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# ***FACULTY LED INITIATIVES***



# "Mental Health: Why is it a Global Priority?"

*Organized by Dr. Sahar Nadeem*

The Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts (SSLA) at the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS), organized a symposium on mental health. Guest speakers at the event included: Dr. Nargis Asad, Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Aga Khan University Hospital Pakistan - AKUH; Dr. Shireen Najam, Consultant Psychiatrist, Department of Psychiatry, AKUH; Ms. Aneeta Pasha, Country Director, Interactive Research and Development (IRD), Pakistan; Ms. Samar Naqvi, Chief Executive Officer, Karachi Down Syndrome Program; and Mr. Ahmad Ali and Ms. Humera Qutb, Wellness Counsellors, Wellness Center, IBA. Dr. Sahar Nadeem, Chairperson, SSLA delivered the opening remarks where she highlighted the importance of mental health and how we define health. Dr. Asad discussed the importance of understanding the psychosocial determinants of mental health, while Ms. Pasha talked about mental well-being at the workplace. Ms. Naqvi, in her session, highlighted the need to support people with disabilities. The sessions were followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Ayesha Zia, Assistant Professor, SSLA, SESS.



## Seminar on "Charter of Economy" with Dr. Nadeem Ul Haque

*Organized by Department of Economics*

Department of Economics at SESS organized a seminar on "Charter of Economy" with Dr. Nadeem ul Haque, Vice Chancellor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Islamabad. He also served as the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of Pakistan from 2010-2013. He has wide ranging operational experience in policy development and economic planning. Dr. Nadeem ul Haque in the distinguished lecture talked about fundamental problems and emphasized on the need for having a Charter of Economy based on the exchange of ideas. The lecture was followed by an interesting discussion at lunch with SESS faculty and PhD Economics students.

## Regional stability in a world of economic uncertainty – a view from the IMF

*Organized by Department of Economics*

Department of Economics at SESS hosted Ms. Esther Pérez Ruiz, IMF's Resident Representative in Pakistan at IBA Karachi. Ms. Esther's presented the 2022 Middle East and central Asia Regional Economic Outlook.

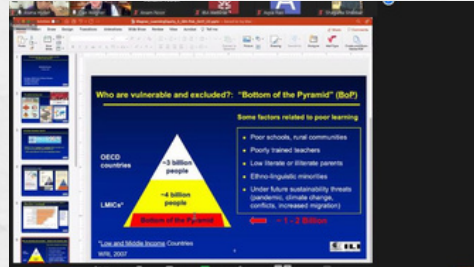




# Distinguished Seminar Series | University of Pennsylvania

Organized by Dr. Asma Hyder

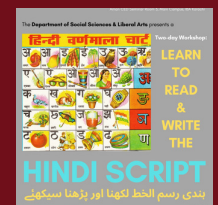
## Session III - "The Global Learning Crisis, the UN SDGs and the Educational Equity Agenda" by Prof. Daniel A. Wagner



The School of Economics and Social Sciences hosted a distinguished seminar series in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania on October 7, 2022. The third session in the series by Dr. Daniel A. Wagner, titled "The Global Learning Crisis, the UN SDGs and the Educational Equity Agenda". Dr. Dan Wagner is a Professor of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the UNESCO Chair in Learning and Literacy, Founding Director of the International Literacy Institute, Founding Director of the federally-funded National Center on Adult Literacy (NCAL), and Founding Director of Penn GSE's International Educational Development. The online session was moderated by Dr. Asma Hyder. The seminar was conducted online and broadcasted on Facebook live.

## Hindi Script Workshop with Ms. Zahra Sabri

Ms. Zahra Sabri, Lecturer, South Asian History, at the Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, School of Economics and Social Sciences, led the two-day Hindi Script Workshop at IBA. Zahra Sabri received her MA degree from the Dept. of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies at Columbia University. She has taught at several universities in Pakistan/Canada and has an experience of translating from seventeen South Asian languages. During the workshop, students, staff, and faculty were fascinated to learn about the ancient science of the Sanskrit-based Hindi alphabet, and were excited to be able to read and write their names in this script. They had fun being able to read short Hindi stories.



## Landscape of Imagination



SESS hosted a seminar on Landscape of Imagination by Dr. Behzad Khosravi Noori. Behzad Khosravi Noori, PhD. (b. 1976, Tehran) is an artist, writer, educator, playgrounder, and necromancer. His research-based practice includes films, installations, as well as archival studies. His works investigate histories from The Global South, labor and the means of production, and histories of political relationships that have existed as a counter narration to the east-west dichotomy during the Cold War. By bringing multiple subjects into his study, he explores possible correspondences seen through the lenses of contemporary art practice, proletarianism, subalternity, and the technology of image production. Dr. Behzad presented a meticulous analysis of ImageProduction in the global south-Iran. By brilliantly explicating the colonial

colonial nuances in the pictorial evidence he presented, Dr. Behzad illustrated the historical transmission mechanism through which otherization/internalized orientalism had continued in modern Iran. The talk also focused on interesting historical junctures where forces of colonization & modernism may have combined to possibly give birth to the phenomenon presented.



# Turkish Consul General attends SSLA Calligraphy Event

*Organized by Ms. Seher Ali Shah*



Ms. Seher Ali Shah, Lecturer, SSLA and her students displayed calligraphy done by students under the theme of "The Training of Calligraphers". The event featured talks by Master Calligraphers Nuria Garcia Masip and Deniz Oktem Bektash who presented their academic research on various aspects of the Ottoman Calligraphy tradition. Turkish Consul General Mr. Cemal Sangu appreciated the students' progress in calligraphy and congratulated the IBA for providing this intercultural opportunity. This event marked the completion of the SSLA calligraphy course in which students developed their Ottoman-style calligraphy practice, while learning about its theoretical framework and history.

# A teach-in on “Indonesian Humanitarian Diplomacy for the Flood Victims of Pakistan” *Organized by Dr. Abdul Haque Chang*

The School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, organized a teach-in on “Indonesian Humanitarian Diplomacy for the Flood Victims of Pakistan” on October 03, 2022, in IBA, Karachi main campus. Dr. Abdul Haque Chang, Assistant Professor of IBA Karachi, and Dr. June Kuncoro Hadiningrat, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Karachi, moderated this teach-in. Mr. Bambang Surya Putra, Head of Operations Control Center of BNPB / Chief of Delegation presented how the Indonesian government has developed a robust and well-coordinated system of dealing with regular occurrence of natural disasters and issues arising from them.

Dr. June Kuncoro Hadiningrat discussed how the Indonesian government actively assisted the people of Pakistan and helped build small-scale housing projects in the Thatta district for the flood victims. The National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure (BNPB) Republic of Indonesia has played a significant role through humanitarian diplomacy in helping people in Pakistan. This teach-in aimed to share the experiences of the delegate of the National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure (BNPB) Republic of Indonesia, who visited Pakistan for humanitarian diplomacy in Pakistan. During lunch, students had further one-on-one conversations with visiting delegates and Dr. June Kuncoro Hadiningrat, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Karachi.



# A dialogue Annie Ernaux: Unshackling the ‘Restrains of Personal Memory’ by Dr. Anum Tariq

On 6th Oct, Dr. Anum Tariq, Assistant Professor, Department of SSLA had a dialogue on the work of Annie Ernaux: Unshackling the ‘Restrains of Personal Memory’. Annie Ernaux was announced the 2022 winner for the Nobel Prize in literature. The committee lauded her for her courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers her roots, estrangements, and collective restraints of personal memory.

Ernaux is the 17th woman to be awarded the prize which was given to 119 writers since it was formed in 1901. The Nobel Prize has been criticized in the past for lacking diversity, with 95 of the 177 past Nobel laureates selected from Europe and North America and only 16 women among them. Although this year’s laureate also hails from Europe, it is refreshing to see a woman win the prize, especially a woman who discusses experiences reflective of many women of her generation.





# "Climate Change, Social Justice and Flood impacts"

*Hosted by Ms. Abira Ashfaq*

On Wednesday October 3, the SESS program invited climate justice activists from Sindh and Balochistan to share their experiences of the impacts of the 2022 floods on rural communities. The event was titled "Climate Change, Social Justice and Flood impacts". Our speakers included: Priyanka Hafeez Dero, General Secretary of the Women Democratic Front who worked with flood affected families in Karachi, Leela Ram and Narain Kohli social activists from Badin, Sajida and Ali Parwez social workers from Dadu, and student activist Sanaullah Faraz Gungow from Lasbela Balochistan. The event was organized by faculty members of the SESS including Abira Ashfaq, Shehram Mokhtar and Sahar Habib and student Ibrahim Buriro. The event was well attended and appreciated by the IBA community as an important dialogue on how climate change impacts the people who are least responsible for global warming and GHG emissions and are in fact least likely to be included in domestic and international discourse on climate change despite having significant and valuable experiences and knowledge on climate mitigation strategies. Priyanka provided an overview of how the impacts of these disasters were compounded by lack of services and proper governances and its gendered impacts. Leela Ram Kohli and Narain Kohli worked tirelessly for several months providing rations, medicines and other essential items to thousands of farmers displaced by the floods in Badin. They demonstrated how flawed infrastructure like the Left Bank Outfall Drainage (LBOD), made with international funds ostensibly to drain out effluents blocked natural waterways and has in fact worsened the effects of flooding. They demanded immediate attention to the needs of these displaced rural communities who had lost their homes, livestock, earnings from cotton picking and had become more susceptible to food insecurity due to lost rice crops and missing the planting season for wheat. Sajida and Ali Parwez, who travelled from Johi Dadu, one of the worst affected areas in Sindh provide detailed accounts of losses and lack of rescue and relief services for people stranded in the floods. Sajida stated that the Provincial Disaster Management Authority was not able to provide holistic services and many rural families suffered a great deal. She said that basic medicines disappeared from the market or became too costly. Pregnant women suffered the most and were not able to access healthcare that they needed. She said that the floods will have a deep impact on children's health and safety as suffered there is already a high rate of (48 percent) of malnutrition in Sindh of children under the age of five. Sanaullah Faraz Gungow provided a detailed analysis of impact of floods in Lasbela, Balochistan and the massive amount of infrastructural repair needed in the area.



## Book launch featuring a chapter authored by Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi and Arooj Waheed Dar

On November 10th, Arooj Waheed Dar attended a conference in Jakarta, Indonesia entitled "Achieving SDG-10 Post COVID-19 Pandemic". She spoke about how COVID-19 had impacted gender, income, and wealth inequalities in Pakistan largely driven by unequal access to opportunities. The conference also marked the launch of the book "Implications of COVID-19 on Economic Inequalities in Asia", which featured a chapter on the impact of the pandemic on inequalities in Pakistan authored by Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi and Arooj Waheed Dar.





# *STUDENT ACTIVITIES*



# Students' visit to Urban Forest

Experiential learning is a method of educating through first-hand experience. Skills, knowledge, and experience are acquired outside of the traditional academic classroom setting, and may include internships, studies abroad, field trips, field research, and service-learning projects.

The students of English Grammar & Composition (EGC) course from SSLA at the Institute of Business Administration visited Urban Forest to align their ongoing topic on 'Insights' with Ms. Shumaila Omar, Lecturer, SSLA. The topic gave an opportunity to learners to develop a write-up on "Climate Change and Sustainability" through watching videos of the Urban forest in Karachi, understanding the concept, visiting the place, experiencing it and showcasing their thought process. 'Knowledge transforming to Knowledge telling' - Scardamalia, M., & Bereiter, C., 1987



# Students' visit to Tharparkar

Students of the course "Culture and Power" from the Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts went to 3-days trip to Mithi and Nagarparkar in Tharparkar as a class activity. Students visited temples, villages, markets, and met local people and musicians to understand the sociocultural fabric of Tharparkar. They also visited Thar's coal mining site.



# Students' visit to National Museum of Pakistan

The students of SSLA Calligraphy course went with Ms. Seher Ali Shah to Manuscript Gallery and the Qur'an Gallery at the National Museum of Pakistan. They looked at various manuscripts in Persian & Arabic including scrolls, poetry books, illustrated epics, firmans, and rare Qur'ans.



# Students' participation in PCP's group discussion

Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy (PCP) hosted a group discussion with the youth on philanthropy to interact with students and have an informal chat on the underpinnings of the value of youth philanthropy in the development context of Pakistan to better understand the dynamics and ecosystem of giving in Pakistan, motivation and inspiration for giving, how to channelize and utilize philanthropic giving more effectively and the thoughts and views on shaping the future of philanthropy in Pakistan. Dr. Adil Najam facilitated the conversation at the gathering.



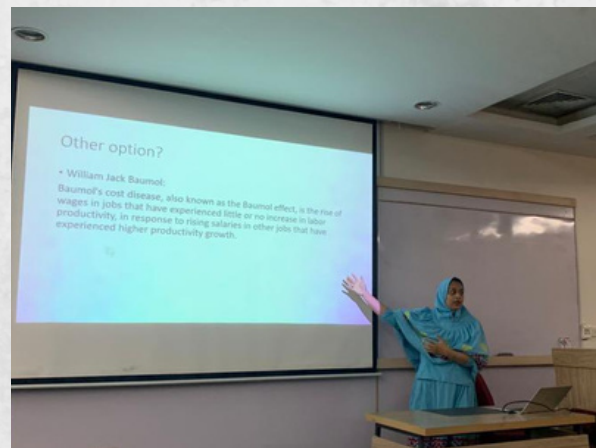
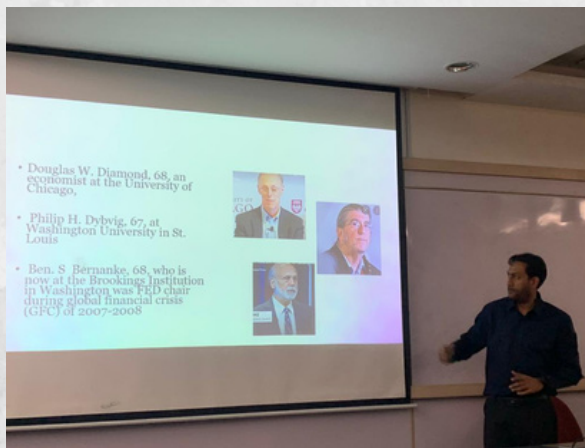


# 2022 Nobel Laureates in Economics: A dialogue

A dialogue was held regarding the role and work of the three Noble Laureates (2022) of Economics: Bernanke, Diamond, and Dybvig. In this dialogue, two PhD scholars of the Economics department, Masood Siddiqui and Shagufta Shabbar debated the work of the laureates regarding the role and contributions of financial institutions during financial crises and recessions.

The counterargument was made by Shagufta Shabbar who stated that although the research by Bernanke, Diamond and Dybvig delivered a framework that guides regulation of the financial system and can be used to evaluate various policy tools aimed at combating economic crises, it could not avoid the great recession. The theory failed to recognize that the financial system is continuously changing and new types of players enter and new financial instruments are being developed. Shagufta argued that the research from the 1980s for which this year's Prize in Economic Sciences is awarded does not provide us with final policy recommendations. She added that Bernanke's understanding of bank failures did not prevent the Fed and other authorities from allowing the Lehman Brothers to fail in 2008, triggering a panic that almost brought down the rest of the Wall Street. She stated that it is like awarding the price for solving a problem they created themselves. Shagufta also discussed that there were more deserving economists such as Armen Albert Alchian who is known as one of the founders of new institutional economics and William Jack Baumol who talks about Baumol's cost disease.

The event was attended by the faculty as well as a large number of students who learned and participated in the debate.



## Students' visit to Thatta and Makli

Ms Seher Ali Shah, Lecturer in Islamic Art and Cultures at the Department of SSLA, took students of her Calligraphy and Art of the Islamic World classes at IBA to visit Thatta and Makli Hills. At the Shah Jehan Mosque in Thatta, they observed varied cross-cultural influences in the architecture of the mosque and examined the epigraphy in the interior and exterior spaces.

The group also visited various monuments at Makli and distinguished several types of monuments: tombs, canopies, enclosures, mosques and khanaqahs. They examined calligraphic practices at funerary monuments, as well the extensive decorative program and craftsmanship. SSLA faculty members Ms. Zahra Sabri, Ms. Rahma Siddiqui and Mr. Sajjad Ahmed accompanied the group.

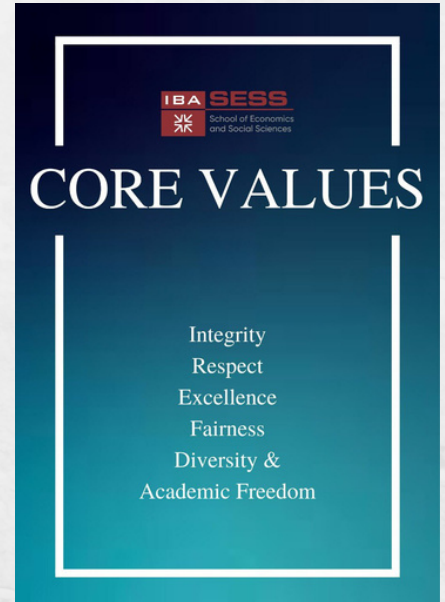


# ***INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES***



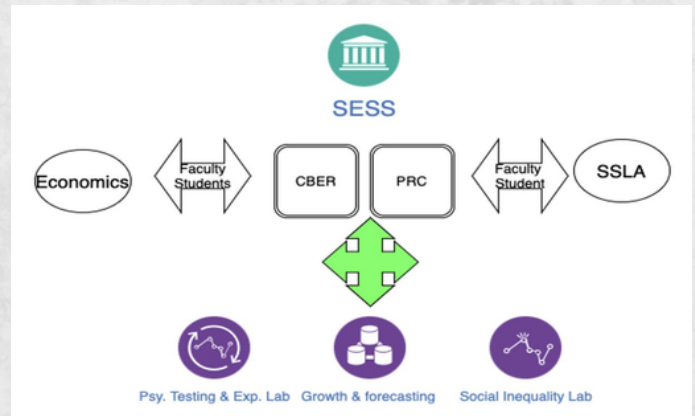
# SESS Core Values

One of the fundamental questions that push many institutions of higher learning and research to critically reflect upon is their role in shaping the moral and ethical basis of societies they claim to serve and their ability to play that role effectively. Places like the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) with its two wings, Department of Economics and Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, think of its contribution towards the moral and ethical making of its students and the wider society. In the summer of 2022, SESS sought to collectively define a set of five core values that will help shape the SESS community and the wider society. The five core values are: i. Integrity ii. Respect iii. Excellence iv. Fairness v. Diversity and Academic Freedom.



# SESS Research Centers and Labs

A preliminary meeting was held to streamline the objectives of the Social Inequality Lab, Economic Growth and Forecasting Lab, Psychology Testing and Experimental lab, Centre for Business and Economic Research and Population Research Center at the School of Economics and Social Sciences. The meeting was attended by Dr. Asma Hyder, Dr. Wali Ullah, Dr. Ayesha Zia, Dr. Junaid Alam, Dr. Khadija Bari, Dr. Muhammad Nasir, and Dr. Sahar Nadeem. The work plans were presented by Center Directors and Lab Directors for their respective centers and labs. The faculty members decided to strengthen the participation and have a collaboration with research fellows, faculty and students within IBA and from different universities.



# SESS Alumni Office

The SESS is happy to announce that it has opened its very own Alumni Office! Through careful evaluation it was observed that we do not currently have a strong network with our Social Sciences and Economics alumni, to bridge the distance between IBA and its valuable alumni this office was created to connect with and celebrate their accomplishments.

The alumni network of this office includes IBA's graduates from the Bachelor's in Social Science & Liberal Arts, Economics & Mathematics, and Economics; Masters in Economics, Journalism and Development Studies; and PhD in Economics. The office is represented by Sidrah Mehdi who will work in collaboration with the Central Alumni Office which is represented by the respected Malahat Awan. Sidrah is responsible for creating a database of all the respective alumni, as well as liaising between the network, IBA, and present students seeking vocational guidance or help pursuing higher studies.





# CENTRE FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH

## Who or what came first? Multi-species Migrations and the Question of Indigeneity in Pakistan

The CBER with the support of Hans Seidel Foundation Pakistan invited Dr. Philipp Zehmisch, Senior Academic Staff, Department of Anthropology South Asia Institute (SAI) at Heidelberg University to give a lecture on "Who or what came first? Multi-species Migrations and the Question of Indigeneity in Pakistan". Dr. Philipp Zehmisch's research combines Political Anthropology, Subaltern, Borderland, and Migration Studies to understand the long-lasting legacies of the Partition of British India. He interacted with IBA faculty and students about multi-species migrations and the question of indigeneity in Pakistan.



## Talk on "The Political Economy of National Curriculum of Pakistan"

On November 10, 2022, Center for Business and Economic Research at SESS hosted a faculty talk with Dr. Ayesha Razzaque, Deputy Chief of Party, University of Utah, and former Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training on 'The Political Economy of National Curriculum of Pakistan'. The session was moderated by Ms. Aliya Iqbal Naqvi, Lecturer SSLA.



## CBER's Research Skill Building Series

Centre for Business and Economic Research announced the Research Skill Building Series as dedicated to capacity building of faculty and students of IBA Karachi. The first session was on Reference Management-tool Zotero. In the workshop, Dr. Mushtaq Bilal taught faculty and graduate students on how to upskill their research skills using Zotero.



## CBER Research Fellow publishes in Dawn; "Tariff Free South Asia"

Ms Sarah Nizamani, CBER Research Fellow published a piece on piece on Tariff Free South Asia highlighting the importance of integration in the region. She draws comparisons from the success of the EU, that had its roots in the European Coal and Steel



Community and was based on the aim to make war between its members "not merely unthinkable, but materially impossible". She emphasizes that South Asia must work to lessen its populism, turbo-charged by social media, as good economics needs responsive politics.



# Brown Bag Seminar Series



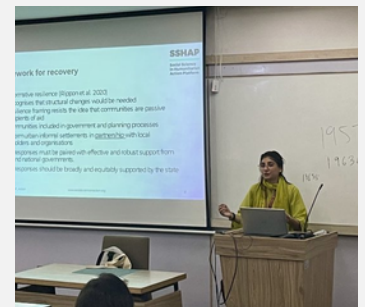
**Ms. Shumail Omar**  
Lecturer  
Department of SSLA, SESS, IBA

Shumaila Omar presented her research on “Teacher’s Instruction Leads to Improved Learner’s Understanding: An Action Research Study on Refining Verbal Instructions for Large Classroom teaching in a Business School of Pakistan”



**Ms. Saba Aslam**  
Visiting Faculty  
Department of SSLA, SESS, IBA

Ms. Saba Aslam presented her research on “Covid-19 recovery in urban informal settlements: Evidence from Karachi and Mumbai”.



**Dr. Nausheen Anwar**  
Professor  
Department of SSLA, SESS, IBA

Dr. Nausheen Anwar and Dr. Adam Abdullah from Karachi Urban Lab presented their study “Thermal Practices, Heat, and Informality in Urban Pakistan”



**Dr. Adam Abdullah**  
Visiting Faculty  
Department of SSLA, SESS, IBA





# POPULATION RESEARCH CENTER

## Webinar "The Rise of Son-Less Families in Asia and North Africa"

Population Research Center at SESS organized a webinar "The Rise of Son-Less Families in Asia and North Africa". The speaker was Dr. Keera Allendorf. Dr. Keera talked about important demographic transitions. She shared her research on The Rise of Son-Less Families in Asia and North Africa. She had an interesting interactive session with PRC officials and PhD scholars.



## Interprovincial Workshop on Population Research Centers' Collaboration

Interprovincial Workshop on Population Research Centers' Collaboration was organized by the National Institute of Population Studies. Senior officials from Population Research Centre, Dr. Khadija Malik Bari and Dr. Lubna Naz, and all provincial PRCs engaged in a meaningful



discussion to promote research collaboration. They agreed that the centers will work to develop joint strategies for resource mobilization and strengthening networks with national and international institutes for high-level research in the area of population and development.



# KARACHI URBAN LAB

## Presentations at the workshop: Cooling Asia hosted by the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University Singapore

On 17th and 18th November 2022, Karachi Urban Lab participated in a workshop titled Cooling Asia: Technology, Environment and Society in Hot Climates. The workshop was organised by the Asia Research Institute (ARI) and took place at National University Singapore (NUS), Singapore. On day 1 of the workshop, KUL Director, Dr. Nausheen Anwar and Senior Research Associate Atoofa Samo presented a paper titled Keeping Cooling in Motion: Repair, Maintenance and Profits in Karachi's Second Hand Market of Air Conditioners. On the second day, Dr. Nausheen, and Associate Directors Dr. Adam Abdullah and Soha Macktoom also presented a paper titled Thermal Comfort and Cooling Among Low Income Households and Informal Outdoor Workers in Urban South Asia.



## Understanding interacting urban risks in Nairobi and Karachi

Published on 28th November 2022, Dr. Nausheen Anwar and Dr. Gulnaz Anjum alongside colleagues Arabella Fraser and Joe Mulligan wrote a blog titled Understanding interacting urban risks in Nairobi and Karachi. The blog explores four dimensions of understanding the complexity of risk and vulnerabilities in urban contexts: 1) the role of heat as an invisible risk, 2) the impacts on particular populations, 3) the embodiment of risk, and 4) temporal cycles of risk interaction. Based on fieldwork conducted for the 24-Hour Risk project, it discusses what such dimensions mean for those living in the rapidly growing informal settlements of Nairobi and Karachi.

## Episode 2 of the KUL Podcast: Rethinking Heat in the City

On 31st October 2022, KUL released the second episode of their podcast series: Rethinking Heat in the City. Titled Heat, Physiology, and the Environment, the second episode features Dr. Andreas Flouris who delves into the field of environmental physiology, and unfolds its significance in climate-change research through the study of heat on a cellular level. The podcast discusses how people interact with their environments and the detrimental impacts rising heat can have on both human physiology and societal interaction. With heat waves spreading across continents every summer, we talk about how his work at the FAMELab, and ecophysiology in general, can contribute to understanding heat impacts and how they can be managed. Dr. Andreas Flouris is an Associate Professor at the University of Thessaly, in Greece, and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Ottawa, Canada. He is the Founder and Director of FAME Lab [(F)unctional (A)rchitecture of (M)ammals in their (E)nvironment], a research group investigating the health and performance effects of environmental factors, with a particular focus on the impacts of heat.



## Joint Convention on LMIC cities and climate change

On 29th November 2022, KUL Associate Director Adam Abdullah presented in a Joint Seminar hosted by Artha Global on City Profiles: Governing Climate Change in Johannesburg, Mumbai, Karachi, and Jakarta, alongside colleagues from South Africa, India, and Indonesia. KUL Research Associate Aqdas Fatima also moderated the event. The seminar brought together a set of researchers working across Southern geographies to shed light on what cities are doing to tackle climate change and other core environmental issues. Presenters dove into both successes and failures in different cities' approaches and discussed what they can learn from each other, and also what they have in common.





## Dr. Asma Hyder

Dr. Asma Hyder, Dean and Professor SESS has been appointed as a Member of Board of Sindh Social Protection Authority, Government of Sindh.



## Dr. Lubna Naz and Dr. Khadija Bari

Dr. Lubna Naz and Dr. Khadija Bari won the distinguished DHS fellowship from USAID. The international fellowship is highly competitive and granted to those whose research proposal meets the strict criteria of novelty, clarity, and alignment with SDGs relating to maternal and child health.



## Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi and Ms. Aqsa Jawed

Dr. S Akbar Zaidi and Ms. Aqsa Jawed represented IBA in the Regional Dialogue on 'Human Mobility & Climate Change in Urban Contexts in the Asia-Pacific' organized by UNDP in Thailand.



## Dr. Junaid Alam Memon and Dr. Muhammad Nasir

Dr. Junaid Alam Memon and Dr. Muhammad Nasir published a paper titled "Economic burden of tobacco use in Pakistan" in *Tobacco Control*.



## Dr. Qazi Masood Ahmed

Dr. Qazi Masood Ahmed has been appointed a member of Sindh Public Service Commission.



## Dr. Nausheen H Anwar

Professor Nausheen H Anwar has coauthored an article titled: "From one flooding crisis to the next: Negotiating 'the maybe' in unequal Karachi". This article has been published in a leading international journal *The Geographical Journal*.





## Ms. Shumaila Omar

Ms. Shumaila Omar presented at the 1st International Conference on Education at IoBM and got the best Research paper presentation certificate on 'Accounting for theories of writing in the classroom'.



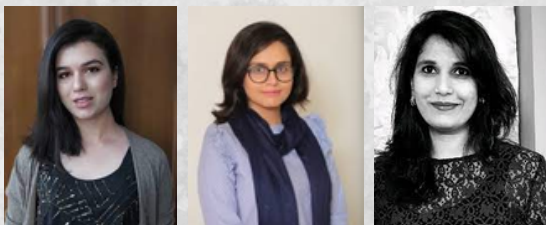
## Ms. Arooj Waheed Dar

Arooj Waheed Dar published an article in Dawn titled "Addressing disparities post-Covid". "COVID-19 has exposed the inequalities that persist in terms of access to opportunities in Pakistan, largely stemming from gender, income and wealth inequalities," she wrote in the article.



## Mr. Sajjad Ahmad

Sajjad Ahmad published an article in Dawn titled "GB's struggle" on Gilgit-Baltistan's 75th independence day celebration. He mentioned, "Gilgit-Baltistan's status remains in limbo even after 75 years".



## Ms. Arooj Waheed Dar, Ms. Fatima Sadik, and Ms. Aqsa Jawed

Three lecturers from Department of Economics; Ms. Arooj Waheed Dar, Ms. Fatima Sadik, and Ms. Aqsa Jawed attended the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Boot Camp 2022-23 - a series of three online courses offered by CERP Executive Education.



# Student News



## Dr. Asim Bashir Khan

Dr. Asim Bashir Khan, the first PhD graduate from Department of Economics, School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS), successfully defended his PhD dissertation titled 'Essays in Public Finance and Fiscal Federalism'.



## Ibrahim Buriro

Ibrahim Buriro, MS Development Studies student published his article titled "My Elders in Pakistan Predicted Calamity. Now It's Here" in The New York Times.



## Pireh Moosa

Pireh Moosa, SSLA student got her work published in literary journals - Aleph review and Pandemonium, titled "Beneath Her Scarf" and "Traitor" respectively.



Farheena  
Tariq Abbasi



Ashmal  
Aryn Essa

Ashmal Aryn Essa and Farheena Tariq Abbasi (Class of 2023, SSLA-History major) got the opportunity to work as interns with The 1947 Partition Archive, a community-based project that trains and empowers people to undertake the urgent venture of documenting, preserving, and sharing oral histories of Partition witnesses before the passing away of this last, now aged, generation which directly witnessed one of recorded human history's largest and most disruptive migrations.



## Safina Azeem

Safina Azeem Qureshi has been awarded the Fulbright Scholarship for the 2023 Cohort, for a Masters in Anthropology. Previously, Safina was enrolled in the Bachelors of Science in the Social Sciences department, and graduated in Spring 2022 with a major in history.



In its vision to promote research culture and to create opportunities for practical experiences for its students, the School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS) widely promotes academic dialogues of all nature. The Dean's office is willing and ready to facilitate all faculty members, students and staff in their efforts to organize such events.

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