

Department of History

Introduction

One of the leading places for historical research and teaching in Pakistan, Government College University's Department of History can justifiably boast of its golden past and its present, holding forth the promise of a bright future. H.L.O Garrett, Dr. Abdul Hameed and Prof. Razi Wasti represented academic excellence in the past; the legacy is being passionately sustained by the succeeding generation of academics in the department. Established in 1864, the Department of History has always made an impact by inculcating intellectual panache and the quest for learning among the students. Now it is bracing itself up for new challenges in academia posed by the changed scenario in the epistemic contours of the discipline.

Recently, the Department has launched joint courses in collaboration with the Department of History, University of Massachusetts (Boston, USA). Undergraduate classes in both Universities are taught together through an e-link and teachers of both Departments are involved in lecturing. It is the only History Department in Pakistan which offers such unique learning opportunity to its students.

Prof. Tahir Kamran, an eminent scholar, currently heads the department. He is widely published and has earned an excellent repute in the national and international academic circles. He did his post doctorate from Southampton University, UK, and has served on Iqbal Chair at Cambridge University, UK, for five years. Prof. Kamran has written five books along with publishing two edited volumes. He has recently coauthored a book, *Colonial Lahore: A History of the City and Beyond* (2017). A few of his other books are *Role of Election Commission in Pakistan*, *Politics, Democracy and Governance in Pakistan* and *Idea of History through Ages*. He has also written more than thirty-five research articles which have been published in reputed national and international journals. He regularly writes for newspapers.

Dr. Tahir Mahmood holds PhD from Coventry University, UK. He was awarded Charles Wallace fellowship in 2005. His expertise is on Colonial Punjab, regional and district histories. He has more than eleven national and international publications to his credit. He is also HEC recognized supervisor and has produced two PhDs

Dr. Irfan Waheed Usmani earned PhD in History from National University of Singapore. He was awarded NUS-Research Scholarship in 2010. His interests include Leftist Movements, Print Culture in Pakistan and Colonial India.

Dr. Hussain Ahmad Khan holds PhD in Cultural History from National University of Singapore. He was awarded NUS-Research Scholarship in 2008. He has authored two books: *Re-Thinking Punjab: The Construction of Siraiki Identity* (2005) and *Artisans, Sufis, Shrines: Colonial Architecture in Nineteenth Century Punjab* (2015). He has widely published research articles on Cultural History.

Dr. Tahir Jamil completed PhD in World Politics from Claremont Colleges, California. He has also done MA in International Studies from the same University. He was awarded Fulbright Scholarship first in 2005 and then in 2009. His specialty is American and World Politics with particular focus on conflict and peace.

Prof. Farhat Mahmud earned PhD in Political Science from Laval University, Canada. He is the author of a seminal work on

foreign policy entitled *History of US and Pakistan Relations*. He chaired the department for seven years. He is an HEC recognized supervisor and has supervised and produced a number of scholars.

Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim holds PhD from Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. His area of interest is politics in Punjab with special reference to the role of Biradaries in public sphere. He has supervised and produced a number of PhDs.

Dóra Günsberger, PhD candidate in SOAS, University of London, has recently joined the Department as a Research Fellow. Her MA is from the University of Cambridge and she is currently writing a doctoral dissertation on the History of Ismaili Community in Pakistan.

FACILITIES

Research

- For the past several years, the faculty members at the Department of History are engaged in a number of research projects such as social, political and cultural lives of Sufis, colonial art and cultural institutions, Regional Studies such as district Histories, Historiography in Pakistan, Role of Biradari Politics, US History and Foreign Policy, Partition of India and Refugees Studies, Migration, Marginalisation, History of Emotions and Sectarian Militancy.
- A number of our faculty members went to various international Universities on a six-month fellowship programme. Ms. Farzana Arshad and Mr. Ayyaz Gull visited Arizona State University (USA) and University of South Florida (USA) respectively. Ms. Huma Pervaiz and Mr. Nayyar Abbas availed fellowships at Royal Holloway College, University of London (UK).

Research Journal

Apart from other publications, *The Historian* is the main scholarly journal of the Department which provides a platform for discussing new and innovative themes and discourses. It is a bi-annual journal recognized by the HEC.

Some of the faculty members of the Department are editors of the *Pakistan Journal of Historical Studies*, a bi-annual scholarly journal published by the Indiana University Press (Bloomington, USA). It is the first journal of History edited by Pakistani historians and published by a reputed US university press.

Conferences, Seminars, Lectures, Workshops

Distinguished historians, political activists and scholars from various disciplines are invited at conferences, seminars, extension lectures and workshops. Recently, the department organized an international conference in collaboration with THAAP, on "People and the City". The second international conference on "Colonial and Post-Colonial Punjab" was held in 2014. It was attended by renowned academics, researchers and students from Pakistan and abroad. In collaboration with Royal Holloway College, University of London, the Department of History organized a three-day workshop on "Oral History in South Asia" in December 2012. The project was funded by the British academy, London.

Distinguished academics and scholars such as Francis Robinson (Royal Holloway College, University of London, UK) David Gilmartin (University of North Carolina, USA), Ian Talbot

(University of Southampton, UK), Pippa Virdee (De Montfort University, UK) Jamal Malik (University of Erfurt, Germany), Tariq Rahman (Beaconhouse National University, Lahore) Mohammad Waseem (LUMS, Lahore), Virinder Kalra (University of Warwick, UK), Barbara Metcalf (University of California, Davis, USA), Dietrich Reetz (Friere University, Germany), Jaon Pau (University of Barcelona, Spain), Kevin Greenbank (University of Cambridge, UK), Kim Wagner (Queen Mary, University of London, UK) and Jan-Peter Hartung (University of Göttingen, Germany) delivered lectures at the Department.

Future Prospects

Our graduates find jobs in academia, journalism, NGOs, central and provincial administrative services, museums and archives. Furthermore, History has also its relevance along with other disciplines like Anthropology, Sociology, Legal Studies, Public Policy, Political Science and Economics.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The courses offered in the Department are radically re-worked in accordance with current trends crosscutting disciplinary boundaries of Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy and Cultural-Studies.

- BA (Hons.)
- MPhil
- PhD

| BA (Hons) | | |
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| Year- I (Semester- I) | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-1101 | Ancient India | 3 |
| HIS-1102 | British India (1707 – 1857) | 3 |
| HIS-1103 | A Global History | 3 |
| HIS-1104 | History of the Americas | 3 |
| HIS-1105 | British History | 3 |
| HIS-1106 | Muslims in Spain | 3 |
| Semester-II | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-1201 | Ancient Europe | 3 |
| HIS-1202 | Freedom Movement | 3 |
| HIS-1203 | Modern Central Asia | 3 |
| HIS-1204 | Modern China | 3 |
| Year 2 | | |
| Semester – III | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-2101 | State and Society in Medieval India | 3 |
| HIS-2102 | European History-I (1789 – 1871) | 3 |
| HIS-2103 | History of World Religions | 3 |
| HIS-2104 | Umayyads and Abbasids | 3 |
| HIS-2105 | Safavid Empire | 3 |
| HIS-2106 | Ottoman Empire (13th to 20th Century) | 3 |
| HIS-2107 | South Asia since 1947 | 3 |
| HIS-2108 | History of Australia | 3 |

| Semester-IV | | |
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| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-2201 | History of South Asian Art | 3 |
| HIS-2202 | Medieval Europe | 3 |
| HIS-2203 | Social and Intellectual History of Modern Europe | 3 |
| HIS-2204 | European History-II (1871 – 1945) | 3 |
| HIS-2205 | Modern South-East Asian History | 3 |
| HIS-2206 | Themes in African History | 3 |
| HIS-2207 | History of Russia | 3 |
| HIS-2208 | History of Middle East | 3 |
| HIS-2209 | History Writing Skills | 3 |
| Year-3 | | |
| Semester-V | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-3101 | Key Concepts in Social Sciences | 3 |
| HIS-3102 | Research Method | 3 |
| HIS-3103 | Medieval India – I | 3 |
| HIS-3104 | Introduction to US History | 3 |
| HIS-3105 | Political Economy of Pakistan | 3 |
| HIS-3106 | Challenges to Islam in Modern World | 3 |
| HIS-3107 | Historical Sources in Arabic Language | 3 |
| HIS-3108 | Themes in Art & Architectural History | 3 |
| Semester-VI | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-3201 | Introduction to Philosophy of History | 3 |
| HIS-3202 | Medieval India – II | 3 |
| HIS-3203 | Modern History of Afghanistan | 3 |
| HIS-3204 | Islamic History | 3 |
| HIS-3205 | Modern Asia | 3 |
| HIS-3206 | Sufi Shrines and Identity Construction in South Asia | 3 |
| HIS-3207 | Sufis and Colonial States | 3 |
| HIS-3208 | Ancient Civilizations | 3 |
| HIS-3209 | History and Literature | 3 |
| Year 4 | | |
| Semester-VII | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-4101 | History of Colonial Punjab | 3 |
| HIS-4102 | Discourses of History in the 19th and 20th Centuries | 3 |
| HIS-4103 | Social and Cultural History of Medieval India | 3 |
| HIS-4104 | International Relations | 3 |
| HIS-4105 | Social Sciences; Key Concepts | 3 |
| HIS-4106 | Historical Sources in Persian Language | 3 |
| HIS-4107 | Cultural Institutions in Colonial India | 3 |
| HIS-4299 | Research Project / Internship | 3 |

| Semester-VIII | | |
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| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-4201 | New Trends in History | 3 |
| HIS-4202 | Emergence of USA as Global Power | 3 |
| HIS-4203 | Pakistan and the Contemporary World | 3 |
| HIS-4204 | Early Indian History | 3 |
| HIS-4205 | Social and Intellectual History of India | 3 |
| HIS-4206 | Nationalism in Europe | 3 |
| HIS-4207 | Historical Sources in Pakistani Languages | 3 |
| HIS-4299 | Research Project / Internship | 3 |
| MPhil | | |
| Year-I | | |
| Semester-I | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS – 7101 | Philosophy of History | 3 |
| HIS – 7102 | Research Methodology | 3 |
| HIS – 7103 | Nineteenth Century India and Colonial Interception | 3 |
| HIS – 7104 | Transformation of Europe from Medieval to Modern Age | 3 |
| Semester-II (The students will study Four Courses) | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS – 7201 | International Political Economy with Specific Reference to Pakistan | 3 |
| HIS – 7202 | Agrarian System under Mughal (1526 – 1707) | 3 |
| HIS – 7203 | Government and Politics in America | 3 |
| HIS – 7204 | Domestic and Foreign Policy of USA since Second World War | 3 |
| HIS – 7205 | Specialized Study of World Civilizations | 3 |
| HIS – 7206 | Movement in the Modern Historical Discourse | 3 |
| HIS – 7207 | Foreign Policy of Pakistan in the Post Cold War Era | 3 |
| HIS – 7208 | State and Society History of Muslims in India 1206–1707 A.D. | 3 |
| HIS – 7209 | Cultural and Social History of Muslims in India 1206-1707 A.D. | 3 |
| HIS – 7210 | International Relations | 3 |
| HIS – 7211 | History of Feminism | 3 |
| HIS – 7212 | Religious Pluralism | 3 |
| HIS – 7213 | Economic History of India under British Colonial Rule | 3 |
| HIS – 7214 | Colonial Punjab | 3 |
| HIS – 7215 | History of Knowledge | 3 |
| HIS – 7216 | Research Methodology | 3 |
| HIS-7217 | Approaches to Cultural History | 3 |

| Year-2 | | |
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| Semester-III & IV | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-7499 | Thesis | 12 |
| PhD | | |
| Semester-I | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-8101 | History As A Discourse | 3 |
| HIS-8102 | State and Society in Pakistan | 3 |
| HIS-8103 | Economic History of India Under British Colonial Rule | 3 |
| HIS-8104 | Sufi Shrines and Identity Construction in South Asia | 3 |
| HIS-8105 | Preliminary Persian Language | 3 |
| HIS-8106 | Islamic Science: A Critical Study of Sources | 3 |
| Semester-II | | |
| Course Code | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| HIS-8201 | History of Mystical Thought | 3 |
| HIS-8202 | History of Colonial Punjab | 3 |
| HIS-8203 | Pakistan Foreign Policy Imperatives | 3 |
| HIS-8204 | Tasawwuf: A Critical Study of Sources | 3 |

Faculty

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