

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Revisiting History as a Discipline in Pakistan: Institutions, Policies, Pedagogies, and Future Directions

June 27- to July 1, 2026

Day 1: Arrival and Reception - 27 June

Time	Activity
6:00 PM	Arrival of guests, presenters and participants at the conference venue
6:00-8:00 PM	Informal socializing and welcome interaction
8:00 PM	Dinner

Day 2: Inaugural Ceremony and Academic Sessions - 28 June

Time	Activity
8:30-9:30 AM	Breakfast
9:30-10:00 AM	Registration of participants and presenters
10:00-11:30 AM	Inaugural Session
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Tea Break

Inaugural Session

Moderator: Dr. Asfandiyar Durrani

Time	Activity
10:00-10:05 AM	Recitation from the Holy Quran
10:05-10:10 AM	Welcome note by the moderator
10:10-10:25 AM	Introduction to the conference by Dr. Altaf Qadir, Conference Chair
10:25-10:55 AM	Keynote Address by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafique: “Conceptual Challenges to History and Historiography in Pakistan: Considerations on the Pedagogical Approaches to the Future of the Discipline”
10:55-11:15 AM	Address by the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Johar Ali, Vice Chancellor, University of Peshawar
11:15-11:25 AM	Presentation of shields/souvenirs
11:25-11:30 AM	Group Photograph

Academic Session I: Curriculum, Pedagogy and Future Challenges**Time: 12:00-2:00 PM Chair: Prof. Dr. Husnul Amin Moderator: Mr. Zahid Ali**

Time	Presenter	Title
12:00-12:15 PM	Dr. Azmat Ullah	Factual Accuracy is Compulsion not a Duty: Making Sense of History in Modern Times
12:15-12:30 PM	Dr. Hina Khan	Whose History? Decolonizing Curriculum and Cultivating Critical Minds in Pakistan
12:30-12:45 PM	Dr. Irfan Ahmed Shaikh	Evolution of History Curriculum in Pakistan: Continuity, Change and Contemporary Challenges
12:45-1:00 PM	Dr. Amanullah Khan	History Curriculum: HEC Standardization and Future Challenges
1:00-2:00 PM		Q&A Session

Lunch Break (2:00-3:00 PM)**Academic Session II: Institutions, Inclusion and the Future of the Discipline****Time: 3:00-5:00 PM Chair: Dr. Irfan Ahmed Shaikh Moderator: Furad Ali**

Time	Presenter	Title
3:00-3:15 PM	Dr. Zahra Akram Hashmi	The Asiatic Society: Constructing the Regional History of Princely Bahawalpur during the Nineteenth Century
3:15-3:30 PM	Mr. Saqib Shah & Mr. Naveed Ali Shah	History, Identity and Inclusion: Revitalizing Indigenous Narratives in Pakistan's History Curriculum
3:30-3:45 PM	Dr. Asfandiyar Durrani	Mapping the History Discipline Across the Educational Institutions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: A Tomographic View of Teachers' Recruitment Policies
3:45-4:00 PM	Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad	History's Crisis as a Discipline: Institutional Failure, Teachers' Role, and Directions for Future
4:00-5:00 PM		Q&A Session

Tea Break (5:00-5:30 PM)

Academic Session III: Connecting History, Literature and Cultural Heritage**Time: 5:30-7:00 PM Chair: Dr. Amanullah Khan Moderator: Ms. Nabila Rahman**

Time	Presenter	Title
5:30-5:45 PM	Dr. Zafar Mohyuddin	Sufi Literature and Medieval Indian Historiography
5:45-6:00 PM	Mr. Tayyab Sher Khan	From Darbaar to Darsgah: Bashir Ahmed, Pedagogy, and Pakistani Miniature Heritage
6:00-6:15 PM	Dr. Aslam Mir	Culture, Literature and History: A Study of History through Fiction in Shamsur Rahman Faruqi's "The Mirror of Beauty" (Kai Chand Tey Sar-e-Aasmaan)
6:15-7:00 PM		Q&A Session

Dinner (08:30 PM)**Day 3: Academic Sessions, Round Table and Concluding Session-29 June**

Time	Activity
9:00-9:30 AM	Breakfast

Academic Session IV: Archives, Digital Technologies and Public History**Time: 9:30-11:30 AM Chair: Dr. Zahra Akram Hashmi Moderator: Mr. Sufyan Shakir**

Time	Presenter	Title
9:30-9:45 AM	Ms. Somal Imran	Digital Technologies: Opportunities and Challenges in Historical Scholarship
9:45-10:00 AM	Mr. M. Mohsin Ali	Beyond Physical Custody: Archival Description as a Precondition for Historical Research and Education in Pakistan
10:00-10:15 AM	Mr. Ehsan Khan	Archiving the Fragments: A Crowdsourced Methodology for Mapping the Vernacular Press in Pakistan
10:15-10:30 AM	Mr. Nadeem Khan	Saving History from Irrelevance: Public History, Employability, and Curriculum Reform in Pakistan
10:30-11:30 AM		Q&A Session

Tea Break (11:30 AM to 12:00 PM)

Academic Session V: Decoloniality, Subalternity and Regional Histories

Time: 12:00-2:00 PM Chair: Dr. Azmat Ullah Moderator: Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad

Time	Presenter	Title
12:00-12:15 PM	Dr. Rehana Kausar	Voices from the Margins: Subaltern Studies and the Reconstruction of Regional Histories
12:15-12:30 PM	Dr. Zafar Khan	Beyond Individual Explanations: Revisiting Colonial History and Pashtun Generational Poverty Through Sociological Imagination
12:30-12:45 PM	Prof. Dr. Husnul Amin	Historicizing Islam: A Comparative Study of Fazlur Rahman and Javed Ahmad Ghamidi's Approaches
12:45-1:00 PM	Dr. Saima Parveen	Vernacular Histories and Subaltern Knowledge: Re-reading Yadgar-i-Chishti in the Context of Regional Historiography
1:00-2:00 PM		Q&A Session

Lunch Break (2:00-3:00 PM)

Round Table Discussion: The State of the Discipline of History

Time: 3:00-4:30 PM Chair: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafique Moderator: Altaf Qadir

Participants	Focus of Discussion
All presenters	To ponder upon the current state of the discipline of history, identify institutional, curricular, archival, pedagogical and employment-related challenges, and propose practical solutions for strengthening historical studies in Pakistan.

Concluding Session

Time: 4:15-5:00 PM Chair: Prof. Dr. Husnul Amin Moderator: Dr. Syed Waqar Ali Shah

Time	Activity
4:15-4:30 PM	Summary of conference proceedings
4:30-4:45 PM	Presentation of recommendations from the Round Table
4:45-4:55 PM	Closing remarks
4:55-5:00 PM	Vote of thanks

Dinner (08:30 PM)

Day 4: Excursion - 30 June

Time	Activity
8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Departure for excursion
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Excursion for all participants and presenters Mushkpuri Top and Lalazar
2:00-5:00 PM	Continuation of excursion / Pipeline Track Ayubia
6:00 PM	Return to conference venue, Baragali Summer Camp, University of Peshawar
8:30 PM	Bar B Q Dinner and Cultural Night

Day 5: Departure Day July 1, 2026

Time	Activity
8:00AM-9:00AM	Breakfast
9:30AM	Departure

Presentation Format

Component	Time Allocation
Presentation by each presenter	15 minutes
Q&A for each presenter	15 minutes, placed in the combined Q&A segment at the end of the session