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Imparting multidisciplinary knowledge to address key development challenges.

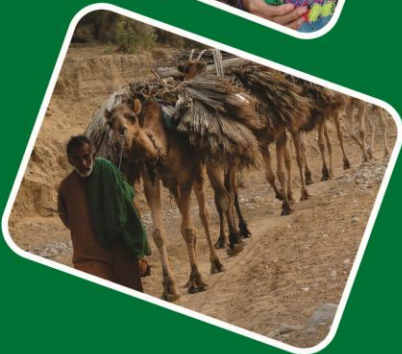
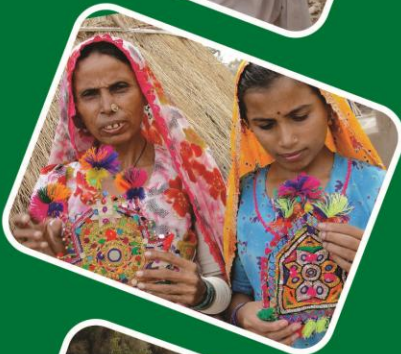


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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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Department of Development Studies began its academic operations in 2011, as part of PIDE University, Islamabad. Over the course of six years it has developed many avenues for students to gain a knowledge base of sharp analytical skills and research practices. Department of Development Studies firmly believes in *Spirit of Free Inquiry* therefore, it has been working towards a dynamic and prominent research unit with an academic presence that encompasses the globe. In line with this approach, the department has also ventured into many new initiatives to promote and polish students' capabilities.

A glimpse of such initiatives, activities and events for the Spring Semester 2017 are enclosed in this copy of the newsletter for the readers.

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali,
Head of Department

Organogram of the Department

Total number of currently enrolled students	105
Total number of graduates	56
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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (DS) ALUMNI



MPhil in Development Studies from PIDE has benefitted me in many ways. The courses, workshops, seminars along with the mentors gave me the exposure that I needed to develop a diverse knowledge base. Most importantly, the program allowed me to become an independent, free and critical thinker. We were continuously challenged in order to further develop our research, analytical and problem solving skills and stay motivated. These values of hard and honest work and understanding pressing issues of the country from an open mind and holistic perspective have helped me tremendously in my work life. This program is exactly what one needs to reinvent themselves intellectually, academically and professionally. *(Zonia Yousuf Baltistani, Young Parliamentary Subject Expert, Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services)*

I had completed MPhil in Development Studies from Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) in May, 2016. Since 2011 I had been working with several Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) working for Community Development. MPhil degree in Development Studies enabled me to strengthen my command over the understanding of social, cultural and economic dynamics of Pakistan. It also helped me to improve research skills which I utilised in my Community Development work for need identification, project monitoring, management and evaluation studies. In short it enhanced my development management skills in totality. During my MPhil at PIDE I got the opportunity to learn from qualified and experienced teaching and research staff. Addition of MPhil degree from PIDE proved to be a setting up of future direction for me and to polish my skills as a researcher, teacher, and practitioner and as human being as well.

(Syed Jamshad Bukhari, National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi)



Development Studies department at PIDE has pioneered a new tradition of development knowledge in Pakistan. I have learnt, during my MPhil, that a genuine development researcher and activist cannot be a person sitting in ivory tower but should go into field, gather empirical evidence through engaging with the people and communities to provide a meaningful alternative to any social, political and economic issue. The training that I have received and independent spirit of inquiry that I have learned at DS department opened several avenues for me. For which I will always be remain thankful, especially to all the teachers.

(Asad ur Rehman PhD Candidate @ EHESS & CEIAS PARIS FRANCE)



A multidisciplinary subject, Development Studies imparts meaningful insights to its graduates to examine theories, policies and practices of world development. DS at PIDE has widened my horizons and provided me with reflective and reflexive techniques to understand the essence of socio-economic, political and environmental realities in global and local perspectives. Soon after my thesis defense, I got opportunities across public and private sectors to work in different development fabrics – public sector research and policy analysis; development programme, planning, implementation and outcomes; NGOs and humanitarian work; cross-cultural consultancy and advocacy. In essence, Development Studies encouraged me to delve into miscellaneous development issues and challenges to formulate strategies for resolving them.

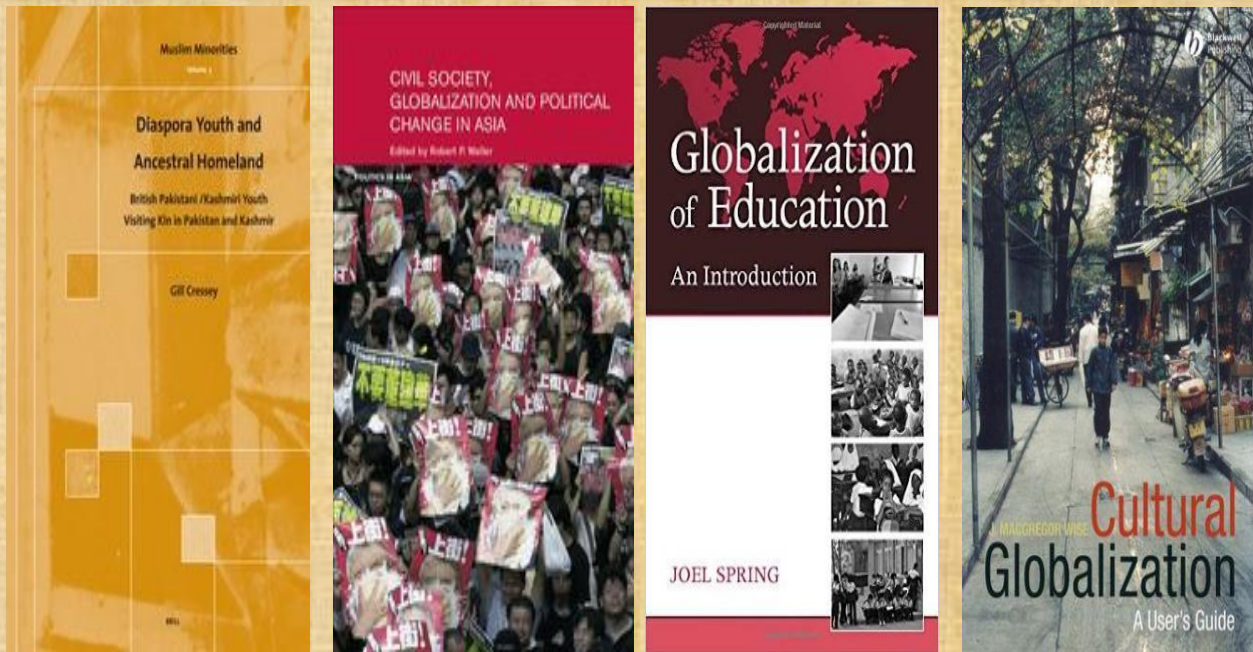
(Muhammad Saleem, Research Officer, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), University of the Punjab Lahore).

RESEARCH IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (DS)

A complete list of thesis topics and students of DS Batch 2013 is listed below:

Sr. No	Name of Student	Thesis Topic
1	Neha Riaz Khan	Invisible Workers: A Case Study of Unpaid Female Family Helpers in District Lahore
2	Umair Khan	Implementation Assessment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013
3	Sehrish Mustafa	Skill Gap in Sindh: A Study of Gender Perception through Cluster Analysis
4	Rameez Khan	Post Disaster Recovery and Development: Case Study of 2005 Earthquake district Manshera, KPK
5	Syed Obaid Gellani	Microcredit and Women Empowerment: Evidence from District Jhelum, Punjab
6	Maleeha Sattar	Exploring the role of English Language as an Academic Gatekeeper in Pakistani Educational System: Focus Rawalpindi-Islamabad
7	Zoneira Summan Amjad	Performance and Effectiveness of Social Safety Net Programmes for Household's Well-being: The Case of Zakat and BISP in Pakistan
8	Fida Muhammad Khan	Role of defense spending: Myths and Realities: A Case of Pakistan Aeronautical Complex
9	Mubasher Rehman Khattak	Determinants of Child Labour: A Case Study of Children Working at Automobiles Workshop at Tehkal Payan of Peshawar City, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan
10	Sumra Aslam	Impact of Climatic Factors and Adaptation Strategies on Maize Productivity in Pakistan: A Microeconomic Analysis
11	Muhammad Rahim Shah	Socio-Economic and Cultural Assessment of Suicide among Female Youth: A Study in Ghizer District, Gilgit-Baltistan
12	Shafaq Mumtaz	Invisible Labour: A Study of Economic Empowerment of Home Based Women Workers in Rawalpindi
13	Sheraz Khan	Mother Tongue as a Medium of Instruction: Views of Pakistani Stakeholders

READ AND SHARE BOOK FORUM



The Department of Development Studies initiated a study circle as “Read and Share Book Forum” in Fall Semester 2015. The aim of this forum is to provide a platform to the students of Development Studies for sharing already existing books with reference to current and cross-cutting issues in development discourse, competing methodological frameworks and variant theoretical claims. In Spring Semester 2015, six forums were conducted. In Spring Semester 2016, five forums and in Fall Semester 2016, one forum were conducted. In Spring Semester 2017 four forums were conducted the details of which are described in the following text:



The twelfth presenter of this forum was Mr. Khawar Mahmood (DS M.Phil, 2016) who reviewed a book titled ‘**Cultural Globalization: A User's Guide**’ authored by J. MacGregor.

The thirteenth presenter of this forum was Mr. Syed Muddasir Shah (DS MPhil, 2016) who presented a book titled '**Civil Society Globalisation and Political Change in Asia**' authored by Robert P. Weller.



The fourteenth presenter of this forum was Ms. Fareena Iqbal (DS MPhil, 2016) who presented a book titled '**Globalisation of Education: An Introduction**' authored by Joel Spring.

The fifteenth presenter of this forum was Syeda Rida-e-Fiza (DS MPhil, 2016) who presented a book titled '**Diaspora Youth and Ancestral Homeland**' authored by Gill Cressey.



DEVELOPMENT STUDIES WORKSHOP



Department of Development Studies in PIDE in collaboration with Women Through Film organised one day workshop on "The Climate Back-hacker". The purpose of the workshop was to educate our students on environment and climate based entrepreneurship and business modeling. *Maxime Jullian from United Kingdom conducted the workshop along side Madeeha Raza, Director, Women Through Film.*



The department of Development Studies in collaboration with DELL organised a workshop in which students were provided free training on CV writing, career building and interview skills. Those who owned DELL laptops were provided free services and information for DELL laptop loan schemes from Meezan Bank were available.



DEVELOPMENT STUDIES SEMINARS



The Department of Development Studies organised a seminar on "*Sexual Minority Rights around Europe and Asia: Perceptions and Comparisons*". The guest speaker was Lucie Azema who is a French feminist activist. Ms. Azema is a freelance writer and has travelled through Middle East, Southeast Asia and South Asia to explore the lives of religious, ethnic, linguistic and specifically sexual minorities in these countries





The Department of Development Studies organised a seminar on "*Changing Global Political Economy*". The guest speaker was Dr. Aasim Sajjad Akhtar who is a Leftist politician, academic and columnist based in Islamabad. He currently serves as the President of the Awami Workers Party's Punjab Executive Committee. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Quaid-i-Azam University's National Institute of Pakistan Studies. He also writes a weekly column for the Dawn Newspaper on Political Economy, Politics of Extremism, and Extractive Political and Economic Institutions.



The Department of Development Studies organised a seminar on "*Cultural Heritage and Development*". The guest speaker was Dr. Fouzia Saeed. Dr. Saeed is a social activist, gender expert, trainer, development manager, folk culture promoter, television commentator and author. She is the author of two internationally recognised books. She is a doctorate from the University of Minnesota. Her areas of academic interest are cultural heritage, ethnographic research and feminist anthropology. She is currently working as an Executive Director of Lok Virsa. Since 2015 Dr. Saeed is actively involved in preserving, documenting and promoting cultural heritage (tangible and intangible) at Lok Virsa



FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

(January-June, 2017)

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali- Head of Department.

Paper Presentations

1. **Interface Between Asceticism and Sufism: Reflections on Syncretic Traditions in Sindh**, 3rd International Sufi Conference, May 5 and 6, 2017, Karachi, Pakistan.





2. **Dhamal- Transcends Religious Boundaries,** Lal Shahbaz Qalandar Conference at Sehwan, May 16, 2017, Karachi, Pakistan.



3. **Lesser Known Heritage of Sindh,** Conference on Barriers in Promoting Cultural Tourism at Lok Virsa, May 24, 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan.



4. **Sufism: Legacies of Assimilation in our Times,** Panelist, Islamabad Literature Festival, April 14, 15 and 16, 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan.

5. **Heritage and Social Mobilisation in Post-conflict Reality,** Session Moderator, Islamabad Literature Festival, April 14, 15 and 16, 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan.



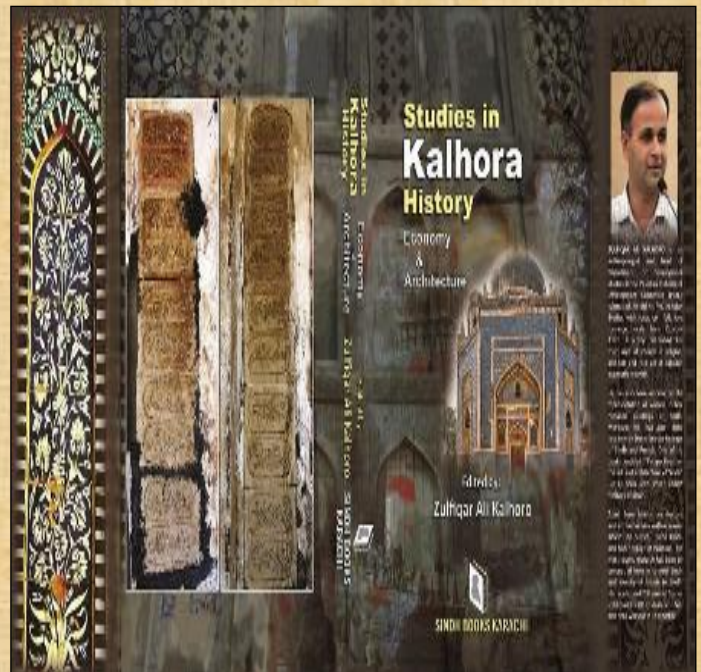
6. **Indus Valley: Evolution of Languages and Cultures**, Pakistan Mother Languages Literature Festivals, February 18 and 19, 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan



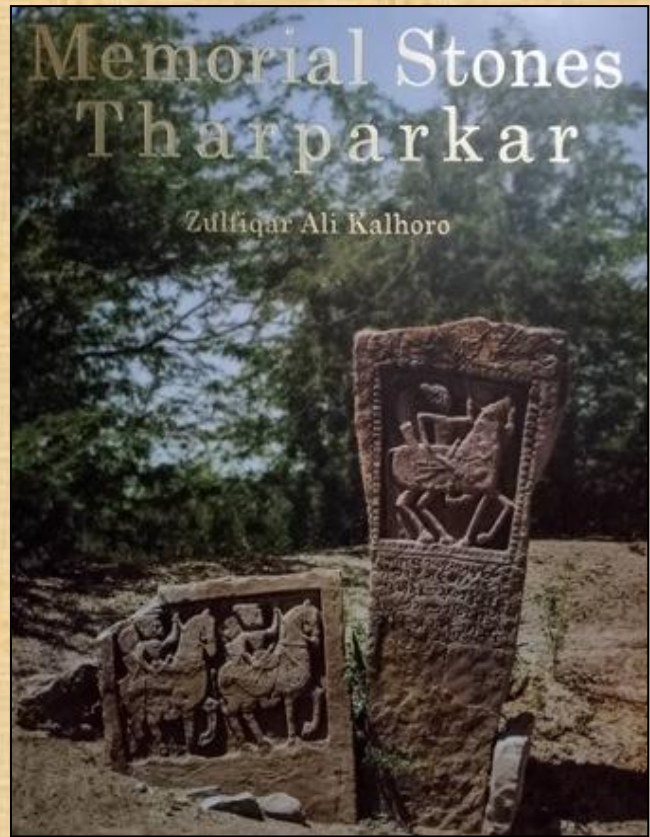
7. UNESCO workshop on Preservation and Promotion of Kalasha Culture, Islamabad, Pakistan, January 19, 2017, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Books

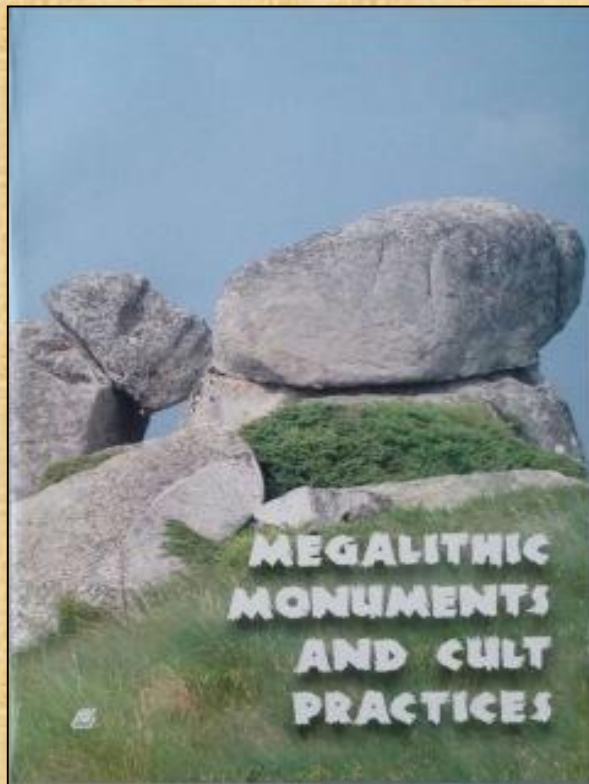
1. **Studies in Kalhora History: Economy and Architecture**, published by Sindh Books Karachi, April 2017.



2. **Memorial Stones Tharparkar**, published by Endowment Fund Trust for Preservation of the Heritage of Sindh, February 2017.



Conference Proceedings





1. *Megalithic Monuments in Karachi, Sindh (Pakistan)* published in *Megalithic Monuments and Cult Practices*. Proceedings of Second International Symposium Blagoevgrad 12-15 October 2016.

2. **Threats to Chaukhandi Tombs and the Role Civil Society Can Play for their Safeguarding** published in Civil Society and Sustainable Development in the UNESCO World Heritage, World Heritage Report 2017.

Threats to Chaukhandi Tombs and the Role Civil Society Can Play for Their Safeguarding

Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

Stephen Tomlinson (ed.)

Civil Society and Sustainable Development in the UNESCO World Heritage



Proceedings of the International Conference Istanbul 2016
Published by World Heritage Watch




Fig. 1: A view of Chaukhandi tombs in Karachi.
Photos: Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro

Newspaper Article

Sindh’s Cattle-stealing Heroes and Satis, The Friday Times, June 2017.

Research Project

Research project titled *Survey and Documentation of Buddhist Rock Carvings in Sindh-Kohistan* under HEC thematic research grant 2017.

Mr. Aqeel Anwar- DS Lecturer

On behalf of **Socio-Economic** division at the Centre of Excellence-CPEC (CoE-CPEC), Mr. Anwar’s research proposal titled ***Job Creation in CPEC through Power Generation Component- An Exploratory Study*** under the Competitive Policy Research Grant-2017 (Phase 1) has been accepted. Mr. Anwar will conduct research under this project in the months of July and August 2017 and will submit final paper/research/report to the CoE-CPEC in the month of November 2017.



Mr. Fahd Zulfiqar- DS Lecturer

Mr. Fahd Zulfiqar presented a paper *titled Narrative Analyses of Female Representation in Contemporary Sufi Music of Indian Feature Films* in 3rd International Sufi Conference, Karachi, Pakistan, May 5 and 6, 2017. The paper which was based on textual and visual deconstruction explored the agentic, sacralised and normative gender representations in Contemporary Sufi Music.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



Mr. Asif Javed (MPhil DS 2015) presented paper titled *Religious Commodification: A Case Study of Shrine of Bari Imam, Islamabad* in 3rd International Sufi Conference, Karachi, Pakistan, May 5 and 6, 2017. The paper, based on fieldwork in the Shrine of Bari Imam, explained the reasons for the mass production and consumption of religious commodities



Ms. Fareena Iqbal (MPhil DS 2016) presented paper titled *People's Perception and Behaviour towards Sacred Spaces: A Study of Bari Imam Shrine* in 3rd International Sufi Conference, Karachi, Pakistan, May 5 and 6, 2017. The paper, based on field research, outlined the variability in the sacred spaces defined along the axis of gender, sense of belonging, belief system and faith.



DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DOCUMENTARY SCREENINGS



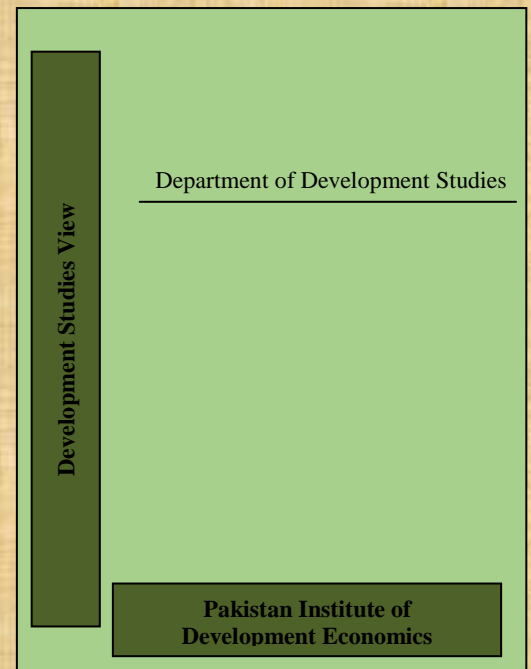
The students of M.Phil Development Studies (Evening Batch) screened their documentaries which were based on different development and social issues (gender, food insecurity, early childhood education, politics, and tourism).



DEVELOPMENT STUDIES VIEW

The department of Development Studies started a new series of academic activity in Fall 2016 in which students and researchers wrote academic essays related to the discourse of Development. The attempt was to create a space for generating a range of views and opinions on social issues including though not limited to poverty, inequality, gender, conflict and human security. Five essays were published under this forum during Fall Semester 2016. In Spring Semester 2017 four essays were published. The details are in the following text:

1. DS View 6: **'Mental Health and Academia: Perform or Perish'** authored by Ms. Zonia Yousuf Baltistani (DS MPhil 2014).
2. DS View 7: **'Libraries: A Foundation of Civilisations'** authored by Ms. Shanza Sohail (DS MPhil 2014).
3. DS View 8: **'Honour Killings in Pakistan'** authored by Salma Yaqoob (DS MPhil 2015).
4. DS View 9: **'Bourdieu and Social Capital'** authored by Kashif (DS MPhil 2016).



DEVELOPMENT STUDIES POLICY BRIEF

Six Policy Briefs were published in Spring Semester 2017. The themes for these were **Communities and Ethnographies** and **Culture and Society**. Six Policy Briefs were published in Spring Semester 2017. The details are in the following text:

1. **'Unfolding Rural Dwellers' Perception of Development: Inferring a Native Model of Development (A Valuation of Two Villages of Islamabad)** authored by Mawish Iqbal (DS MPhil 2011).
2. **'Victims of Social Exclusion: The Case of Gypsies in Potwar'** authored by Jamshad Ahmad Bukhari (DS MPhil 2012).
3. **'Early Age Marriages Triad: Causes, Correlates and Consequences'** authored by Sadaf Farook (DS MPhil 2012).
4. **'Role of Sufi Shrines in Local Politics- Ruralisation of Urban Areas: A Case Study of Pakpattan District Punjab'** authored by Muhammad Saleem (DS MPhil 2014).
5. **'Social Viability of Karez Rehabilitation in Balochistan: A Study of Loralai District'** authored by Gullalai Jomezai (DS MPhil 2012).
6. **'Concept of Time and its Allocation to Socio-cultural and Economic Activities among Hijra Community: A Case Study of Islamabad'** authored by Safdar Ali (DS MPhil 2014).



THESIS DEFENCE



Mr. Sheraz Khan (DS 2013) defending his thesis titled **Mother Tongue as a Medium of Instruction: Views of Pakistani Stakeholders** supervised by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.

Mr. Obaid Gellani (DS 2013) defending his thesis titled **Microcredit and Women Empowerment: Evidence from District Jhelum, Punjab** supervised by Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed.



Mr. Ahmed Nawaz (DS 2014) defended his thesis titled **Value Chain Analysis of Wooden Furniture: A Case Study of District Chiniot, Punjab, Pakistan** supervised by Dr. Usman Mustafa.

Ms. Zonia Yousuf Baltistani (DS 2014) defended her thesis titled **Redefining Urban Slums: Changing Employment Trends and Lifestyles in Abyssinia Lines, Karachi** supervised by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.

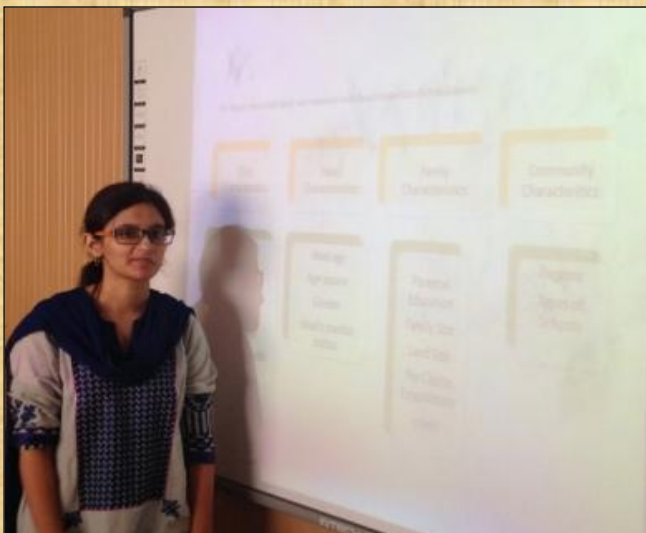
Ms. Maleeha Sattar (DS 2013) defended her thesis titled **Exploring the role of English Language as an Academic Gatekeeper in Pakistani Educational System: Focus Rawalpindi-Islamabad** supervised by Dr. Huma Haque.

Mr. Umair Khan (DS 2013) defended his thesis titled **Implementation Assessment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013** supervised by Dr. Junaid Alam Memon.



Mr. Qasim Shah (DS 2014) defending his thesis titled **REDD+ in Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Institutional Arrangement and Challenges** supervised by Dr. Anwar Hussain

Ms. Zoneira Summon Amjad (DS 2013) defending her thesis titled **Performance and Effectiveness of Social Safety Net Programmes for Household's Well-being: The Case of Zakat and BISP in Pakistan** supervised by Dr. Usman Mustafa.



Ms. Saima Nazeer (DS 2014) defending her thesis titled **Determinants of Child Schooling, Work and Idleness in Rural Areas of Pakistan** supervised by Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan.

Mr. Rameez Khan (DS 2013) defending his thesis titled **Post Disaster Recovery and Development: Case Study of 2005 Earthquake district Manshera, KPK** supervised by Dr. Usman Mustafa.



Mr. Rao Safdar (DS 2014) defended his thesis titled **Concept of Time and its Allocation to Socio-cultural and Economic Activities among Hijra Community: A Case Study of Islamabad** supervised by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.

Ms. Shanza Sohail (DS 2014) defended her thesis titled **Promise and Reality: A Comparative Study of Housing Societies in Islamabad** supervised by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.