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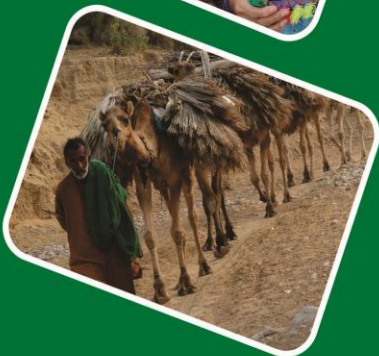
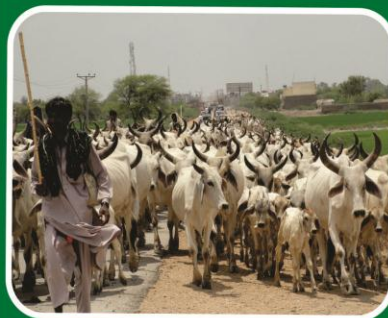


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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Department of Development Studies began its academic operations in 2011, as part of PIDE University, Islamabad. Over the course of eight 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 Fall 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	121
Total number of graduates	62
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RESEARCH IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (DS)

A complete list of thesis topics and students of DS Batch 2014 is listed below:

Sr. No	Name of Student	Thesis Title	Supervisor
1	Shanza Sohail	Promise and Reality: A Comparative Study of Housing Societies in Islamabad	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali
2	Safdar Ali	Concept of Time and its Allocation to Socio-cultural and Economic Activities Among Hijra Community: A Case Study of Islamabad	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali
3	Ahmed Nawaz	Value Chain Analysis of Wooden Furniture: A Case Study of District Chiniot, Punjab, Pakistan	Dr. Usman Mustafa
4	Zonia Yousaf Baltistani	Redefining Urban Slums: Changing Employment Trends and Lifestyles in Abyssinia Lines, Karachi	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali
5	Muhammad Saqib	Health Services in Public Sector Hospitals: Evidence from two Hospitals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan	Dr. Karim Khan
6	Muhammad Saleem	Role of Shrines in Local Politics-Ruralisation of Urban Areas: A Case Study of Pakpattan District Punjab	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali
7	Qasim Shah	REDD+ in Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Institutional Arrangement and Challenges	Dr. Anwar Hussain
8	Saima Nazeer	Determinants of Child Schooling, Work and Idleness in Rural Areas of Pakistan	Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan
9	Sayedra Nida Raza	Pension plans: Comparative Study between Public and Private Pension Plans	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali
10	Aziz Khan	The structural and interactional dynamics of slums of Peshawar	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali
11	Maryam Naz	Role of Remittances in Religion: A Case Study of Potohari Village	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali
12	Ahmed Zia	Role of Pluralistic Educational System in Pakistan in Creating and Reinforcing Oppressive Class Structure in the Larger Society: A Case Study of Lahore	Dr. Huma Haque
13	Zahra Khan Durrani	Economics of a Disaster: Natural Disasters and their Impact on the Economy of Pakistan	Dr. Javed Iqbal.
14	Haroon Afridi	The Community Health Workers in Khyber Agency, FATA: Existing Status and Challenges	Dr. Anwar Hussain.
15	Muhammad Saifullah	Causes and Consequences of Male Early Marriages: A Case Study of Shah Saddar Din District D. G Khan, South Punjab	Dr. Usman Mustafa.
16	Aqsa Yasmin	Impact of Displacement on the Livelihood of Slum Dwellers in Islamabad: A Case Study of Model Urban Shelter Project, Alipur Farash	Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan
17	Afifa Tariq	Fair Skin as Social Capital in Pakistan: Content Analysis of Fairness Advertisements	Dr. Zulfiqar Ali

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES SEMINARS

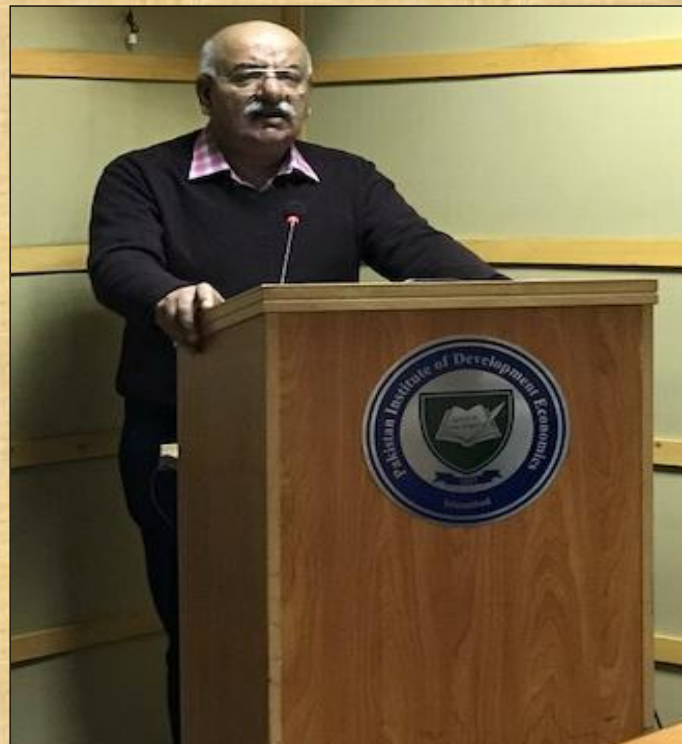


The Department of Development Studies organised a seminar on "*Shifting Frontiers of Development Studies*". The guest speaker was Dr. Masooda Bano who is an Associate Professor in the Oxford Department of International Development. Dr. Bano lectures on Research Methods and the core Development Studies course for the MPhil in Development Studies, supervises MPhil and DPhil theses and offers an option on Gender and Development. Dr. Bano is a field based education specialist. She is an expert in how ideas and beliefs evolve and affect development processes. She builds large scale comparative studies combining ethnographic and survey data with a thorough understanding of what is happening on the ground. She is currently advising on the largest ever education sector support program rolled out by the UK's Department for International Development in Nigeria. Through this project, she has designed specific interventions to increase children's access to primary education. She has participated in many media interviews including those for BBC World, the BBC World Service, BBC Radio 4 and her research has also featured in the Guardian (UK), The New York Times (USA), and Oxford University publications among others. She has also authored six illuminating books.



The Department of Development Studies organised a seminar on "*Education in France*". The aim of this seminar was to aware students with best and firsthand information regarding the educational opportunities in France, and seeking admission in Bachelors, Masters or PhD programs respectively. This seminar will proved to be very helpful for all students who were willing to and were keenly interested to acquire higher education in France particularly and Europe generally. The themes of the seminar were: Education in France; Scholarship Opportunities in Universities of France for Pakistani Students; Environment of Learning and gaining knowledge from France academia; Admission process; deadlines of scholarships/self-merit selection of students in Universities of France, and Document requirement and language certificate requirements for entry in French Universities. The guest speaker was Mr. Taha Jamil (Programme Officer, French Higher Education).

The Department of Development Studies organised a seminar on "*Social Mobilization*". The guest speaker was Mr. Khalil Ahmed Tetlay. Having more than 30 years of extensive experience with government, Non-government, and multilateral organizations, currently Mr. Tetlay is heading Operations in Rural Support Network Program which consists of 11 Rural Support Program spread all across Pakistan working for the betterment of communities on the principles of social mobilization. He also worked and contributed on various Special Reports for Planning Commission on different social problems of Pakistan. Rising from very base of social mobilization, he is now considered an Ustaad of social Mobilization both in Pakistan and abroad. He describes himself as a student of social development and he preaches what he says, in these times as well he is often found on Project sites getting firsthand knowledge of project execution as well as checking the progress.





The Department of Development Studies organised a seminar on "*Liberal Capitalism in Pakistan*". The guest speaker was Mr. Zeeshan Hashim. The lecture was based on speaker's book titled *Gurbaat aur Ghulami: Khatama Kesay Ho?* Mr. Zeeshan Hashim is an economist and associated to a public policy think tank, Policy Research Institute of Market Economy (PRIME) based in Islamabad. Mr. Hashim is also a columnist and blogger in Pakistan's prominent newspapers and websites. He is also an adjunct scholar of Istanbul Network for Liberty (INFoL) and an Advisory Board Member of Association of Literary Humanities (ASLE)-Pakistan. His first book in Urdu titled '*Gurbaat aur Ghulami: Khatama Kesay Ho?*' introduces and explains free market economics with the idea of Freedom and Prosperity.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

(July-December, 2017)

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali- Head of Department.

Paper Presentations

1. *Religion, Kinship and Politics in Pakistan: The Case of District Jhang*, International Academic Conference on Social Sciences, University of Barcelona, July 2017, Spain





2. *Patterns of Identity Carvings and Wusum on Camels in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia*, Saudi Archaeology Convention, November 2017, Saudi Arabia.

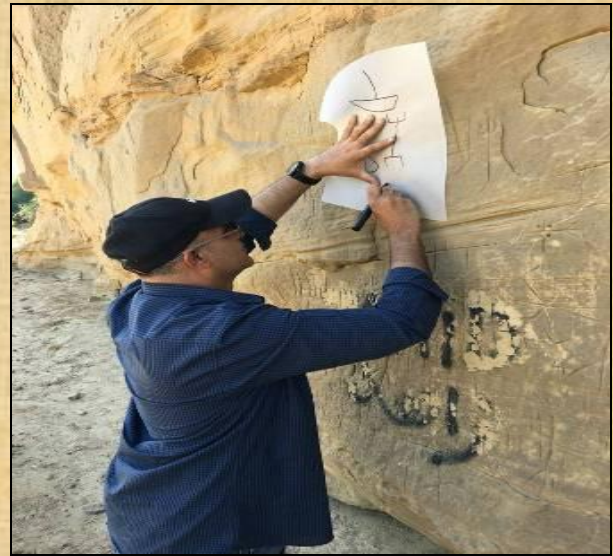


3. *Identity of Udasis in Modern Sindh*, 1st International Conference on Sindh Studies, Karachi, Pakistan, November 2017



Research Project

1. Research project titled *Survey and Documentation of Buddhist Rock Carvings in Sindh-Kohistan* under HEC thematic research grant 2017. Dr. Ali conducted fieldwork for his project from August 2017 till mid-January 2018.
2. Independent book project titled *Female Sufi Saints in Azad Kashmir and Potohar*.



Conference Proceedings

1. *The Issue of the Conservation of the Picture Wall of Lahore Fort, Pakistan* published in World Heritage Watch Report 2017.
2. *Religion, Kinship and Politics in Pakistan: The Case of District Jhang* published in *International Academic Conference on Social Sciences*, Conference Proceedings, July 2017.

Newspaper Article

Syncretic Sadh Belo published in The Friday Times, December 2017

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



Mr. Saifuddin (MPhil DS 2016) presented paper titled *Threats to Kalash Culture* in International Conference on Archaeological Heritage of Pakistan, Lahore, Pakistan, October 2017.

Ms. Fareena Iqbal (MPhil DS 2016) presented paper titled *Sati Practice in Sindh: A Case Study of Tharparkar* in 1st International Conference on Sindh Studies, Karachi, Pakistan, November 2017.



DEVELOPMENT STUDIES INTERACTIVE SESSIONS



Mr. Rolf Pasch, Country Director, FES and Sidra Saeed, Programme Coordinator, FES discussed the possibilities of futuristic academic coalitions with the department Head, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.

Dr. Anita Weiss, Oregon University, USA discussed with DS MPhil students about their research, and future academic prospects.



DEVELOPMENT STUDIES POLICY BRIEF

Six Policy Briefs were published in Fall Semester 2017. The theme for these was **Development as Discourse**. Five Policy Briefs were published in Spring Semester 2017. The details are in the following text:

1. **'Promise and Reality: A Comparative Study of Housing Societies in Islamabad'** authored by Shanza Sohail (DS MPhil 2014).
2. **'Redefining Urban Slums: Changing Employment Trends and Lifestyles in Abyssinia Lines, Karachi'** authored by Zonia Yousuf Baltistani (DS MPhil 2014).
3. **'Exploring the Role of English Language as an Academic Gatekeeper in Pakistani Educational System: Focus Rawalpindi-Islamabad'** authored by Maleeha Sattar (DS MPhil 2013).
4. **'The Role of Hawa Market in Female Empowerment: Implications for Women Development'** authored by Salma Yaqoob (DS MPhil 2015).
5. **'Pakistan as a Socio-cultural and Political Space and Location of Minorities Within: Locus Rawalpindi-Islamabad'** authored by Farhan Tahir Nawab (DS MPhil 2014).

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Policy Brief

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THESIS DEFENCE



Mr. Faheemullah Baig (DS 2015) defending his thesis titled **Rethinking Tourism and Technology as Rural Development Strategy: A Case of Hunza Pakistan** supervised by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.



Mr. Aziz Khan (DS 2014) defending his thesis titled **The Structural and Interactional Dynamics of Slums of Peshawar** supervised by Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan.

Ms. Rafia Jalil (DS 2015) defending her thesis titled **Issues of the Integration of the Baha'is and Hindus in Pakistan: A Case Study of the Twin Cities (Islamabad-Rawalpindi)** supervised by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.





Mr. Sajid Sultan (DS 2013) defending his thesis titled **Institutions and Economic Growth: A Case Study of Selected South Asian Countries and Pakistan** supervised by Dr. Usman Mustafa.



Ms. Aqsa Yasmin (DS 2014) defending her thesis titled **Impact of Displacement on the Livelihood of Slum Dwellers in Islamabad: A Case Study of Model Urban Shelter Project, Alipur Farash** supervised by Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan

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Mr. Jawad Ali (DS 2015) defending his thesis titled **Expatriates Adjustment Challenges: A Case Study of Chinese Expatriates in Islamabad, Pakistan** supervised by Dr. Muhammad Jehangir Khan.

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Ms. Syeda Nida Raza (DS 2014) defending her thesis titled **Pension Plans: Comparative Study between Public and Private Pension Plans** supervised by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali.

