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From the Deans's Desk



Dr. Sikandar Hayat

I am pleased to welcome another Newsletter of the Department of Political Science, with a whole range of information on the department, its faculty, and students in a variety of areas of interest.

Political Science is one of the leading departments of the Faculty of Social Sciences offering programs at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels (MPhil), with the undergraduate program pursuing four streams, that is, political philosophy, international relations, Pakistan politics, and comparative politics. The MPhil program concentrates on research and builds on the undergraduate learning and lessons learnt through critical thinking, reasoning, collaboration, communication, and adherence to ethical values and standards. The result of these well thought out programs and their working is that the department is one of the best departments of Political Science in Lahore and indeed the region.

I commend the Editor, and indeed the entire editorial team, for all their efforts to project and promote the multifarious activities of the department for the purpose of informing and engaging all concerned. They will know the departmental performance, the contributions of both faculty and students, and, above all, the critical updates.

Finally, I would like to appreciate the dedication and able guidance of Dr. Zamurrad Awan, Associate Professor, in getting this Newsletter published regularly and on time, always!

Thank you all!

Message from the Chair



Dr. Shakila Sindhu

The year 2025 has been both challenging and deeply rewarding for the students and faculty of Political Science. We worked with dedication and enthusiasm to introduce several new courses in our BS program including Gender, War, and Security in the 21st Century, Political Marketing, Gender and Politics, Governance Challenges of Pakistan, Poverty and Governance in South Asia and War Studies: Theory and Practice to make our BS program more contemporary and richer in curricula.

We, the faculty of Political Science thoughtfully revised our existing MPhil program in alignment with HEC guidelines. These changes were not merely administrative updates rather they reflect our shared commitment to keeping our curriculum relevant, rigorous, and responsive to the evolving academic landscape.

I am especially grateful to my faculty members who continuously remained productive and published in national and international journals. Their intellectual energy kept our classrooms vibrant spaces of discussion, debate, and critical reflection. We are sensitive to the nature of our subject as it is all about people, understanding society, power, responsibility, and citizenship. We take this responsibility with a sense of purpose and are contributing to the lives of our students and society meaningfully.

I would also appreciate the constructive role of Dean Social Sciences Dr. Sikandar Hayat. His vision, consciousness and forward-looking approach is strengthening Social Sciences, and particularly the department of Political Science. Under his transformational leadership we are achieving new milestones.

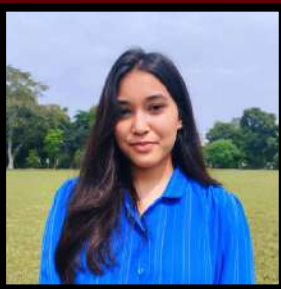
I sincerely thank to our students, faculty, and staff for their hard work, patience, and commitment and hope to see the next academic year more productive.

Administration Team



Mr. Fayyaz Raza
Administrative Associate

As an Administrative Associate, Mr. Fayyaz Raza plays a crucial role in supporting faculty members and administrative needs. He assists in organizing meetings and seminars and facilitates undergraduate and postgraduate thesis defenses. Mr. Raza also supervises Work Study Program-WSP students who serve as Teacher Assistants TA. His professionalism and dedication make him an indispensable source of support for the department's faculty.



Liza Chughtai
Teacher Assistant

"Being the Teaching Assistant for Political Science for the past year has been a transformative journey," says Liza Chughtai. I supported Mr. Fayyaz in managing MPhil thesis-related documentation to ensure the process ran smoothly. In addition, I assisted teachers when they needed special support with classroom activities, such as preparing quiz printouts. She credits him for helping her grow both academically and professionally. She also emphasizes that this role has strengthened her communication skills and prepared her for future challenges.



Raja Eleazar
Teacher Assistant

Raja Eleazar, a volunteer in the Political Science Department, reflects on his time by mentioning, "I have learned so much about balancing academic work and administrative responsibilities." He expresses deep gratitude to the Department, particularly to the Chair, for treating him as an integral member of the team; for him, the experience felt less like work and more like being part of a family.

Meet the Faculty



Dr. Shakila Noor Sindhu
Chairperson &
Assistant Professor



Dr. Muhammad Younis
Associate Professor



Dr. Shahzadi Zamurrad Awan
Associate Professor



Qalandar Bux Memon
Assistant Professor



Muneeza Mirza
Assistant Professor



Dr. Mudassar Farooqi
Assistant Professor



Dr. Abeeda Qureshi
Assistant Professor



Dr. Ayra Indrias Pataras
Assistant Professor



Muhammad Usman Farooq
Lecturer



Muhammad Azhar
Lecturer



Kamran Khan
Lecturer

Visiting Faculty and Affiliates



Dr. Rehana Saeed Hashmi

Visiting Faculty

PhD in Political Science (*University of
the Punjab - Pakistan*)



Dr. Walid Ali Rajhna

Visiting Faculty

Ph.D. in Politics (*University of
Adelaide, Australia*)



Dr. Ryan Brasher

Affiliate

Ph.D. in Political
Science (*Indiana University,
USA*)

Faculty Highlights



Dr. Shakila Noor Sindhu
Chairperson &
Assistant Professor



Dr. Muhammad Younas
Associate Professor

Dr. Shakila Noor Sindhu demonstrated strong scholarly and academic engagement during 2025, reflecting her continued commitment to professional growth and policy-oriented research. She actively contributed to important academic discussions by participating in a national conference organized by the *University of Management and Technology (UMT)* on population control. In her presentation, she argued that effectively addressing Pakistan's population challenge requires a focus on structural fundamentals. She highlighted that despite historical changes, Pakistan remains the fifth most populous country in the world, emphasizing that resource allocation and policy objectives must be closely aligned.

During the same year, Dr. Shakila also contributed to international and regional academic discourse through her invited talk at an event organized by the International Relations Department at *Kinnaird College University*, commemorating the historical and cultural relations between Pakistan and Turkey. His Excellency *Mr. Mehmet Eymen Şimşek* attended the event as Chief Guest. In her talk, she analyzed the volume of trade between the two countries, identified areas of mutual interest, and highlighted sectors where Pakistan could benefit from Turkey's development experience.

Beyond conferences and lectures, Dr. Sindhu remained actively engaged with NGOs working in the areas of gender equality, service delivery, and anti-drug initiatives. This engagement also enabled her to connect students with the NGO sector through internships and research opportunities, providing them with valuable practical exposure and helping bridge the gap between theoretical learning and real-world application.

Dr. Muhammad Younis remained actively engaged in research and academic activities during 2025, with a focus on International Relations and Memory Studies. His scholarly work during the year addressed key issues related to policymaking, conflict, and collective memory.

In 2025, he co-authored a research article titled "*Political Responses to COVID-19: Implications for Policymaking and Implementation in Pakistan*" with *Iqra Riaz Ud Din*, which is currently under final review with the *University of Wah Journal of Social Sciences*. He presented his research on Agonistic Memory in International Relations and Jihadism in Afghanistan and Pakistan at the British International Studies Association (BISA) 50th Anniversary Conference held in Belfast (17–20 June 2025). He also presented a paper titled "Digital Memory of Warfare, Radicalization of Archives, and Collective Memory in the Digital Age" at the 9th Annual Conference of the Memory Studies Association in Prague, Czech Republic (14–18 July 2025).

Additionally, Dr. Younis chaired a panel session titled *Religious, Ethnic and Sectarian Issues in South Asia: Causes and Consequences* at the 2nd International Conference on Conflict Management in South Asia, organized by the Department of Political Science, Lahore College for Women University, held on 28–29 January 2025. Through these activities, he contributed to international scholarly dialogue and the Department's research profile.

Faculty Highlights



Dr. Zamurrad Awan
Associate Professor

Dr. Zamurrad Awan demonstrated strong scholarly engagement during 2025, reflecting her continued commitment to professional and academic growth. She published two peer reviewed research articles addressing themes of marginalization, governance, and resilience in Pakistan. Her co-authored article on the Shia Hazara community in Balochistan was published in the *FWU Journal of Social Sciences*, while her research on tribal perspectives regarding the FATA merger appeared in *Geopolitics Quarterly*.

During the same year, Dr. Awan actively participated in international academic forums and professional development initiatives. She presented her research at the *International Conference on Challenges and Trends in Arts and Social Sciences* at *American International University Bangladesh*, where her paper received a Special Mention Award and the abstract was published in the conference proceedings. She also secured a fully funded *CEU Summer University Grant* and successfully completed an intensive course at *Central European University Budapest*, further strengthening her comparative political expertise.

In addition to her research and training, Dr. Awan contributed to academic engagement and public discourse within her department. She organized a seminar titled *Politics, Media, and Technology Empowering Youth in the Digital Age*, focusing on the influence of Artificial Intelligence and digital media on contemporary politics. She also participated as a panellist, sharing insights on political communication, misinformation, and youth engagement. These activities collectively highlight her dedication to research excellence, academic innovation, and meaningful scholarly dialogue.

Dr. Ayra Indrias Patras demonstrated strong scholarly engagement during 2025–2026, reflecting her continued commitment to academic research, policy development, and international collaboration. She was elected as a Visiting Scholar for a one-month research stay at the *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)*, Paris, where she delivered five seminars and lecture presentations on caste-based discrimination and the status of religious minorities in Pakistan. Her lectures were hosted across several leading academic institutions, including *Sciences Po* and *Université Paris Cité*, facilitating meaningful scholarly exchanges on identity marginalization and comparative global experiences of domination and suppression.

In addition to her international academic contributions, Dr. Patras actively supported student professional development. She organized paid summer internships for four students at the Election Commission of Pakistan, where each intern received a stipend of Rs. 40,000 per month for three months. She also arranged an educational study visit for students to the Commission's offices in February 2025, strengthening their exposure to electoral governance and institutional processes.

Dr. Patras further contributed to policy advocacy and legislative reform. With the support of *Community World Service Asia*, she prepared and submitted a draft bill on *Christian Marriage and Divorce Laws* to the Punjab Minister of Minority Affairs in November 2025. Collectively, these academic, policy, and mentorship initiatives highlight her dedication to advancing research, strengthening institutional linkages, and promoting inclusive legal and social reforms.



Dr. Ayra Indrias Patras
Assistant Professor

Faculty Highlights



Dr. Abeeda Qureshi
Assistant Professor

Dr. Abeeda Qureshi remained actively engaged in strengthening the Department's research and academic culture in 2025 through her scholarly publications, conference participation, and professional development initiatives. Her research output during the year resulted in the publication of four co-authored research articles, including one in an international journal with an Impact Factor.

- Arooba Y. Qureshi, A. (2025). Assessing the Gaps: Theory Versus Practice of the Biomedical Model in the Punjab Mental Health (Amendment) Act 2014, *World Medical & Health Policy (WMHP)*, Vol. 17(4), December 2025. Impact Factor: 1.3.
- Arooba Y. Qureshi, A. (2025). Beyond the Biomedical Model: Cultural, Indigenous, and Social Determinants of Mental Health, *Journal of Behavioural Sciences*, 35(1).
- Hira, Y. & Abeeda Qureshi, A. (2025). Pakistan–Russia Relations through the Lens of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, *NUST Journal of International Peace and Stability (NJIPS)*.
- Arooba Y. Qureshi, A. (2025). Social Determinants and Indigenous Perspectives in Mental Health Legislations: A Comparative Study of England and Pakistan, *Al-Kashaf*.

Her academic engagement extended beyond publications to conferences, workshops, and policy-oriented forums. She attended a high-level event on “The Psychology of Prevention: Understanding and Countering Violent Extremism” organized by the British High Commission and the U.S. Embassy, and participated in a roundtable conference at the University of the Punjab titled “The 27th Amendment and Its Impact on Pakistan.” Internationally, she presented an online paper titled “Redefining Global Power Dynamics in a Multipolar World: Implications for Pakistan” at the First International Conference on Rethinking International Relations in an Age of Uncertainty, hosted by Hong Kong Chu Hai College. She also chaired a session at the Two-Day International Conference on Rethinking Security, jointly organized by the Pakistan Naval War College and the University of Management and Technology.

In addition, Dr. Abeeda organized a hands-on workshop on Quantitative Data Analysis Using SPSS, contributing to the enhancement of research skills within the Department. Her commitment to professional development was further demonstrated through her participation in the Global Course Connections Workshop at the American University in Bulgaria, along with the completion of multiple pedagogical training courses offered by CLT and an intensive course on Artificial Intelligence conducted by Auburn University, USA. Through her research, academic engagement, and capacity-building initiatives, Dr. Abeeda Qureshi continued to strengthen the Department’s intellectual rigor and research environment.

Faculty Highlights



Dr. Mudassir Farooqi
Assistant Professor

Dr. Mudassir Farooqi's academic interests focus on international relations, foreign policy analysis, and critical approaches to contemporary global politics. In 2025, Dr. Farooqi actively contributed to research-led teaching and academic engagement within the Department. He organized and supervised a seminar titled “*From Narratives to Threats: Intertextuality and the Politics of Conspiracy*” on 8 December 2025, held as part of the courses International Relations, International Organisations, and Foreign Policy Analysis. The seminar featured a virtual lecture by *Dr. Elspeth S. Van Veeren* from the *University of Bristol* and was attended by over 150 students, faculty members, and staff, generating lively academic discussion. In addition, Dr. Farooqi coordinated academic visits, including the Androon Lahore academic visit, and continues to promote experiential learning and critical inquiry through seminars and field-based activities, contributing to the Department’s academic environment.



Ms. Muneeza Mirza
Assistant Professor

Ms. Muneeza Mirza demonstrated active scholarly and professional engagement during 2025, reflecting her growing commitment to research, teaching, and academic development. In April 2025, she presented a research paper titled “*Populism, Democracy, and Women: A Study of Imran Khan’s Politics*” at an international conference hosted by the University of Central Punjab. The paper draws on her ongoing PHD research and critically examines the intersections of populism, political leadership, and democratic representation, with a particular emphasis on women’s political participation and agency in contemporary Pakistan.

Alongside her research endeavors, Ms. Mirza continues to develop creative, student-centered, and discussion-driven teaching approaches that aim to bring political science to life and encourage critical thinking, analytical engagement, and informed debate in the classroom. She remains committed to integrating contemporary political developments and research insights into her teaching practice. In December 2025, she further strengthened her pedagogical expertise by participating in an *AI in Teaching* workshop sponsored by the Higher Education Commission and Meta, which focused on enhancing innovative, technology-enabled, and future-oriented teaching practices in higher education.

Faculty Highlights



Kamran Khan
Lecturer

Mr. Kamran Khan's academic interests include political theory, democratic governance, public administration, and Pakistan's political institutions, with a focus on connecting classical political thought to contemporary governance challenges. In 2025, as an Advisor to the Forman Political Science Society (FPSS), he supervised an educational visit to the Election Commission of Pakistan, a candlelight vigil promoting peace and national solidarity, and facilitated student participation in selected academic and policy forums. In terms of scholarly engagement, Mr. Khan presented his research on *post-conflict reconstruction and democratic governance* in the newly merged districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at an international studies conference hosted by the *University of Peshawar*, reflecting his ongoing commitment to research and academic engagement.



Azhar Imran
Lecturer

Azhar Imran's academic interests broadly focus on power, politics, and global affairs, particularly in South Asia and the Muslim world. In 2025, apart from teaching, his focus remained on his doctoral research, which examines civil-military relations, military dominance, and structures of power in postcolonial states, with special emphasis on the Pakistan Army's relationship with the United States since the Cold War. Mr. Azhar is also engaged with contemporary political debates, including the implications of shifting US foreign policy for South Asia and democratic movements within Pakistan. His work is informed by postcolonial theory and explores questions of identity, nationalism, populism, and elite liberal discourses, as well as the impact of the Gaza Genocide on public opinion and political mobilization in Muslim-majority countries.

Student Publications

We congratulate our students, who have successfully published their academic and creative works in prominent journals, blogs, and other platforms.

Hybrid Regimes, Governance, and Comparative Political Analysis

Author: **Wajid Khan** (M. Phil)

Author Bio:

Wajid Khan, a senior M.Phil. alumnus from North Waziristan, FATA, researches hybrid regimes, governance, and comparative politics. His work includes publications in JDSS, a principal-authored article in an HEC-recognized national journal (Y category), and a comparative governance study under review in Governance (Scopus).

Synopsis:

His research examines hybrid regimes, defective democracies, and governance, including civil-military relations in Pakistan and comparative frameworks in Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Singapore. It highlights debates on regime hybridity, democratic resilience, and governance reforms.

Publishing Platform: Journal of Development and Social Sciences (JDSS); HEC-recognized national journal (Y category); Governance (under review, Scopus)



Comparative and Critical Studies on Mental Health Legislation and Social Determinants

Author: **Arooba Younis** (M.Phil)

Author Bio:

Arooba, a recent M.Phil. Political Science graduate published four research articles in 2025, including two international and two local publications. Her international articles, “A Comparative Analysis of the Indian Lunacy Act 1912 and Pakistan’s Mental Health Ordinance 2001” and “Assessing the Gaps Theory vs Practice of the Biomedical Model in the Punjab Mental Health Amendment Act 2014,” appeared in World Medical and Health Policy. Her local publications, “Beyond the Biomedical Model Cultural Indigenous and Social Determinants of Mental Health” and “Social Determinants and Indigenous Perspectives in Mental Health Legislations A Comparative Study of England and Pakistan,” were published in the Journal of Behavioural Sciences and Al Kashaf.



Synopsis:

Her 2025 research critically examines mental health legislation, comparing India’s Lunacy Act 1912 with Pakistan’s Mental Health Ordinance 2001 and analyzing gaps in the Punjab Mental Health (Amendment) Act 2014. She also explored cultural, indigenous, and social determinants in local contexts through “Beyond the Biomedical Model” (Journal of Behavioral Sciences) and “Social Determinants and Indigenous Perspectives in Mental Health Legislations” (Al Kashaf). Collectively, her work highlights colonial continuities, limitations of the biomedical model, and the importance of socio-cultural factors in shaping mental health policy.

Publishing Platform: *World Medical and Health Policy, Wiley; Journal of Behavioral Sciences, Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab; Al Kashaf*

The Problems of Policy Implementation in Pakistan: A Study of Public Institutions

Author: **Talha Zafar** (Senior Year)

BS Political Science, Minor in Sociology

Author Bio:

Talha Zafar is a Political Science major with a Sociology minor. His research focuses on governance and public policy, especially challenges in policy implementation in Pakistan.

Synopsis:

His article, “The Problems of Policy Implementation in Pakistan: A Study of Public Institutions,” analyses barriers such as weak administration, political interference, corruption, and poor coordination, offering insights for improving policy outcomes.

Publishing Platform: *Policy Research Journal (HEC Y category, 2025)*



Student Internships

Showcasing students' accomplishments, practical learning, and real-world experience

The Political Science Department continued to shine in 2025 through its strong collaboration with the Election Commission of Pakistan, ECP Punjab. Our students, Paria Anjum, Faran Feroz, Muhammad Shahzad, and Gohar Shabib, successfully completed a three month internship, gaining practical exposure to electoral administration, governance structures, and public institutions.



The internship proved to be a valuable learning experience, allowing students to apply classroom knowledge to real-world settings while developing professional and analytical skills. Such hands-on training plays a crucial role in preparing Political Science students for careers in public service, research, and policy-related fields. We extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Ayra Indrias Patras for facilitating this collaboration with ECP and creating meaningful learning opportunities. Completion certificates were awarded to the interns by the Provincial Election Commissioner of Punjab, Mr. Sharifullah, along with the Associate Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gloria Calib, and the Head of the Department, Dr. Shakila Sindhu, marking the successful completion of this impactful experience.

Voices of the Department



Political Science to Yaseen is a reality that is lived and not abstract and far. It provides a means of knowing society as it really operates, through people, institutions, and the daily implications of political choices. Being born in an area (Balochistan) that lacks resources and inequalities can be clearly seen, the Political Science study has enabled him to understand why some communities stay marginalized and how power, policy, and governance determine opportunity. This has also influenced his will to social work in his community, where theory intersects lived experience. The subject has brought him to new perspectives, enabling him to have a clear and understanding view of the social issues. Political Science, to him, is not just concerned with analysis, but with significant interaction with society and its facts.

(Yaseen Khan 271052867)



Raheela Nawab decided to major in Political Science due to her strong aspiration to appear in the CSS examination and pursue a career in the bureaucracy. She believes that this discipline provides an essential foundation for understanding the institutions of the state, public policy, and governance, which are imperative for national development and progress. Political Science has strengthened her analytical skills and broadened her perspective on the social, political, and administrative issues of Pakistan. She chose Forman Christian College University (FCCU) because of its rich diversity and reputation for academic excellence, which she considers an ideal environment for intellectual growth. She is also confident that learning opportunities at FCCU will help her refine her goals and guide her towards making better decisions regarding her future.

(Raheela Nawab 281194847)



For Rubab Altaf, studying Political Science has offered a new way of seeing the world, one grounded in critical inquiry, multiple perspectives, and informed judgment. The discipline has refined her ability to analyse political, social, and economic realities beyond surface narratives, encouraging a deeper engagement with power, governance, and global change. Through rigorous coursework and sustained academic discussion, Political Science has strengthened Rubab's analytical reasoning, research skills, and intellectual independence. It has enabled her to connect theory with real-world challenges, fostering a nuanced understanding of both domestic and international politics. This academic journey has not only broadened her worldview but also shaped a thoughtful, reflective approach to contemporary political debates, preparing her for meaningful academic and professional pursuits.

(Rubab Altaf 271102310)



Hamna Zia's academic journey in Political Science has been driven by a profound interest in history and philosophy, which provide the critical context for her understanding of modern power structures. She embraces the foundational principle that "the personal is political", recognizing how individual lived experiences are inherently linked to systematic governance. By studying a range of subjects that explore diverse areas such as political philosophy, current political issues, governance in developing countries, foreign policy, international relations, and comparative politics, she has been able to cultivate a more nuanced lens for decoding global complexities. This comprehensive, rigorous study serves as a deliberate stepping stone towards her ultimate ambition: a career in diplomacy dedicated to fostering international cooperation.

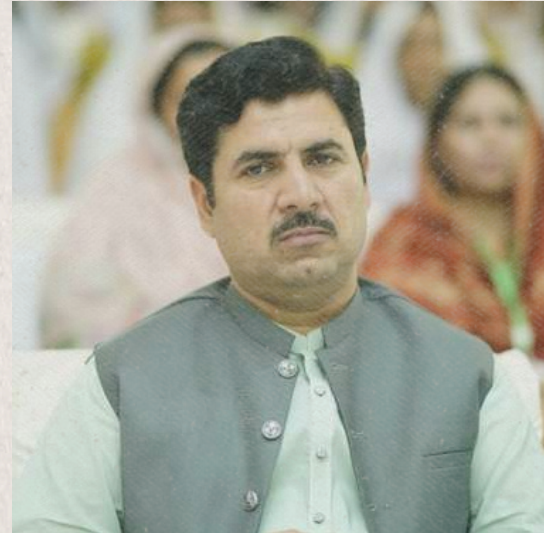
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Alumni Spotlight

HALL OF HONOUR - OUR ALUMNI MAKING US PROUD

Dilawar Hussain

A distinguished alumnus of Forman Christian College University (FCCU), Lahore, completed his BS in Political Science (2015–2019) and an MPhil in Political Science (2019–2021). He is currently serving as *Assistant Director of Colleges* in the Higher Education Department of the Government of Punjab, contributing to the effective administration and development of public-sector higher education. With a strong academic foundation and a clear commitment to public service, his professional journey reflects dedication, intellectual rigor, and a consistent effort toward strengthening institutional governance in Punjab's education sector.



Shadab Ali Mian

A Political Science graduate of FCCU is currently enrolled in MSc International Relations and Affairs at the *University of Glasgow, UK*. Alongside his postgraduate studies, he has gained practical exposure as a Media & Communications Intern with Glasgow Changing Futures, where he developed hands-on experience in strategic communication and public engagement. His academic journey and internship experience together reflect a growing interest in global affairs, media, and policy-oriented work.

Ayesha Qazi

She completed her BS in Political Science (2017–2021) and is pursuing an MS in International Relations Management at the *University of Bedfordshire Business School, UK*. Her academic focus underscores a commitment to understanding global governance, diplomacy, and strategic engagement in international affairs, preparing her for roles that bridge analytical insight with real-world policy and management challenges.



Talha Iqbal Shahid

He completed his BS in Political Science (2015–2019) and later pursued a Master's degree in Business Administration and Management at the *University of Dundee, UK*, with an academic focus aligned with International Business. Professionally, he has gained experience in marketing, sales, and CRM-focused roles, including work associated with Epos Direct in the UK. Known for his strong project management and leadership skills, he is consistently described by peers as proactive, results-driven, and effective in managing diverse teams, reflecting a well-rounded and industry-ready professional profile



Khudad Kharral

He completed his BS in Political Science (2016–2020) and later pursued a Master's degree in International Business, Trade, and Commerce at the *University of Gothenburg, Sweden*. His academic interests extend beyond political theory into the dynamics of global trade and commercial systems, with a focus on how economic activity is shaped by international policy, regulation, and market forces.



Dr. Awais Mashkooor



Completed his BS in Political Science (2012–2015) and is now a Lecturer in Collaborative Health and Social Care at the *University of the West of Scotland*. He specialises in health and social care integration, collaborative governance, and workforce development. Actively involved in evaluating Scotland’s National Care Service and advising the Scottish Government, Dr Mashkooor bridges research, policy, and teaching to prepare students for leadership in complex care systems.

Ayesha Ali



She completed her BS in Political Science (2017–2021) and went on to earn an MA in Public Administration from the *University of York, UK*. She is a public policy and human rights professional with experience in organizations including Boots UK, combining her academic training with practical engagement in policy, governance, and cross-cultural initiatives. Her work reflects a commitment to social impact, equity, and fostering inclusive communities.

MPhil Thesis

The 18th Amendment and Provincial Autonomy in Pakistan: A Critical Analysis.

By *Umer Sufyan* under Supervision of *Dr. Muhammad Younis*

Female Political Consciousness in Balochistan: A Study of Feminism and Nationalism from 2006 to 2022.

By *Mirza Ghalib* under Supervision of *Dr. Shakila Noor Sindhu*

Exploring the role of students' politics in shaping democratic discourse in Pakistan; A case study of student solidarity March 2019.

By *Aqsa Sakhawat* under Supervision of *Dr. Muhammad Younis*

Politics of the South China Sea: US-China Military Engagement in the Region and Its Implications for Southeast Asian Countries.

By *Sajjal Warda* under Supervision of *Dr. Muhammad Younis*

The Micro-politics of Established Elites in Peshawar, North-Western Pakistan.

By *Ahmad Abdal* under Supervision of *Dr. Muhammad Younis*

Discourse, Articulation and Practice of US Military in Afghan War.

By *Zeeshan Naeem* under Supervision of *Dr. Shakila Noor Sindhu*

From Protectors to Perpetrators: UN Treaty Regimes and Human Rights in Abusive States: *An Analysis From EU-Pakistan Comparative Dynamics.*

By *Fahad Abdullah* under Supervision of *Dr. Muhammad Younis*

The Suppression of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang: Implications for the Sino-Pak Relationship.

By *Ahmad Arsalan Hassan* under Supervision of *Dr. Abeeda Qureshi*



Politics, Media & Technology

Empowering Youth in Digital Age

The Political Science Department organized a seminar titled “Politics, Media, and Technology: Empowering Youth in the Digital Age” on November 6. Dr. Zamurrad Awan, Mr. Naveed Aasim, and Dr. Mudassir Farooqi discussed how Artificial Intelligence and digital platforms are reshaping political narratives, information flows, and governance. The session highlighted the growing impact of digital technologies on politics and emphasised the importance of youth engagement in the evolving digital landscape.

An Academic Visit to Election Commission of Pakistan

The Forman Political Science Society organized an educational visit to the Election Commission of Pakistan under the supervision of Mr. Kamran Khan. Students received an overview of the ECP’s structure and functions and engaged in an interactive discussion with officials, strengthening their understanding of Pakistan’s electoral system.



Candle Light Vigil for Peace, Unity, and National Solidarity

The Forman Political Science Society organised a candlelight vigil to mark the anniversary of the APS Peshawar attack. Students gathered in quiet remembrance to honour the lives lost and reflect on the tragedy. The vigil highlighted unity, compassion, and a shared commitment to peace and national solidarity.



Christmas Cake Cutting Ceremony

The Forman Political Science Society hosted a Christmas Cake Cutting Ceremony, promoting interfaith harmony & togetherness. It was such a joyous event, made even more special by the presence & support of our respected faculty. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for celebrating this beautiful occasion with us.



From Narratives to Threats

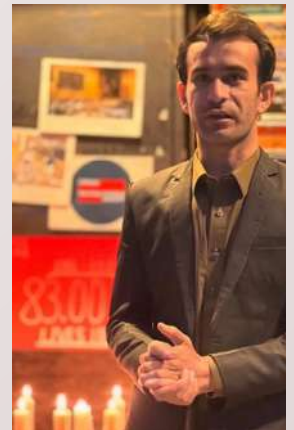
Intertextuality and the Politics of Conspiracy

On 8 December 2025, the Department of Political Science hosted a seminar titled “From Narratives to Threats: Intertextuality and the Politics of Conspiracy”. Dr. Elspeth S. Van Veen from the University of Bristol joined via video link to discuss how intertextuality and narrative practices influence the politics of conspiracy. The session, attended by over 150 students, faculty, and staff, encouraged critical discussion and offered valuable insights into the role of narratives in shaping political perception and action.

Exploring Lahore’s Historical and Cultural Heritage

An academic visit to the Walled City was organized to give students a hands-on experience of Lahore’s rich historical and cultural heritage. The visit was carefully planned and structured, allowing participants to explore key landmarks, observe heritage conservation efforts, and understand the city’s social and urban dynamics. Through guided exploration and interactive discussion, students were able to connect classroom learning with real-world contexts, making the visit both educational and engaging.





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