

## Call for Papers

# 25<sup>th</sup> International Pakistan History Conference on 'Trends in South Asian History'

Department of History (Gen.), University of Karachi

In collaboration with Pakistan Historical Society

Karachi, Pakistan

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Pakistan History Conferences have been held regularly in various cities of Pakistan aiming at a revival of interest in historical research and a union of renowned as well as emerging scholars, academicians and researchers serving the discipline of history from all over the world. Starting in 1951, under the aegis of Pakistan Historical Society these conferences have contributed profoundly to the development of History at large and to the rise in standards of historical research in particular covering a wide range of topics from local to international. The 25<sup>th</sup> International Pakistan History Conference being organized through collaboration between Pakistan Historical Society and the Department of History, University of Karachi focuses on 'New Trends in South Asian History'.

### Introduction of Organizers:

Initially established as a Board of History in 1949 on the initiative of then Federal Education Minister Mr. Fazl ur Rahman, and soon registered as **Pakistan Historical Society**, the prestigious institution fulfilled the hard-felt need of promoting higher academic research and compiling text books in History in the new state of Pakistan. Since 1951, the Society has organized twenty-four History conferences in collaboration with various universities of Pakistan. The Society has been honored with a celebrated membership including Prof. Sharif al Mujahid, Dr. Ansar Zahid Khan, Dr. Inamul Haq Kauser, Dr. S. Jaffer Ahmed, Sheikh Khursid Hasan, Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Dr. M. Reza Kazmi, Dr. Tahera Aftab and many others while the editorial advisory board of its reputed research journal consists of world renowned historians such as Romila Thapar and Michael Boivin.

The **Department of History** (General) is one of the oldest departments of the University of Karachi established in 1953. The department is proud of having a highly esteemed faculty including world renowned scholars and historians such as Dr. Mahmud Hussain, Dr. I. H. Qureshi, Dr. Riazul Islam, Dr. M.H. Siddiqui and Dr. Tahera Aftab. The department publishes a bi-annual research journal titled 'The International Journal of History and Social Sciences'

### Conference Theme:

History as a living discipline, is sensitive to new environments, new horizons, new complexities and newly developed perspectives. Last some decades have brought history to a new threshold embracing subjects as inter-state, inter-group and inter-personal relationships, variant perceptions and images, subaltern studies, socio-economic changes, gender roles and issues, civil society interaction and so forth. In this context, the theme for the upcoming International Pakistan History conference is '**Trends in South Asian History**'. The main objective of the conference is to investigate emerging new trends in historical studies and to explore the frontiers of debates, issues and interpretations in the study of South Asian history. For this purpose, the conference main theme has been chosen keeping all of the periods of South Asian history in mind such as Ancient History, Mediaeval History and Modern History.

The Conference sub-themes are:

1. History and Historiography
2. Archaeology and Museology
3. Culture, Heritage and Tourism
4. Language and Literature
5. Social Change and Social Justice
6. Power and Politics
7. Peace and Conflict
8. Economic and Business History
9. Military History
10. Civil Society
11. Education and Curricula
12. Art and Architecture
13. Religion and Belief
14. Subaltern Studies
15. Gender Studies
16. Folklore and Oral Tradition
17. Media

The above mentioned sub-themes are symptomatic in kind, though the contributors may write on any topic of their own choice relevant to the main theme.

The conference invites academicians, scholars and researchers from around the world to meet and exchange the latest ideas and discuss issues concerning the conference theme. You are requested to submit the abstract (only in English) of your paper (200-350 words) along with your brief resume through email to [historyconference25@uok.edu.pk](mailto:historyconference25@uok.edu.pk) latest by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The Paper Evaluation Committee will approve the abstracts after peer review. The approved abstracts and full length research papers will be published in the Abstract Book and the Conference Proceedings respectively.

The important dates are as below:

Deadline for submission of Abstracts:	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February, 2015</b>
Notification regarding the acceptance of Papers:	<b>30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015</b>
Deadline for submission of Full-length Articles:	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015</b>

N.B: Local hospitality will be provided to our honourable delegates. No travel cost will be covered by the organizers.

**Patron in Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser, Vice-Chancellor University of Karachi

**Conference Executive Committee:**

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