

American Institute of Pakistan Studies Outreach e-Bulletin

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Sharing Pakistan-studies events with the AIPS community

Announcements

1. AIPS announces the 2010-11 Fellows:

Pre-doctoral fellowship awardees:

Brian Tilley, Johns Hopkins University
Sunit Singh, University of Chicago
Samantha Christiansen, Northeastern University
Gregg Jamison, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Post-doctoral fellowship awardees:

Shahnaz Rouse, Sarah Lawrence College

Abstracts and CVs for all 2010-11 fellows can be found on the AIPS website:

<http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/fellowships/grantees.html>

2. AIPS Book Prize Awardee 2009

Siddiq, Ayesha (2007) *Military Inc.: Inside Pakistan's Military Economy*. London: Pluto Press.

Ayesha Siddiq's *Military Inc.* is a courageous work exposing the Pakistan military's largely invisible parallel economy; one that siphons off a sizable share of the Pakistani state's resources to benefit a select few. The work goes beyond the "national security" analysis of Pakistan's military's reluctance to relinquish control; it shows that the defense service's motivations for dominance are rather parochial. Siddiq's theoretical framework also analyzes the role of the Turkish and Indonesian militaries, showing how other "professional" militaries can have "unprofessional" interests; this impedes the development of a vibrant democracy. Written in lucid prose, this work charts new ground in its analysis of how the Pakistan military's economic interests contribute to its imperative to gain state power while providing a theoretical framework that engages broader questions of the relationship between militaries and state power. In doing so, *Military Inc.* makes an important contribution to the comparative study of military-state-society relations while providing for Pakistan--both through its empirical depth and cogent analysis--a critical history of the present. It is a new and innovative work that invites exploration of the Pakistan project that extends beyond the "Muslim question" and probes the institutions that failed in delivering the promise of improvement to the people in the newly found Muslim homeland.

3. Anthropology and Sociology Dissertation Workshop, Islamabad, 17-19 May 2010

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) in collaboration with the HEC is pleased to announce a dissertation workshop for doctoral students in anthropology and sociology in Pakistan. AIPS aims to facilitate scholarship within academe in Pakistan in various disciplines through the holding of dissertation workshops. This dissertation workshop is for doctoral students in anthropology and sociology at Pakistan-based universities, and will be run by the eminent anthropologist Dr. Kamran Ali, University of Texas-Austin, with the participation of Dr. Humeira Iqdir, South Asia Center Fellow, Cambridge and faculty member at LUMS.

For more information: <http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/events/dissertation/index.html>

4. Pakistan Lecture Series Spring 2009

Sultan-i-Rome (March 24-April 17, 2010)

Swat: An Analysis of Political, Administrative, Socio-Political and Economic Developments: Professor Sultan-i-Rome provided a critical analysis of the situation in Swat, NWFP, by providing an historical context and elaborating on current issues in the ongoing conflict today. Swat has been periodically invaded by formidable armies, of which the present deployment of the Pakistani armed forces is an example. The situation in Swat became volatile in 2007 as both government forces and extremist factions clashed. Clashes erupted again in spring 2009, which resulted in millions of IDPs (internally displaced persons) fleeing Swat.

Sultan-i-Rome lectured at the following locations:

March 28-April 2, 2010: Richard Stockton College

April 2-7, 2010: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

April 7-11, 2010: University of Wisconsin-Madison

April 11-14, 2010: University of Washington

April 14-17, 2010: University of Oregon

How to bring a Pakistan Lecture Series Speaker to your campus:

The Pakistan Lecture Series is a program designed to support academic exchange between Pakistani and US scholars and to promote field of Pakistan studies as a whole. As a part of this program a Pakistani scholar, artist, musician, etc, is invited to travel to the USA for two to four weeks and present lectures at a minimum of three US institutions that are AIPS members. **PLS speakers must be nominated by AIPS members or member institutions.** The final selection and approval of the PLS speaker is made by the AIPS Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, and is contingent upon available funds. Approximately four PLS speakers are supported each year.

The Trustee or Member Institution who is proposing a PLS speaker will make all initial arrangements in terms of the speaker's itinerary and the lectures that they will present. This information should be filled out in the PLS Proposal Form and submitted by email to the AIPS President (jkenoyer@wisc.edu) for review by the PLS Speaker Committee and eventually the Executive Committee/ Board of Trustees.

For more information and the Proposal Form:

http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/events/pls/index.html#about_pls

5. New book: **Modernism and the Art of Muslim South Asia**, by Iftikhar Dadi, University of North Carolina Press, 2010.

This pioneering work traces the emergence of the modern and contemporary art of Muslim South Asia in relation to transnational modernism and in light of the region's intellectual, cultural, and political developments.

http://www.amazon.com/Modernism-Art-Muslim-South-Asia/dp/0807833584/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1254234199&sr=8-1

Call for Papers, book prizes, awards

1. AIPS Book Prize 2010

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies would like to solicit submission of unpublished manuscripts and books published after 2005 for the annual AIPS book prize. There will be three categories of competition resulting in, a Junior Award for those who received their PhD within the past seven years (2002 or after); a Senior Award for those who received their PhD more than seven years ago (before 2002); and a Distinguished Book Award by persons without advanced degrees. Applicants for the Junior Award may submit a revised dissertation, a completed first-book manuscript that is not based on a dissertation, or a published first book. Senior and Distinguished Book Award applicants may submit a book manuscript or a published book. Unrevised dissertations and rough drafts will not be considered.

For application instructions and more information:

<http://www.pakistanstudies-aips.org/fellowships/book/index.html>

2. DUKE UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

The North Carolina Consortium for South Asian Studies and Diya, Duke University's South Asian students' association, are proud to announce the creation of the Duke Undergraduate Journal of South Asian Studies, one of the first published journals of its kind in the nation. The formation of DUJSAS is an extension of the successful work accomplished by Sanscript, Diya's published magazine, which brought critical pieces written by Duke undergraduates to the Research Triangle community.

The South Asian community in this region is growing, as is the interest in South Asian trends, culture, religion, politics, and economics. It is truly an exciting time to be developing strong South Asian studies curricula here at Duke, the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State University. Through DUJSAS, we aim to share exceptional academic work being conducted by undergraduate and graduate students at our universities, as well as all over the nation at institutions like yours, in the field of South Asian Studies. The journal to come will comprise exclusively academic content from the humanities and social sciences.

We invite you to nominate exceptional undergraduate written pieces on South Asia-related topics to be published in our journal. The inaugural issue of DUJSAS will be published in August, and will be made up of works written during this spring semester. We hope you will be able to share copies of the journal with your students at the beginning of the next semester. Papers will be blind-reviewed by an editorial board made up of students and faculty. Please see the attached cover letter and guidelines for more information.

Please feel free to email dujsas@gmail.com with any questions.

3. 2010 competition for the best graduate student paper

The South Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies announces the 2010 competition for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the annual conference of the AAS. The prize will recognize emerging scholarship in the field, and foster intellectual exchange among junior and senior scholars. The award of \$100.00 and a certificate will be presented at the 2011 Annual Conference of the AAS in Hawaii. The South Asia Council of the AAS will also provide a sum of \$300.00 to the winner of the prize, to partially cover the cost of his or her travel to the Hawaii Conference, where the winner will be recognized at the AAS Graduate Student reception.

The Council encourages graduate students who presented papers at the March 2010 conference in Philadelphia to submit their papers for consideration. Papers on any aspect and region of South Asia will be considered. Students must be registered in a doctoral program in order to be considered for the Prize.

Please email your paper as an attachment to Matt Nelson (mn6@soas.ac.uk) and Vinayak Chaturvedi (vinayak@uci.edu) by May 31, 2010. Papers submitted to the Council after this deadline will not be considered.

Summer Courses:

1. Exciting Summer Course on Pakistan Launched at Georgetown University

Justice and Peace in Pakistan is a new undergraduate summer course at Georgetown University virtually connecting US-based students with inspiring guest leaders in Pakistan.

Guests include the founder of the adult basic education society, a representative from the ministry of women's development, a Nobel prize nominee working in development, country directors of aid programs focused on water and slums and slum children, a supreme court advocate who founded the human rights commission and led the lawyers' movement, union and environmental activists, and activist representatives of Christian, Sikh, and third gender communities, etc.

For more info visit or story at:

<http://scs.georgetown.edu/about-scs/news-and-events/article.cfm?eId=182&dId=>

Website: <http://www.justpak.com/>

Summer admission is open to students from other colleges and universities. The course timings fit with internships and summer jobs in DC.

2. South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI)

SASLI is offering South Asian language during the summer session at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Each course is the equivalent of one academic year's worth of language acquisition and 8 semester credits. There is still room in the classes advertised below, please contact sasli@southasia.wisc.edu for application and enrollment information.

Courses Offered - Summer 2010

Elementary Level:

Bengali, Hindi, Marathi, Nepali, Pashto, Sanskrit, Sinhala,
Tamil, Tibetan, Urdu

Intermediate Level:

Hindi, Pashto, Sanskrit, Telugu, Urdu

More info: <http://www.sasli.wisc.edu/index.htm>

American Institute of Pakistan Studies: Islamabad Center News:

Susan Borja (Branch Chief, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Department of State) visited the Islamabad Center on Feb 02, 2010 with her Damaris A. Kirchhofer (Senior Advisor, Academic Exchange). This visit was in connection with the promotion of Fulbright exchange between the US and Pakistan. Both are pictured here with Nadeem Akbar, Director, Islamabad Center, AIPS.

