

Charity Registration No. 1179415



**Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 July 2024**

Bloomsbury Pakistan – Social Science Research & Advocacy is a charity with registration no. 1179415 (The Charity Commission for England and Wales).

Its governing document is its constitution, drawn up and approved by the Trustees in 2018.

Mission

The object of the CIO is to promote education in Britain and Pakistan by raising public understanding about pressing social and intellectual challenges in Pakistan by: Public Lectures and panel discussions; Publishing Book reviews and reports on academic research; Dissemination of academic research through the social and mainstream media; Teacher Training Programmes in UK and Pakistan

Administrative Details

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Sort Code: 20-41-50
Account No: 73338762

Structure, Governance and Management

Officers (Trustees) and Executive Committee

The managing body of the Charity is the Executive Committee, which consists of nine Officers (Trustees) The assets of the charity, including any money standing to the credit of the Society in any bank account and the right to deal with the same, vest in the Trustees. The Officers and the Executive Committee are unpaid and work on a voluntary basis.

Members of the executive committee (Trustees) are:

Chairman - Dr David Taylor
Secretary - Mr Nadir Cheema
Treasurer - Dr Tariq Khan
Dr Nichola Khan
Dr Stephen Lyon
Dr Farooq Bajwa
Dr Maria Rashid
Dr Najam Abbas
Dr Farid Panjwani
Mr Zulfiqar Khimani
Dr Ayaz Qureshi

Advisory Board:

Dr Tariq Rahman
Mr Arif Hasan
Dr Sarah Ansari
Dr Matthew Nelson

Affiliates:

Dr Kaveri Qureshi
Dr Umair Javed
Dr Sameen Mohsin
Dr Tayyab Safdar
Dr Fatima Burney
Dr Najia Mukhtar
Dr Salman Rafi

During the reporting period, the Executive Committee (Trustees) met online on 13 November 2023.

Review of the year 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024

Bloomsbury Pakistan has continued to work in accordance with its goals and aims during the year. Its activities during the year fall into the following categories:

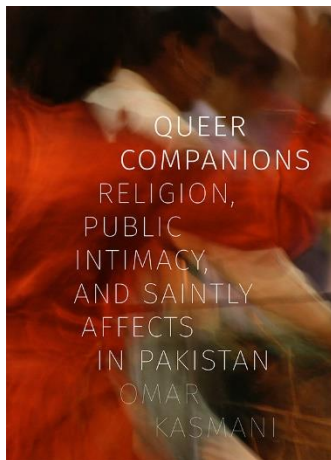
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i) Book Reviews

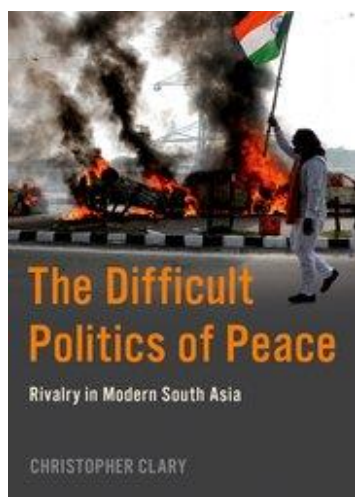
<http://www.bloomsburypakistan.org/publications/>



1) Competition Law in South Asia: Policy Diffusion and Transfer by Dr Amber Darr
Cambridge University Press 2023, 269pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Sheharyar Hamid, LUMS**
(19 July 2024)

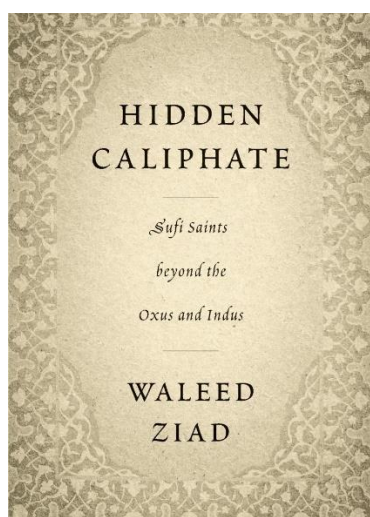


2) Queer Companions: Religion, Public Intimacy, and Sainly Affects in Pakistan by
Dr Omar Qasmani
Duke University Press 2022, 224pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Vanja Hamzić, SOAS University**
of London (5 July 2024)



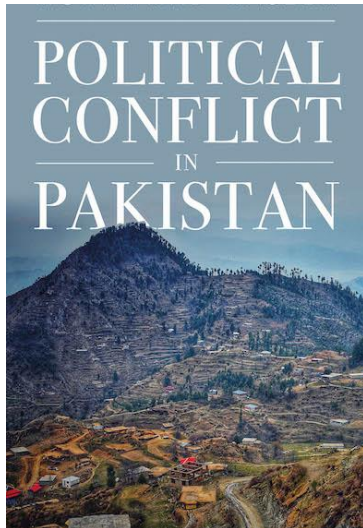
3) The Difficult Politics of Peace: Rivalry in Modern South Asia by Dr Christopher Clary

Oxford University Press 2022, 336pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Saeed Rid, Quaid-i-Azam University (21 June 2024)**



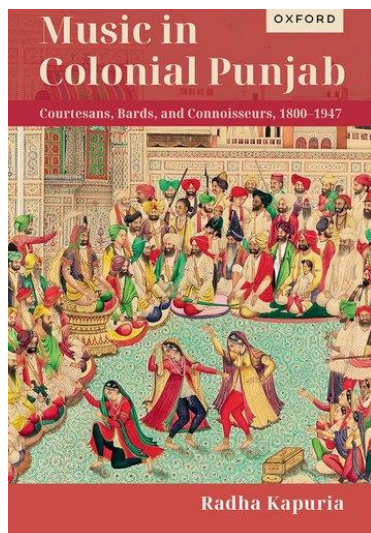
4) Hidden Caliphate: Sufi Saints beyond the Oxus and Indus by Dr Waleed Ziad

Harvard University Press 2021, 354pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Irfan Moeen Khan, LUMS (31 May 2024)**



5) Political Conflict in Pakistan by Prof Mohammad Waseem

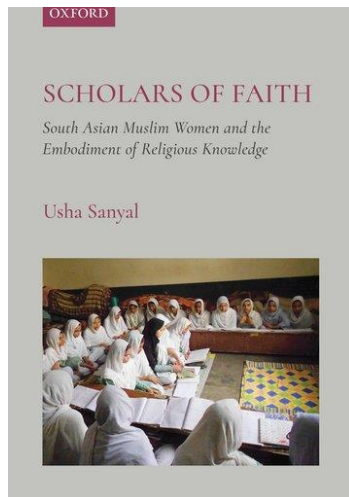
Hurst Publishers 2022, 576pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Salman Rafi Sheikh, LUMS**
(29 March 2024)



6) Music in Colonial Punjab: Courtesans, Bards, and Connoisseurs, 1800-1947

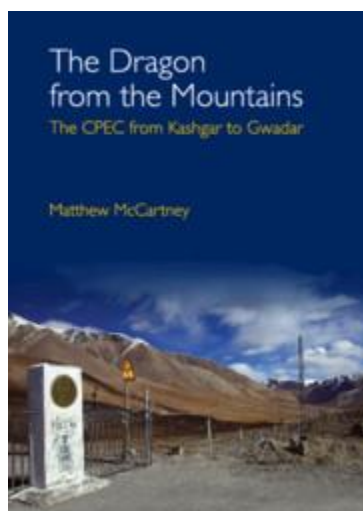
by Dr Radha Kapuria

Oxford University Press 2023, 416pp. **Reviewed by: Dr G Ali Shair, University of Warwick**
(1 March 2024)



7) Scholars of Faith: South Asian Muslim Women and the Embodiment of Religious Knowledge by Prof Usha Sanyal

Oxford University Press 2020, 409pp. **Reviewed by: Prof Humeira Iqtidar, King's College London (2 February 2024)**



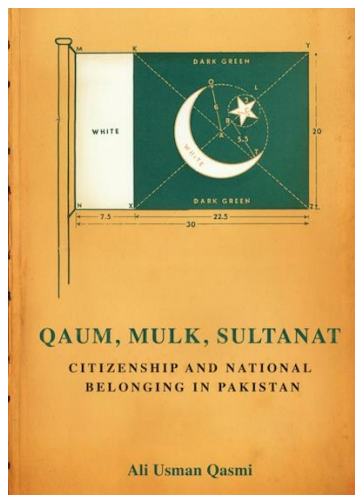
8) The Dragon from the Mountains: CPEC from Kashgar to Gwadar

by Prof Matthew McCartney

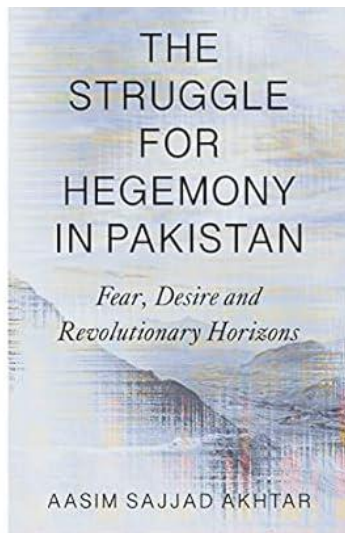
Cambridge University Press 2021, 274pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Adnan Naseemullah, King's College London (26 January 2024)**



9) Pakistan Left Review: Then and Now edited by Nadir Cheema and Stephen Lyon
Oxford University Press 2022, 285pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Sara Kazmi, University of Pennsylvania (19 January 2024)**

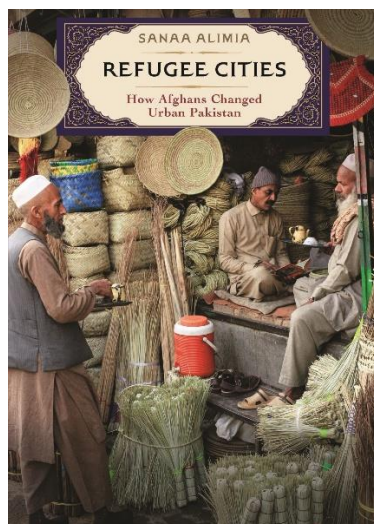


10) Qaum, Mulk, Sultanat: Citizenship and National Belonging in Pakistan by Dr Ali Usman Qasmi
Stanford University Press 2023, 444pp. **Reviewed by: Prof Sarah Ansari, Royal Holloway University of London (5 January 2024)**



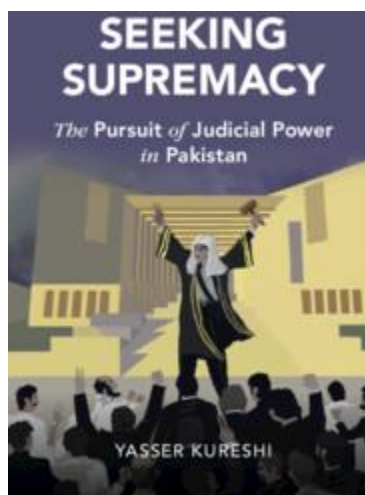
11) The Struggle for Hegemony in Pakistan: Fear, Desire and Revolutionary Horizons by Dr Aasim Sajjad Akhtar

Pluto Press 2022, 176pp. **Reviewed by: Mr Ammar Rashid (8 December 2023)**



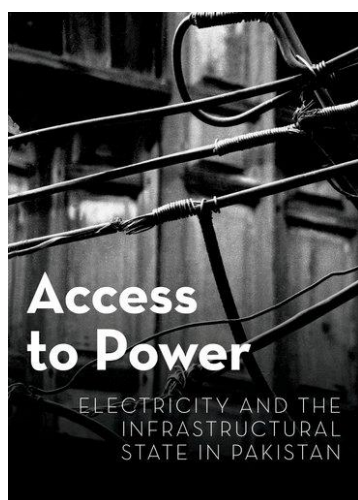
12) Refugee Cities: How Afghans Changed Urban Pakistan by Dr Sanaa Alimia

University of Pennsylvania Press 2022, 248pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Sobia Kaker (27 October 2023)**



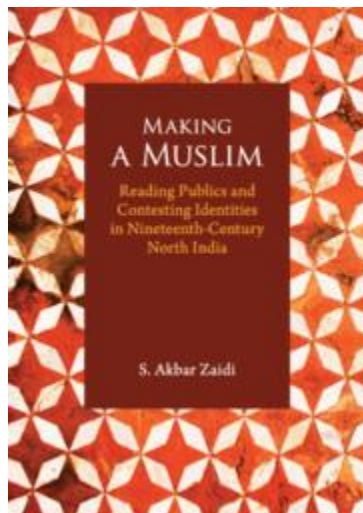
13) Seeking Supremacy: The Pursuit of Judicial Power in Pakistan by Dr Yasser Kureshi

Cambridge University Press 2022, 280pp. Reviewed by: Professor Martin Lau (13 October 2023)



14) Access to Power: Electricity and the Infrastructural State in Pakistan by Dr Ijlal Naqvi

Oxford University Press 2022, 192pp. Reviewed by: Dr Juvaria Jafri, University of East Anglia (15 September 2023)




15) Making a Muslim: Reading Publics and Contesting Identities in Nineteenth-Century by Prof Akbar Zaidi

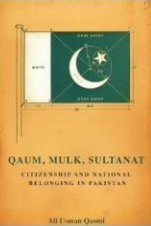
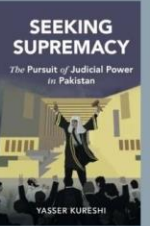
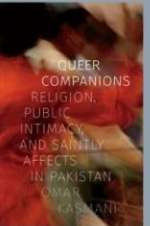
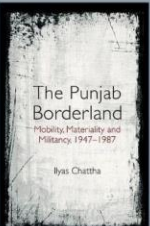
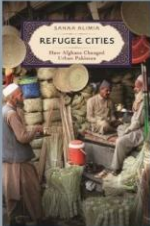
Cambridge University Press 2021, 249pp. **Reviewed by: Dr Megan Robb, University of Pennsylvania (8 September 2023)**

Defending Muhammad in Modernity

ii) BOOK PRIZE 2024 SHORTLIST



BLOOMSBURY PAKISTAN
BOOK PRIZE SHORTLIST 2024



The selection committee for the prize met in June 2024 and agreed to the following shortlist from an impressive and diverse pool of scholarship produced in the year 2022 and 2023 on the history / politics / society / economy / culture either of Pakistan within its present borders or of the communities of South Asia broadly relevant to Pakistan. The Committee considered the extent to which the book made an original contribution to scholarly understanding of the lives and experiences of the people of Pakistan.

Sanaa Alimnia. *Refugee Cities. How Afghans Changed Urban Pakistan*. University of Pennsylvania Press. 2022.

Ilyas Chattha. *The Punjab Borderland. Mobility, Materiality and Militancy, 1947-1987*. Cambridge University Press, 2022

Omar Kasmani. *Queer Companions: Religion, Public Intimacy, and Sainly Affects in Pakistan*. Duke University Press 2022.

Yasser Kureshi. *Seeking Supremacy: The Pursuit of Judicial Power in Pakistan*. Cambridge University Press, 2022.

Ali Usman Qasmi. *Qaum, Mulk, Sultanat: Citizenship and National Belonging in Pakistan*. Stanford University Press. 2023.

The Bloomsbury Pakistan Book Prize Winner 2024 will be announced by 14 August 2024 in time to mark the 77th anniversary of Pakistan's creation. The author of the winning entry will be invited to give a lecture under the auspices of Bloomsbury Pakistan, if possible, in person or otherwise virtually.

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Convenor: Dr Maria Rashid

Selection committee:

Prof Kamran Asdar Ali, University of Texas

Prof Humeira Iqtidar, King's College London

Prof Matthew Nelson, SOAS University of London

Prof Yunus Samad, LUMS

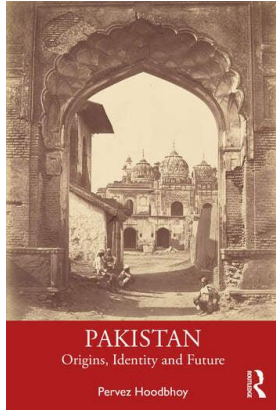
We are grateful to the convenor and the selection committee for handling the book prize with due diligence.

More details - <https://bloomsburypakistan.org/bloomsbury-pakistan-book-prize/>

iii) **Events**

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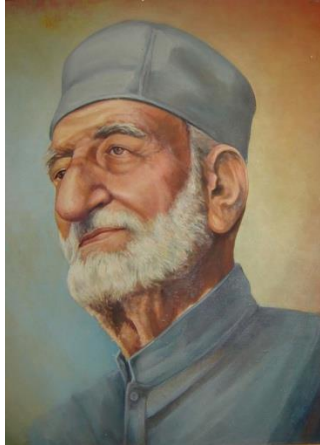
Book Launch



Book Launch: Pakistan Origins, Identity and Future

Panelists: Prof Pervez Hoodbhoy (Author), Dr Maria Rashid (Chair), Dr Salman Khan (Discussant). This book is an accessible, comprehensive, and nuanced history of Pakistan. It reflects upon state and society in Pakistan and shows they have been shaped by historical forces and personae. Drawing on a range of sources and written by one of the foremost intellectuals of the region, this book will be indispensable for scholars, researchers, students of history, politics, and South Asian studies. The book launch was organised in collaboration with SOAS Pakistan Discussion Forum on 12 October 2023 at SOAS University of London. [More details](#) and [video](#) of the book launch.

Annual Lecture:



Annual Bacha Khan Lecture 2023: *Non Violence – A Way Forward to Sustainable Peace*

Speakers: *Mr Noor-ul-Amin Yousafzai*. Chair: *Dr Salman Khan*. Introduction: *Mr Ziauddin Yousafzai*



Charity name

Charity number (if any)

For the period from (start date)

to (end date)

Section A

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	81.20				
<i>Sub total</i>					
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>					
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	96.15				
Software	159.83				
Companies House	218				
Admin - Postage	13.89				
<i>Sub total</i>	(406.67)				
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>					
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(406.67)				
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	2246.80				
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	1858.13				

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	1858.13		
	<i>Total cash funds</i> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature

Print name

Date of approval



Nadir Cheema

01/09/2024



Dr David Taylor

01/09/2024