

#ThinkFest

14-15 January 2023
Alhamra Arts Council, Mall Road, Lahore

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DAY 1: JANUARY 14, 2023



An Academic Literary Festival

	HALL 2	HALL 3	ADABI BAITHAK	GALLERY
11:30 am to 12:30 pm Plenary	Challenging Truths: A Conversation with Mohsin Hamid with Waseem Anwar, Kinnaird College			
12:45 pm to 01:45 pm	Jinnah: His Successes, Failures, and Role in History Ishtiaq Ahmed, Stockholm University; Asad Rahim Khan, Lawyer, with Salman Akram Raja, Lawyer <i>Book Launch</i>	Lahore Under Threat: From New Development Projects to Old Delapidated Neighbourhoods Mustafa Rasheed, Political Activist; Rafay Alam, Environmental Lawyer; Feisal Naqvi, Lawyer, with Nosheen Zaidi, Punjab University	Business: Engine of Growth for Pakistan's Economy Syed Yawar Ali, Nestle Pakistan; Seema Aziz, Bareeze; Naseer Akhtar, InfoTech; Vaseem Anwar, American Business Forum, with Pir Saad Ahsanuddin, Cinepax	و باتے وسیب Nain Sukh, Writer; Zubair Ahmad, Writer; Naveed Alam, Academic, with Sughra Sadaf, DG PILAC <i>Book Launch</i>
02:00 pm to 03:00 pm	Geo-Economics and National Security Strategy Moeed Yusuf, Former Pakistan National Security Advisor, with Ejaz Haider, Senior Fellow, CSSPR, University of Lahore	The Struggle for Hegemony in Pakistan Aasim Sajjad Akhter, QAU; Afiya Zia, Wesleyan University, USA; Ammar Ali Jan, Academic, with Sara Eleazar, UTexas, Austin, USA <i>Book Launch</i>	Law and Muslim Political Thought in Late Colonial North India Adeel Hussain, New York University, with Aatir Rizvi, GCU <i>Book Launch</i>	Tapping Climate Finance Opportunities for Pakistan Mahesh Mishra, FCDO, Pakistan; Hamed Sheikh, Federal Secretary Finance; Abrar Chaudhry, Oxford; David Reiner, Cambridge; Ali Habib, Climate Expert; Shezad Abdullah, JS Bank, with Usman Khan, REMIT <i>In collaboration with REMIT</i>
03:15 pm to 04:15 pm	'My Life and Times' Autobiography of Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai Ayaz Achakzai, Public Policy Analyst; Rafiullah Kakar, Public Policy Analyst, with Rehana Hashmi, Punjab University <i>Book Launch</i>	The Loss of Hindustan: The Invention of India Manan Ahmed, Columbia University, USA, with Ali Usman Qasmi, LUMS <i>Book Launch</i>	On Top of the World: Growing up among Giants Shehroze Kashif, Mountaineer, with Madeeha Syed, Journalist	Clean Energy and the Question of Technology Aristotle Tympas, University of Athens; Bilal Zahoor, Folio Books; Khurram Bhatti, ITU, with Waqar Zaidi, LUMS
04:30 pm to 05:30 pm	Media: Between Polarisation and Politics Mansoor Ali Khan, Samaa TV; Gharidah Farooqi, TvOne; Absa Komal, Dawn News, with Mehmal Sarfraz, Journalist	Triumph and Despair: In Search of Iran's Islamic Republic Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown University, Qatar, with Marium Kamal, Punjab University <i>Book Launch</i>	Elections and Young Voters in Pakistan Bilal Gillani, Gallup Pakistan; Saadullah Khan, The Body Shop; Umar Faheem, LUMS; Mian Usman Javed, Former SG JI Youth, with Amna Kausar, PILDAT <i>In collaboration with PILDAT</i>	Inventing the Middle East: Britain and the Persian Gulf in the Age of Global Imperialism Guillemette Crouzet, Warwick University, UK, with Nauman Naqvi, Habib University <i>Book Launch</i>
05:45 pm to 06:45 pm	Pakistan Left Review Stephen Lyon, AKU; Salima Hashmi, BNU, with Taimur Rahman, LUMS <i>Book Launch</i>	Russo-Ukraine War, Turkey and the EU Tuba Eldem, SWP Berlin, with Ejaz Haider, Senior Fellow, CSSPR, University of Lahore	Imperative and Challenges of Privatisation Muhammad Zubair, Former Chairman, Privatisation Commission; Salman Shah, Former Pakistan Finance Minister, with Savail Hussain, Economist	Education Policies in Pakistan: Politics, Projections, and the Practices Baela Raza Jamil, Idara e Taleem o Agahi; Kasim Kasuri, Beaconhouse Group; Tayyaba Tamim, LUMS; Tariq Rahman, BNU, with Shahid Siddiqui, Lahore School of Economics <i>Book Launch</i>

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11:30 am to 12:30 pm Plenary	Pakistan's Political Economy: Is There a Way Forward? Miftah Ismail, Former Finance Minister of Pakistan, with S Akbar Zaidi, IBA Karachi			
12:45 pm to 01:45 pm	50 Years of the Pakistan Constitution Maryam S Khan, U of Wisconsin Madison; Sadaf Aziz, LUMS; Feisal Naqvi, Lawyer; Abid Saqi, Lawyer, with Haider Butt, Lawyer	Governance of Islam in Pakistan: An Institutional Study of the Council of Islamic Ideology Sarah Holz, Humboldt University, Berlin, Asif Iftikhar, LUMS, with Salman Akram Raja, Lawyer <i>Book Launch</i>	کیا اردو درامے میں نئے بیانیے کی ضرورت ہے۔۔۔؟ Seema Taher Khan, TvOne; Samiya Mumtaz, Actor; Omair Rana, Actor, with Hina Khan, Anchor	Political Conflict in Pakistan Muhammad Waseem, LUMS, with Raza Rumi, Naya Daur <i>Book Launch</i>
02:00 pm to 03:00 pm	Looking for the Enemy: Mullah Omar and the Unknown Taliban Bette Dam, Journalist, Anas Mallick, Journalist, with Hussain Nadim, Policy Analyst <i>Book Launch</i>	Is Populism the Future of Democracy? Tuba Eldem, SWP Berlin; Aristotle Tympas, University of Athens; S Akbar Zaidi, IBA Karachi, with Ammar Ali Jan, Academic	The Punjab Borderland: Mobility, Materiality and Militancy, 1947-87 Ilyas Chattha, LUMS, with Ali Usman Qasmi, LUMS <i>Book Launch</i>	Tapestry: Strands of Women's Struggles Woven into the History of Pakistan Fouzia Saeed, Women's Rights Activist, with Nadeem Fazil, Human Rights Lawyer <i>Book Launch</i>
03:15 pm to 04:15 pm	New Media: Democratisation vs Disinformation Benazir Shah, Journalist; Asad Baig, Media Matters; Mehmal Sarfraz, Journalist, with Raza Rumi, Naya Daur	ہم فلمیں کیوں بناتے ہیں Sarmad Khoosat, Khoosat Films; Nirmal Bano, NCA, with Adeel Afzal, Artist	Are Local Governments the Answer to Pakistan's Crises? Javed Malik, Malala Fund; Fawad Hasan Fawad, Former Federal Secretary; Mary James Gill, Former MPA, with Ahmad Iqbal, Former Mayor, Narowal	Future of Fashion in Pakistan Zara Shahjahan, Designer; Hassan Sheheryar Yasin, The World of HSY; Kammar Rokni, Designer, with Sahar Atif, Designer and Academic
04:30 pm to 05:30 pm	Inside the Arab State Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown University, Qatar; Guillemette Crouzet, Warwick University, UK, with Ejaz Haider, Senior Fellow, CSSPR, University of Lahore <i>Book Launch</i>	From Nehru to Modi: A New India Adeel Hussain, New York University, with Nauman Naqvi, Habib University	Technology & Elections Taha Ali, NUST; Rashid Chaudhry, Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability; Azma Zahid Bukhari, MPA PMLN, with Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, PILDAT <i>In collaboration with PILDAT</i>	The Forgotten Legacies of Rai Bahadur Sir Ganga Ram 1851-1927 Tehmina (Poonam) Ayub; Raza Ali Dada, Architect, with Shaila Bhatti, NCA <i>Book Launch</i>
05:45 pm to 06:45 pm	Are Politicians the Real Problem of Pakistan? Fawad Chaudhary, PTI; Malik Ahmed Khan, PMLN; Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, PPP, with Mehmal Sarfraz, Journalist	Lost to the World: A Memoir of Faith, Family, and Five Years in the Terrorist Captivity Shahbaz Taseer, Author, with Bette Dam, Journalist <i>Book Launch</i>	Test Status on Trial: The Story of Pakistan Cricket Team's Historic Tour to England Danyal Rasool, ESPN Cricinfo; Intikhab Alam, Former Cricketer and Coach, Najam Latif, Cricket Historian	Why is Religious Freedom so Elusive? Msgr. Michael Nazir-Ali, Catholic Ordinariate, with Peter Jacob, Centre for Social Justice