass Communication: A Change, Charged with Exclusion and Disparity” in Pakistan Journal of Women Studies: Alam-e-Niswan. They studied female education of Mass Communication during the period of COVID-19 and discussed that the pandemic has brought a change that is charged with exclusion and disparity. They argued that not only formal and informal learning realms of female students have been affected in the post pandemic educational landscape, but a distinct gender and digital divide (GDD) is also noticeable between technology-equipped and deprived students. Moreover, economic limitations and socio-cultural norms also play an essential role in exacerbating second order GDD in Mass Communication education. Their publication can be accessed at: <http://www.pakistanwomenstudies.com/pjws/article/view/92>



Ms. Anam Muzamill

Ms. Anam Muzamill, published a multi-disciplinary protocol paper in public health titled “Digital health literacy intervention to support maternal, child and family health in primary healthcare settings of Pakistan during the age of coronavirus: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial” in British Medical Journal 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. Faiza Tasneem, Assistant Professor, School of Management Sciences, FCC, Dr. Florian Fischer, Professor, Institute of Public Health, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Berlin, Germany.

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Conferences

Dr. Saleem Abbas

1. Presented a paper on “ Mapping the Digital Divide in Education of Journalism During the Pandemic” at the annual convention of Association of Media and Communication Academic Professionals (AMCAP). The two days (February 17-18, 2021) convention was held at Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi.
2. Presented a paper on “ The New Dimensions of Communication and 21st Century’s Urdu Gazal” in an International Urdu Conference at Forman Christian College, University, Lahore (October 14, 2021).

Faculty Honors & Accolades

Outstanding Faculty Award for Mr. Saqib Saleem

Mr. Saqib Saleem, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication received outstanding faculty award in the Commencement 2021. Mr. Saqib Saleem was recognized for his professional commitment; service to students, demonstrating the core values of FCC and teaching effectiveness. Mr. Saqib expressed his gratitude on receiving the award and pledged to continue with the same commitment and compassion in future.



Ms. Anam Muzamill completed her Ph.D. degree

Ms. Anam was awarded Ph.D. degree in 131st Convocation of University of the Punjab. Her Ph.D. research is an assessment of audience risk perception and the media's institutional and sociological role in shaping the perception of the audience regarding criminal justice and social safety. The study has been able to provide the propositional content for media content creators, practitioners, academicians, and social justice advocates to intellectualise the debate and discussion related to crime and criminal justice in the media.



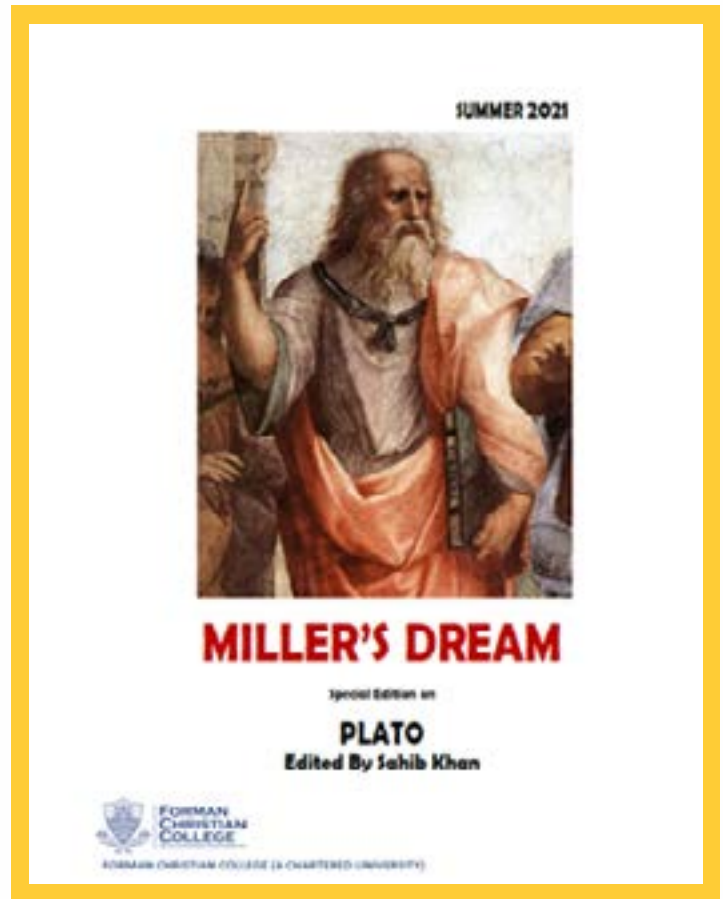
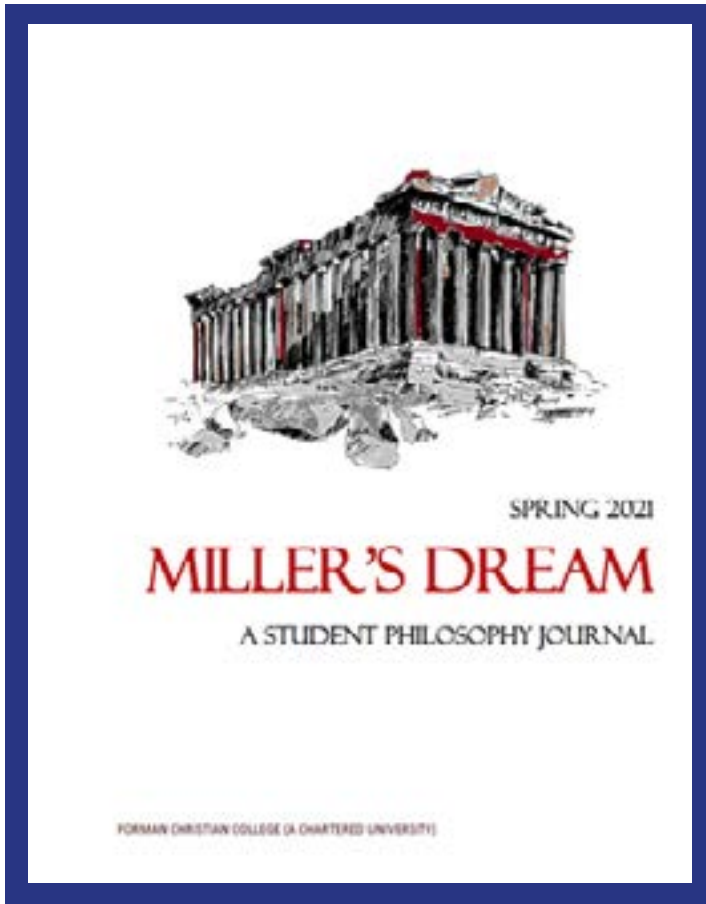
Department of Philosophy

Department Activities

The Department of Philosophy on December 01, 2021, launched two new editions of Miller's Dream - Pakistan's only students' philosophy journal. Miller's Dream is a memorable tribute to **Professor Myron Miller**, who founded the Department of Philosophy at FCC. Each semester, one edition of the journal is published and launched. However, this time, we took a new step to publish a special edition on arguably the greatest philosopher, Plato.



The Spring 2021 edition was edited by Huda Rauf. She chose a diverse range of articles, from Scientism to Ethics. Sahib Khan edited the special edition on Plato. He selected articles that debated topics like Plato's Allegory of the Cave and the Socratic Method.



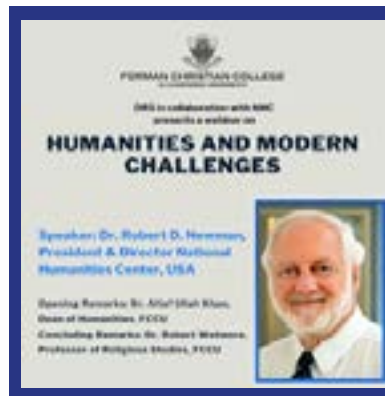
Department of Religious Studies

Department Activities

The Department of Religious Studies has always been proactive and productive in terms of arranging intra-institutional and collaborative initiatives. These initiatives are aimed at fostering a culture of learning, professional and personal growth. The year 2021-22 was no different, and the salient achievements of the department are highlighted in the following sections.

1) Webinars

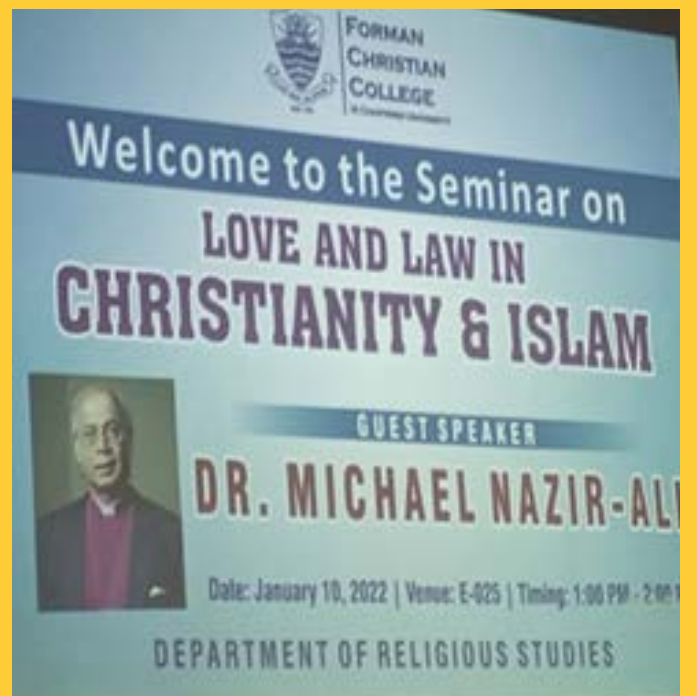
- The Department of Religious Studies, in collaboration with the Vice-Rector Office, organised a webinar on March 29, 2021 on the topic of Relationship between Sufism and Eastern Christianity. The keynote speaker was Dr. Michael Nazir Ali, who is the President of Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue and former Bishop of Rochester.



- A webinar on the topic of Humanities and Modern Challenges was delivered on October 13, 2021, by Dr. Robert D. Newman (President & Director National Humanities Centre, USA).

- The Department of Religious Studies, in collaboration with Vice-Rector Office, organized a webinar on January 10, 2022, on Love and Law in Christianity and Islam. The speaker was Dr. Michael Nazir Ali (President of Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue and former Bishop of Rochester).





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2) Collaborative Forums:

Research and Development Forum (R&D), Department of Religious Studies, FCC
(Coordinator: Dr. Abid Naeem.)

- To quench the intellectual thirst of the Religious Studies faculty, the Research and Development Forum (R&D) at FCC's Department of Religious Studies organised the following webinar:
- Webinar: A Comparative Study of the Theory of Evolution and Special Creation on June 21 2021. The speaker was Prof. Idrees Azad (International Islamic University, Islamabad).

Forman Islamic Society

Coordinator/ Advisor: Dr Nisar Ahmed

The Forman Islamic Society (FIS) is a highly efficient student-run society that strives to help the students learn and grow in terms of their character and moral values. FIS, under the advisory of Dr. Nisar Ahmed, arranged following intra-institutional events:

1) Collaborative Events:

- FIS organised Ramadan Series with Forman Urdu Society.

2) Webinar:

- FIS organised its first webinar of the 2021-22 tenure in the month of Rabi ul Awal. The honourable guest speaker of the webinar was Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani. The topic of the first webinar was “Seerat-un-nabi” and was delivered live on Zoom on 18th October, 2021.
- The second event entitled Role of Islamic Value in Personal Development was held in the Freshmen Week. It was delivered live on Zoom on 27th October, 2021, by the honourable speaker Dr. Abid Naeem, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies.
- For the Freshmen week, Forman Islamic Society arranged the event of “Talent Quiz”. It was held on 29th October, 2021, and the winners were announced on the society’s social media pages.



- After campus reopening in the month of December, Forman Islamic Society arranged its first on-campus event after the pandemic. The topic of this informative lecture was “Humanity, Youth and Islamic Ethics”, which was delivered by the honourable Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani, the Chairperson of the Department of Religious Studies in FCCU.



PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Abid Naeem

The Unison of Heavenly Knowledge and Science, published in an Islamic Studies research Journal, Tanazur, published by Institute of Religious Perspectives, Lahore

Dr. Nisar Ahmed

Nature of Sense-Reporting in Difference of the Text of Hadith; A Research Study.

Dr. Daniel Lenz

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

Scholarly Contribution:

- Dr. Lenz's academic and departmental endeavours are unmatched. He completed two Biblical Hebrew textbooks for use in the Biblical Hebrew language programs. The first was a graded reader, which introduces grammar and vocabulary gradually while offering comprehensible input at each stage. The second was an introductory grammar, which summarises phonology, morphology, and syntax of Biblical Hebrew in an accessible manner.
- He is currently working on a research paper titled: "Yiqtol Expressing Deontic Modality in 1–2 Kings." It explores the use of a Biblical Hebrew verbal conjugation to convey volition such as commands and requests.

Biblical Hebrew An Introductory Grammar

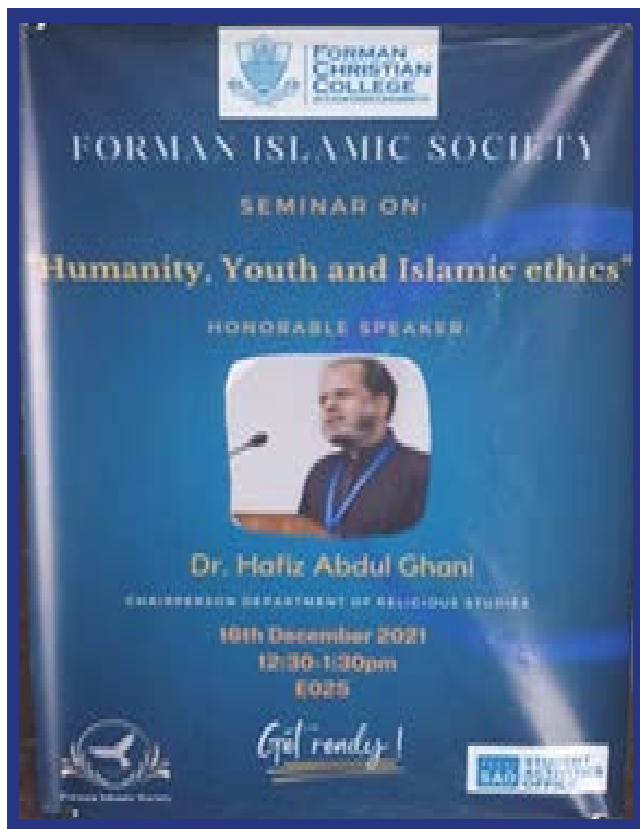


Daniel Lenz

Conferences/Seminars

Dr Hafiz. Abdul Ghani

- Served as a Session Chair and a Pan-elist in the International Conference on Spirituality and Religion, Minhaj University Lahore, October 30-31, 2021.
- Gave a talk and chaired a session on the Role of Teachers in Developing Creativity and Conscience among Students. The event was held at Idarat ul Mustafa, Gujranwala, in February 2022.



Dr Atiq Ur Rehman

1. Dr. Atiq Ur Rehman participated as a delegate in a Conference organised by the Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs at PC.
2. Participated in EDUtech Asia as a presenter on Course Trailers in November, 2021.
3. Served as sole presenter of an hour-long session in NACADA International Conference, which was held in Athens, Greece, during June.



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Atiq-ur-Rehman
Head of Faculty Advising,
Assistant Prof. DRS,
Forman Christian College
(A Chartered University),
Lahore, Pakistan.

Dr. Abid Naeem

Dr Abid Naeem delivered an online lecture at Forman Islamic Society's platform on "Role of Islamic Values in Personal Development" on 27th October, 2021.

Faculty Honors & Accolades

Dr Hafiz. Abdul Ghani

Professional Trainings:

Dr Ghani attended a 48 credits training program (Online September-December 2021) on Adaptive Design for Learning (ADL). The program was organised by the United Board, Hong Kong.

Dr Atiq Ur Rehman

The Department of Islamic Studies presents its heartiest congratulation to Dr Atiq Ur Rehman for the completion of his PhD and public defence of doctoral dissertation.

Dr. Abid Naeem

Scholarly Contributions:

. Dr. Abid Naeem, as a scholar, completed 4 semesters of Notre Dame University's evening online study program entitled "Madrasa Discourses". The program was designed to equip Islamic religious leaders (ulam) with the tools necessary to confidently engage pluralism, modern science, technological advances, and new philosophies.

. Dr. Nisar was selected by the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) for consistently 2 weeks' pieces of training on Global Citizenship Education (GCED) and the UN's related 17 goals.

Intra-Institutional Activities:

. Dr. Nisar organised intra-institutional activities through the Forman Islamic Society. He also organised Ramadan Series with Forman Urdu Society.

Dr Daniel Lenz

Intra-Institutional Networking

Being an avid advocate of inter-religious harmony to promote inter-religious networking, Dr. Lenz visited Gujranwala Christian Theological Seminary. This visit was aimed at networking and learning about the historic institution of Christian theological education.



Hafiz Saeed Ahmed

Hafiz Saeed Ahmed received his PhD thesis evaluation reports and is currently working on revisions suggested by evaluators. His notable activities include the following:

- . Research Training: Attended online an workshop on “Qualitative Methods” by Mr. Shahid Latif (PhD. Scholar, Malaysia) on January 3, 2022.
- . Attended 5-hour training workshop on “Resources to Enhance Student Learning” arranged by CLT in December, 2021.
- . Attended a workshop “Writing Professional Goals Statement” by Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani in CLT on 13th December, 2021.

New Faculty Members

The Department of Religious Studies welcomes two of its newest and zealous members, Dr. Keneth Pervaiz (Assistant Professor Department of Christians Studies) and Ms. Zaneera Azam (Lecturer Department of Islamic Studies). The Department welcomes these two faculty members and looks forward to a great collaboration with them.

Dr. Keneth Pervaiz

Dr. Keneth Pervaiz is a serious student of Biblical Studies who holds a Master's degree in Biblical Exegesis and Hermeneutics (USA) and a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (USA). He is married to Aroona Keneth with a precious 3-year-old daughter named Amelia Keneth. Upon the completion of his doctoral studies, he has recently joined Forman Christian College as an Assistant Professor of New Testament in the Religious Studies Department. He is passionate about academic reading, writing, and research and shows a deep interest in comparative religious studies. Furthermore, he is enthusiastic about investing in young theology students and leaders by equipping them with the right tools of biblical exegesis and hermeneutics to grow in their critical thinking of sacred texts. In addition to publishing a few articles, currently, he is working on a writing project by Langham Publications and contributing to The Letter to the Hebrews in 'South Asian Study Bible.'



Ms. Zaneera Azam

Ms Zaneera Azam has joined the Department of Religious Studies as lecturer of Islamic Studies. She has acquired her BS and MS degrees in the discipline of Islamic Studies from the International Islamic University Islamabad. Prior to her appointment as lecturer here at the FCCU, she has served as visiting faculty at the International Islamic University Islamabad and Government College for Women Lahore. Ms Zaneera has special interest in the field of interfaith initiatives, ecumenical dialogue, and interreligious harmony. She is an educationist by profession and a poet by passion. She is the recipient of UNDP Essayist Award, Goi Peace Writer's Award and The CM Punjab Writer's award.



Emeritus

Dr. Herbert Oswald Brasher (Rtd. Associate Professor, Christian Studies)

This fall semester brought along a heavy-hearted goodbye to one of the most prominent professors in the Department of Religious Studies - Dr. Herbert Oswald Brasher. The whole Department of Religious Studies owes him a lifetime of gratitude and pays homage to his eminent contributions on every level.

Dr. Brasher had 28 years of experience teaching Bible and Theology at a collegiate level in Germany. He served as a lecturer at Bible Colleges throughout Germany and the rest of Europe, as well as the USA, Canada, and India. He served as Director of Christliches Jugendzentrum Bodensee, Friedrichshafen, Germany for 6 years and as Deputy Director for 10 years before that. Dr. Brasher was also the Bible College Principal of Fackelträger Klostermühle Bible College, Germany, for 7 years. Additionally, he has occupied the esteemed positions of a Pastor in the Bavarian Lutheran Church of Germany and a Licensed Preacher in the United Lutheran and Reformed Church of Hessen-Nassau, Germany. Dr Brasher's distinctions include:

- Qualifications: D Min (Columbia International University, USA)
MA in New Testament (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Illinois)
- Research interests: The Cross-Cultural Implications and Application of Biblical Texts to the Current Church.
- Publications: Writing Biblical Commentary Notes for Bibellesebund, (Scripture Union), Germany over a period of 15 years.



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