

Charity Registration No. 1179415



**Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 July 2025**

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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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
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Dr Najia Mukhtar
Dr Salman Rafi

During the reporting period, the Executive Committee (Trustees) met online on 4 November 2024.

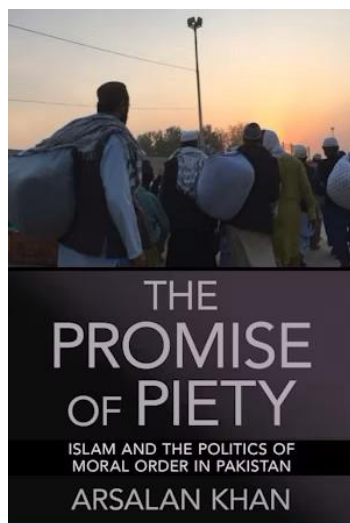
Review of the year 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

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:

- i) Book Reviews
- ii) Book Prize

i) Book Reviews

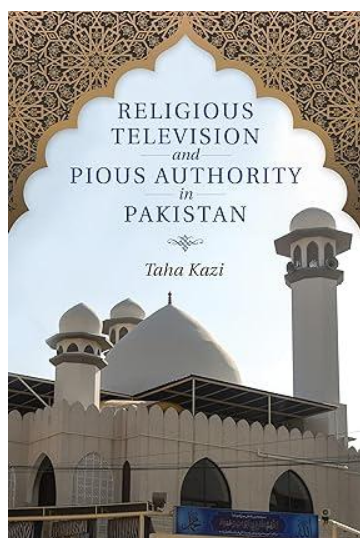
<http://www.bloomsburypakistan.org/publications/>



1) [The Promise of Piety: Islam and the Politics of Moral Order in Pakistan](#)

by Dr Arsalan Khan, Cornell University Press 2024, 223pp

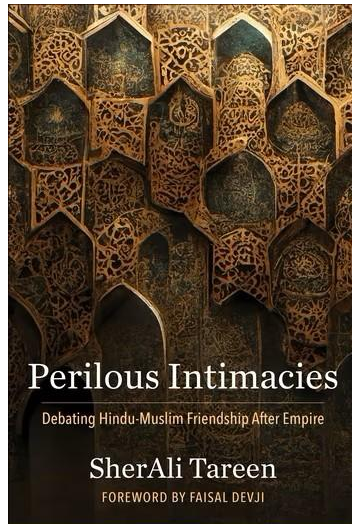
Reviewed by: Dr Suvaidd Yaseen, Brown University (4 July 2025)



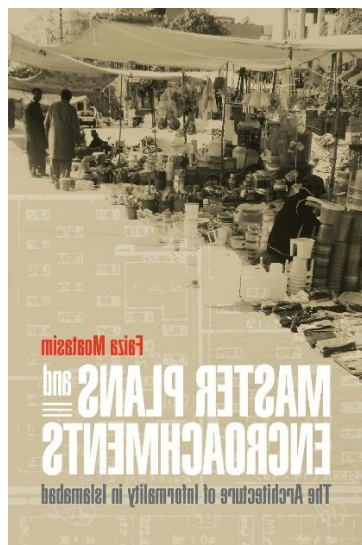
2) [Religious Television and Pious Authority in Pakistan](#)

by Dr Taha Kazi. Indiani University Press 2021, 226pp

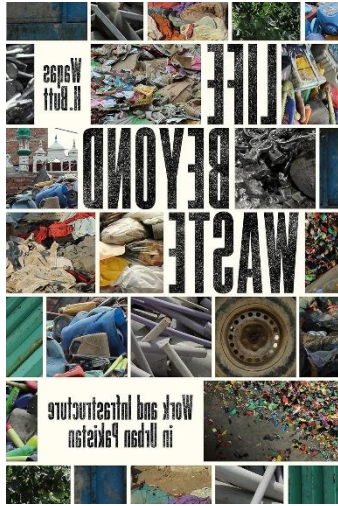
Reviewed by: Dr Zainab Alam, Howard University (13 June 2025)



3) [**Perilous Intimacies: Debating Hindu-Muslim Friendship After Empire**](#) by Dr SherAli Tareen. Columbia University Press 2023, 360pp
Reviewed by: Dr Tariq Suleman, PhD (SOAS) (30 May 2025)



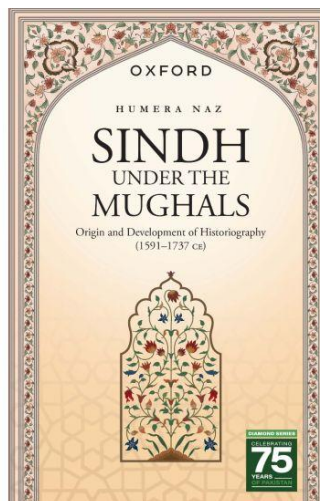
4) [**Master Plans and Encroachments The Architecture of Informality in Islamabad**](#) by Dr Faiza Moatasim. University of Pennsylvania Press 2023, 248pp
Reviewed by: Dr Aisha Ahmad, LUMS (9 May 2025)



5) [Life Beyond Waste: Work and Infrastructure in Urban Pakistan](#)

by Dr Waqas H. Butt. Stanford University Press 2023, 225pp

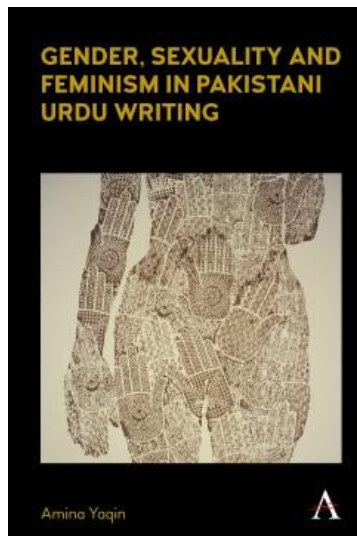
Reviewed by: Dr Nida Kirmani, LUMS (28 March 2025)



6) [Sindh Under the Mughals: Origin and Development of Historiography \(1591-1737 CE\)](#)

by Dr Humera Naz. Oxford University Press 2023, 254pp

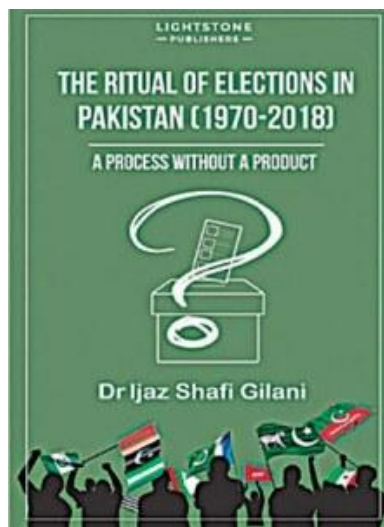
Reviewed by: Dr Shayan Rajani, Michigan State University (7 February 2025)



7) [Gender, Sexuality and Feminism in Pakistani Urdu Writing](#)

by Prof Amina Yaqin. Anthem Press 2021, 294pp

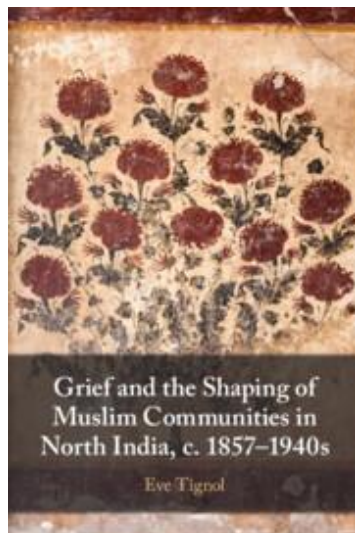
Reviewed by: Dr Nukhbah Langah, University of Malaya (14 February 2025)



8) [The Ritual of Elections in Pakistan \(1970-2018\): A Process without a Product](#)

by Dr Ijaz Shafi Gilani. Lightstone Publishers 2024, 255pp

Reviewed by: Dr Niloufer Siddiqui, University at Albany – SUNY (31 January 2025)



9) [Grief and the Shaping of Muslim Communities in North India, c. 1857-1940s](#)

by Dr Eve Tignol. Cambridge University Press 2023, pp263

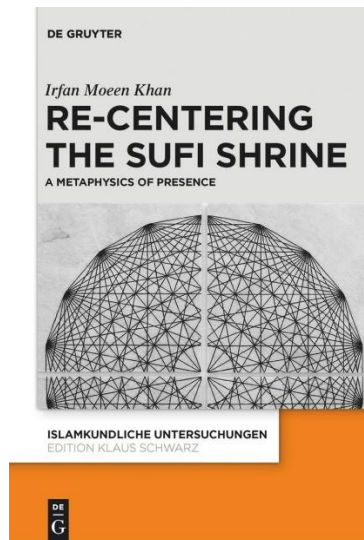
Reviewed by: Dr S. Akbar Zaidi, IBA (Karachi) (17 January 2025)



10) [Under the Gun: Political Parties and Violence in Pakistan](#)

by Dr Niloufer Siddiqui. Cambridge University Press 2022, pp272

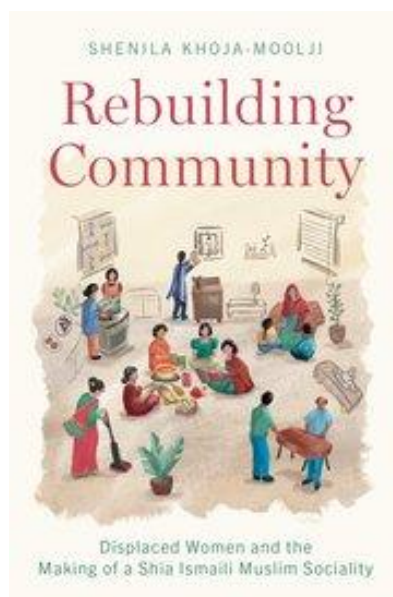
Reviewed by: Dr Zoha Waseem, University of Warwick (20 December 2024)



11) [Re-centering the Sufi Shrine: A Metaphysics of Presence](#)

by Dr Irfan Moeen Khan. De Gruyter 2023, 242pp

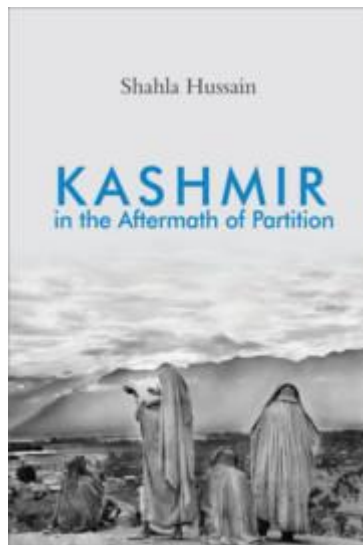
Reviewed by: Dr Ali Gibran Siddiqui, IBA (Karachi) (29 November 2024)



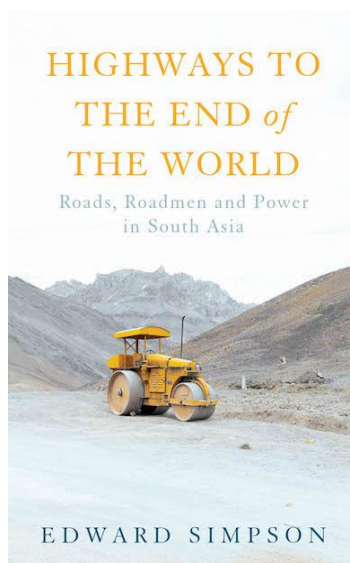
12) [Rebuilding Community: Displaced Women and the Making of Shia Ismaili Muslim Sociality](#)

by Dr Shenila Khoja-Moolji. Oxford University Press 2023, 409pp

Reviewed by: Dr Shama Dossa, Habib University (27 September 2024)



- 13) [Kashmir in the Aftermath of Partition](#) by Dr Shahla Hussain. Cambridge University Press 2021, 392pp
Reviewed by: Dr Hafsa Kanjwal, Lafayette College, Pennsylvania (23 August 2024)



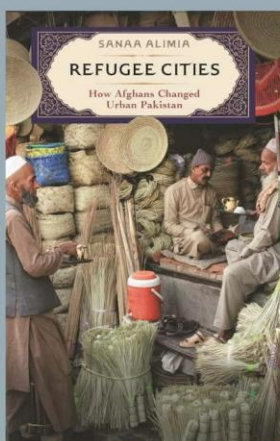
- 14) [Highways to the End of the World: Roads, Roadmen and Power in South Asia](#) by Prof Edward Simpson. Hurst Publishers 2022, 352pp
Reviewed by: Prof Agnieszka Joniak-Lüthi, University of Fribourg (9 August 2024)

ii) BOOK PRIZE 2024



BLOOMSBURY PAKISTAN BOOK PRIZE SHORTLIST 2024

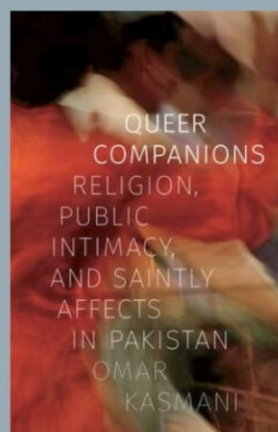
On the eve of the 77th Anniversary of Pakistan's creation, we are pleased to announce the winners of the biennial
Bloomberg Pakistan Book Prize 2024.



Sanaa Alimia

**Refugee Cities. How Afghans Changed
Urban Pakistan.**

University of Pennsylvania Press. 2022.



Omar Kasmani

**Queer Companions: Religion, Public Intimacy,
and Sainly Affects in Pakistan.**

Duke University Press. 2022.

We extend our congratulations to co-winners, Sana Alimia and Omar Kasmani for their excellent contributions to the study of Pakistan. We would also like to acknowledge the three runner-up entries (listed in alphabetical order).

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

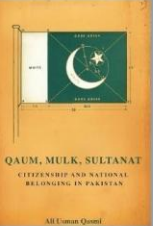
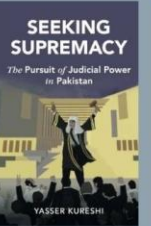
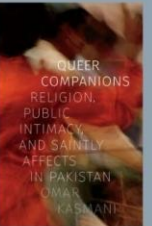
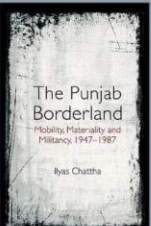
The Bloomberg Pakistan Book Prize is awarded to outstanding academic books published in English on a topic or theme connected to the history / politics / society / economy / culture either of Pakistan within its present borders or of the communities of South Asia broadly relevant to Pakistan. More details about the Bloomberg Pakistan Book Prize: <https://bloomburypakistan.org/bloomberg-pakistan-book-prize-2024/>

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BOOK PRIZE 2024 SHORLIST



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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.

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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-2024>



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	1000				
<i>Sub total</i>					
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>					
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	33.85				
Software	168.39				
Companies House	77				
Admin - Postage	20				
Book Prize	1000				
<i>Sub total</i>	(1299.24)				
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>					
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	(1299.24)				
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	1858.13				
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	1558.89				

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	1558.89		
	<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

01/09/2025



Dr David Taylor

01/09/2025