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# EDITOR'S MESSAGE

You are about to peruse the 5th edition of Humanities Bulletin enriched with special events, scholarly seminars, fun activities, academic ventures and research accomplishments. The highlight of the bulletin is the International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies which brought together national and international researchers at one platform. We hope to organize such events in the following semesters as well.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the patron, Dr Ammad UI Haq, Incharge Humanities Department, for his support and encouragement and to my co-editors whose invaluable efforts and commitment have made this release a success. Special thanks go out to my colleagues for their enthusiasm and co-operation which have paved the way for the newsletter to have valuable content.

Hopefully, it would be a balanced and interesting reading experience which covers a wide spectrum.

Happy Reading!

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# The International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies

*"The International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies (ICP)" was organized by Department of Humanities on 29th - 30th November, 2017.*

Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Director, CIIT, Lahore, and under the supervision of Dr Ammad Ul Haq, In Charge, Department of Humanities. The objective of this conference was to promote awareness in the field of peace building by gathering international and national experts, researchers, and professionals from social sciences disciplines including psychology, political science, sociology, media studies, religious studies, English language and literature etc., at the platform of CIIT, Lahore. The conference themes included a wide range of areas of peace building and conflict resolution and indeed were reflective of the challenges posed to all countries of the world and particularly to the Pakistani society such as terrorism, extremism, corruption, aggression, violence, inter-racial, intercultural, and inter-group conflict, intolerance, crimes, violation of human rights etc.

The conference was organized as a joint effort by the faculty of Humanities Department with Dr. Shameem Fatima (Assistant Professor Psychology) as Chief Organizer, under the patronage of Prof.

The conference was partially funded by HEC, Islamabad. More





than 300 international (from USA, UK, Australia, China, and Srinagar) and national (from Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Karachi, Multan, Bahawalpur, Sahiwal, Sargodha, and Faisalabad) researchers, professionals, and participants from 30 recognized institutes and universities attended this event. Three distinguished professionals from USA, including Dr. Rachel MacNair, Director, Institute of Integrated Social Analysis, and the former president of APA



Peace Psychology Division; Dr. Alfredo Ardila, Professor, Florida International University and the former Chairman, Department of Psychology, National University of Colombia; and Dr. Monica Rosselli, Professor and a former Chair, Department of Psychology, Florida Atlantic University. Professor Adnan Rafiq, Director, the Oxford Institute, University of Oxford, from UK also participated in the conference. Additionally, researchers from China, Australia, and Srinagar also joined the conference. The presence of eminent professionals from USA, UK, China, Australia, Srinagar and from across the country truly brought the world of peace psychology at the platform of CIIT, Lahore.



The conference program offered keynote and plenary lectures, invited talks, and oral and poster presentations covering related topics to the main conference theme. In the opening ceremony, after recitation from Holy Quran by Dr. Ammad Ul Haq, Prof Dr. Qaisar Abbas presented a welcome address followed by an introduction note by Dr. Shameem Fatima. Dr Rachel MacNair presented a keynote lecture followed by an address by Prof Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, the Guest of Honor. In the end Dr. Ammad Ul Haq gave a vote of thanks to the eminent speakers. This two day conference included 15 sessions on different sub themes related to main conference theme including: Intergroup and Intra-group Conflict: International Studies/Perspectives; Parenting and Social Processes in Violence and Aggression; Aggression, Violence, and Youth; Violence Management and Conflict Resolution: Policy Formulation; Violence and Conflict: Regional Studies; Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Predictors and Consequences; Criminology and Neuropsychology of Violence and Crime; Psychological Assessment of Violence, Stress, and Conflict; Risk Behaviors and Violence: The Role of Personality; Discrimination and Violence: Women, Minorities, and Special Groups; Extremism and Terrorism: Predictors, Consequences, and Management; Violence and Violence Management: Role of Media/Social Media; Social Inequalities, Human Rights, and Peace Education; Religion



and Peace Building; and Role of Art and Literature in Peace Building/ Violence/Conflict Resolution.

Various sessions were moderated by the faculty of the Department of Humanities including Maria Shamim, Mariyam Jahangir, Tooba Ahmad, Maryam Akram, Sadaf Fatima, Huma Ijaz, Shazia Gulzar, Memoona Idris, Shazia Aziz, Sara Saeed, Sara Khan, Mariyam Amjad, and Zainab Raza. In the closing ceremony, Dr Farzana Ashraf declared the results of poster competition. Afterwards Prof Dr. Ahmad Farooqi, Head Academics and Research, CIIT Lahore, gave a closing address. Finally, Dr. Farzana Ashraf, the conference Coordinator gave a vote of thanks to all honorable speakers, researchers and participants. In the end shields and certificates were distributed among the participants.

# Mazahia Mushaira



*Ms. Saima Chattha supervised the COMSATS Literary Society to arrange a Mushaira on Monday, 6th November, 2017.*

Professor Anwer Masood, an eminent scholar and poet presided the Mushaira and great poet Dr. Fakhar Abbas hosted the event. Dr. Tahir Shaheer and Zahid Fakhri entertained the audience with their poetry.



## Training at Oxford, UK

Ms Tooba Ahmed, Lecturer, completed her course program titled English language Teachers' Training from Exeter College, Oxford University. During her stay, she was nominated for the scholarship for the same course to be offered in 2018.



## Inter-departmental Essay Writing Competition (IEWC)



*Humanities Department organized the 2nd IEWC (interdepartmental Essay Writing Competition) on 15th November, 2017.*

The training session on Argumentative Essay Writing was given by Dr. Jaleel Akhtar on 14th November, 2017 which was one day before the contest. The results were announced and prize distribution ceremony was organized on 13th December, 2017. The essays were reviewed by Subject Experts: Ms. Maryam Amjad, Ms. Maryam Jahangir, Ms. Saleha Fatima and Mr. Muhammad Saleem Kakar. The second reviewer was Ms. Sadaf Fatima. The worthy Director CIIT Lahore, Dr. Qaiser Abbas accompanied by HOD Humanities Department, Dr. Ammad ul Haq distributed the cash prizes and certificates among the participants. The organizers were also awarded with certificates. The Director CIIT, Lahore acknowledged this contest as a fruitful academic activity and encouraged to organize it once a semester in future as well.



## Seminar on Technology for Visually and Physically Impaired People



*Mr. Samar Kamal Fazli, Assistant Professor, organised a seminar on "Technology for Visually & Physically Impaired People" on Wednesday 4th October, 2017.*

Mr. Hassan Khan Tareen Assistive Technology Specialist from LUMS delivered the seminar. Mr. Tareen works for visually impaired people to facilitate them get education independently in the universities and institutes of higher learning by suggesting relevant advanced technology and infrastructural modifications to make the campuses inclusive. In his talk, he introduced some high tech gadgets, software, and applications that enable the visually impaired learners to study in inclusive campuses as independently as normal students do. He also suggested some avenues for research to the faculty of computer sciences.

## Inter-University Poster Competition



*Ms Maryam Akram, Lecturer, organized Inter-University Poster Competition on the theme "Health and Social Issues" in the Mental Health Week 2017 on Tuesday 7th November, 2017.*

Delegates from 6 universities participated in the competition. COMSATS Psychological Society (CPS) represented COMSATS in the poster competition as a host team. According to the results, Riphah International University won the 1st position. Neelam Sardar, a student of COMSATS, won the best poster award in the competition.

## Workshop on the Effectiveness of Non - Violence: Psychological Theories and experiments with Application



*A workshop on "The Effectiveness of Non-violence: Psychological Theories and experiments with Application" was organized by Humanities Department on Monday, 4th December, 2017.*

The trainer was Professor Dr. Rachel MacNair, Director Institute of Integrated Social Analysis Kansas and the former President of APA Peace Psychology Division, USA. It was an informative and interactive discussion session in which students and faculty participated to critically analyze the non-violence theories and their effective application in daily life. The session ended with a ceremony in which certificates were distributed among the participants.



## Seminar on “Rohingaya Muslims’ Genocide in Myanmar”



*Department of Humanities under the supervision of Ms Tooba Sami Ahmad (Lecturer, International Relations) arranged a seminar on “Muslim’s Genocide in Myanmar” on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.*

His Excellency Ehsan Ullah Batth, Former Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar was the Guest Speaker. Faculty and students from different departments attended this session. The Honorable Guest shared his experience and explained the socio-political and military aspects of the conflict. He also discussed the international dimension of the crisis and elaborated the role of foreign powers like USA, China, Saudi Arabia and India. After his presentation students asked different questions related to the issue. In the end Worthy Director Dr Qaisar Abbas presented honorary shield to the guest. He also thanked his Excellency for his visit to the campus and shared his knowledge with the students. After the session Mr Ehsan Ullah Batth had a meeting with In charge of Humanities department and the faculty of humanities department.



## A training session on “Teaching as a Profession” under FDA



*Ms. Ayesha Aziz was selected as a trainer by the Faculty Development Academy (FDA), a training wing of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) Islamabad, for a 5-Day Workshop on Teaching as a Profession from April 8 to 12, 2017.*

There were approximately 40 participants, comprising Lecturers, Assistant Professors and Research Associates from CIIT Lahore, Vehari and Sahiwal campuses who attended the training.

## Seminar on Mindset and Skill-set for Success

Ms. Ayesha Aziz, Lecturer in English, Department of Humanities, organized a seminar on: “Mindset and Skill-set for Success” on September 27, 2017. M. Usman Gillani and M. Umar were the guest speakers. The purpose of the seminar was to build the professional insight regarding career choices among students.



## IELTS Workshop series, 2017



Three IELTS workshops were conducted under IELTS Workshop Series. Director, CIIT Lahore campus, Dr. Qaiser Abbas encouraged this initiative and encouraged IELTS candidates to avail maximum benefits from such academic activities, around 50 IELTS candidates participated and received the appreciation certificates from Director, CIIT Lahore campus.

## DJ Night



*A DJ night with the renowned DJ SOMEWHAT Super was organized by Youth Society under the supervision of Ms. Huma Ejaz during Students' Week.*

It was a delightful event filled with fun, laughter and music. It seemed as if whole of the COMSATS was in the N-block ground to enjoy the DJ night. The management and security of such a big crowd was appreciated by everyone who attended the event.

## Sports Gala, 2017



The energy-filled activity during the students' week 2017 was organized by Ms. Ayesha Aziz. The sports gala was having: Sack race, chatty race, balloon bursting competition, rope tugging, egg spoon race, fruit eating competition, musical chair and sports drills.

## Farewell Party Fall 2017



*COMSATS Psychological Society organized the Farewell party for the graduating batch Spring 2014 on 1st January, 2018 in N-Ground from 06:00 P.M. – 09:00 P.M.*

Dr Ammad ul Haq, faculty of Psychology and Ms Huma Ejaz attended the party and thoroughly enjoyed the funny acts and memorable performance of the students. The theme of the party was Punjabi/Paindu, where hosting students followed this theme and welcomed the graduating batch with Bhangra and Gidda on Dhol. The program consisted of skits, titles, songs, certificate distribution and gift distribution ceremony. The students and faculty were served with the traditional Punjabi food i.e., pathoray chanay and barbeque with gajjar ka halwa.

# Mental Health Awareness Campaign



*The students of BS Psychology (batches: SP15 & FA15) organized a "Mental Health Awareness Campaign" under the supervision of Ms. Rabeea in the N-Ground.*

The awareness campaign consisted of 5 booths as first booth was the Information Desk where pamphlets were distributed regarding various mental health issues along with a general guidance in maintaining subjective wellbeing. The second booth was of "Breaking Stigmas" in which participants were asked to write down a stigma they wished to break on a balloon and then pop it up with a pin. The mechanism behind this was to eradicate the stigma from within themselves. The third booth was about "Bullying"; people were educated as to how bullying occur and what can be done to take a stand against it. The third booth was on "Depression" in which the students explained the etiology, manifestations and consequences of depression and how leaving it untreated has proven to be harmful for our physical well-being too. The fourth booth boosted self-esteem among students by showing them their reflection on a wall mirror. Students and teachers were supposed to speak out loud some positive affirmations to their mirror image. The campaign was a success on all grounds as it was a platform for young psychology students to interact with other people regarding mental health issues and create awareness about its significance. The students succeeded in attracting a large number of crowd; an edible positive reinforcement like candies were also given to participants which created a light hearted environment in which the students and faculty from the other departments came to acknowledge and consider mental health.

# Mid- Career Management Training



Ms Tooba Ahmed, Lecturer in English, Department of Humanities was invited by NIM, National Institute of Management, Lahore on their 25th Mid- Career Management training as a "guest speaker" to deliver a lecturer on "Critical and Analytical writing skills" to the Civil Servants of Pakistan to enhance their critical writing skills.



# Seminar on Autism Spectrum Disorder

Dr Shameem Fatima organized a Seminar on "Autism Spectrum Disorder" on Friday 22nd December, 2017. The Guest Speaker was Mrs. Rukhsana Shah, the Chairperson of the ASD Welfare Trust. She is the retired Federal Secretary of the Government of Pakistan.



## Newspaper Articles published by 1<sup>st</sup> semester students of BSE A-B

Around 20 newspaper articles were published on technology based topics by BSE students under the creative writing project in English Comprehension and Composition course. This task was assigned and carried out by their course instructor Ms. Ayesha Aziz

## Member of Selection Committee USEFP



Ms. Tooba Ahmed, Lecturer in English, Department of Humanities attended the selection committee of the United States Educational Foundation of Pakistan (USEFP) Islamabad for the final selection of Fulbright scholars, 2018. She has been rated amongst the best Alumni and Fulbright FLTA scholar out of the six Fulbright scholars from all over Pakistan who went to the USA in 2015.

## Inter Universities Quiz Competition



Ms. Maryam Amjad, Lecturer, Humanities Department, organized Inter universities quiz competition. This competition was a part of mental health week which aimed at engaging students in extracurricular activities. Three teams from UCP, Riphah International University and Lahore Garrison University participated in the competition. The team representing CIIT received consolation prize for their commendable performance.

## Students' Outstanding Performance during Mental Health Week



The COMSATS Psychological Society participated in Mental Health Week 2018 organized by the Department of Psychology at UCP from 1st-4th January, 2018. The students of Psychology from COMSATS Lahore secured 1st Position in Inter-Universities Performing Arts Competition and second position in Inter-Universities Quiz Competition.

# Participation in the Turkish 23rd International Graduate Study Week

**Mr. Farooq Abdullah** (Lecturer, Islamic Studies and PhD scholar) participated in the 23rd International Graduate Study Week for the graduate students and academics from 25th to 30th September, 2017, at Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, Turkey.

It was a selective Study Global Group which consisted of 16 participants from Turkey, UK,

France, South Africa, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, India, Bangladesh and Brazil. He was one of the two representatives from Pakistan. He also presented a research Paper on Ethics of Non Violence: The Case of Said Nursi at Eresin Hotels Topkap Istanbul Turkey at the 11th International Symposium.



## The Mystical Humanity

**Series of Islamic Spiritual Events Ms. Saleha Fatima** (Lecturer Islamic Studies) organized two events under the theme of "The Mystical Humanity" during Fall 2017.



The events aimed at developing spirituality by means of performing social liabilities and responsibilities (haquq al-Ibad) thus based on the Islamic concept of "khlus" in inter-personal relationships-the sincerity within Muslim society which is another dimension of Islamic mysticism (tasawuf) besides "Seclutive Saintism"; a popular trend of sub-continent mysticism.

Keeping in view the central theme, one day training workshop "Communicative Skills of Preaching Islamic Ethical Codes" and Seminar "Circulation of Wealth and Prospects of Qarz e Hasana in Pakistan-A Biography of Dr. Amjad Saqib by Himself" was organized.

The first event of the string, a three hour's training workshop was held on Tuesday

12th December, 2017. "Communicative Skills of Preaching Islamic Ethical Codes" was conducted by Ms. Ummara Khalid from Qasim Ali Shah foundation. The seminar "Circulation of Wealth and Prospects of Qarz e Hasana in Pakistan-A Biography of Dr. Amjad Saqib by Himself" was addressed on December 19, 2017 by Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib who is Akhuwat's Founder, the well known philanthropist of Pakistan, and consultant of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), International Labor Organization (ILO), UNICEF, the World Bank, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), USAID and DF1D. The training session and seminar received maximum participation and excellent feedback.



# Sadaa e Sufi

*Parallel to the intellectual series, COMSATS Islamic Cultural Society followed the theme and organized "Sadaee Sufi" in Fall 17 Students' week under the patron ship of Ms. Shazia Chand (Faculty of Islamic Studies).*

The event was planned in two parts; first part comprised "Introduction to Sufism" which was conducted by Syed Bilal Qutb. He tended to address genuine side of Sufism and it's recognition by quoting the facts from history of sub-continent saintism. The key points addressed in lecture include divergence of people from real meanings of Sufism, the characteristics of a true Sufi, wrong perceptions regarding Sufism in present era, social responsibilities of Sufi Saints and the elements representing the inaccurate side of Tasawwuf. Second part comprised the Qawwali. For Qawwali performance, Syed Manzar Abbas and Kalay Khan Baagh were invited. Their outstanding performance, polished skills and professionalism on stage amused the audience.





# Research Publications

- 1 Iffat Khalid & Shazia Gulzar.** (2017). Abusive language: Reasons and consequences. Gomal University Journal of Research, special issue 4.
- 2 Jaleel Akhtar & Tahoor Ali.** (2017). Narrative Violence in Toni Morrison's Jazz. Journal of Contemporary Poetics (JCP), 1 (1), 55-64.
- 3 Khawar Abbas Chaudhry, Maryam Amjad, Najia Anjum, & Sidra Imtiaz.** (2017). Friendship concepts among female medical students: A qualitative approach. Pakistan Journal of Madical & Health Sciences, 11 (1), 136-139.
- 4 Maryam Amjad & Zahid Mahmood** (2017). Development of asthma psychosocial symptom checklist. Gomal University Journal of Research. 33 (1), 80-90.
- 5 Rafi Amir-ud-Din, Shazia Aziz, Sidra Rasul** (2017), "Achieving the Objective of Interest-free Economy: Challenges and Prospects", COMSATS Journal of Islamic Finance, pp: 1-18, Vol: 1, Issue: 2
- 6 Rooh Ul Amin, Fasih Ahmad & Shazia Gulzar,** (2017). Teachers' perceptions of using regional languages in a Pakistani university classroom Gomal University Journal of Research, Special Issue IV, December, 2016, ISSN: 1019-8180
- 7 Saleha Fatima,** (2017), "Role of Juristic Disagreement in Extensiveness of Shariah-A Study of Conflicting Fatawas on Human Organ Transplantation", Pakistan Journal of Islamic Research, XVIII (1), pp: 1-26
- 8 Shamim Fatima, Sumera Sharif, Iffat Khalid.** (2018). How does religiosity enhance psychological well-being? Roles of self-efficacy and perceived social support. Journal of Psychology of Religion and Spirituality. Doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/rel0000168> Impact factor: 1.458
- 9 Shazia Aziz, Ms Rabia Ashraf, and Dr. Mirza Muhammad Zubair Baig** got their paper published with title, "Tapping into the Tradition: Tracing the Greco Roman Allusions and Medieval Milieu in The Tragical History of the Life and Death of Dr. Faustus. Gomal University Journal of Research, 33 (1).
- 10 Umara Shaheen, Saira Bano Khan and Shazia Aziz** (2017), Manipulative Power of Pakistani Real Estate Advertisements, Journal Of Social Sciences, Governmet College University, Faisalabad, pp: 267-283, Vol: 8, Issue: 2, Standard: 1812-0687

# Conference Presentations

- 1 **Dr. Musfera Mehfooz**, Assistant Professor, Humanities Department, presented a paper entitled "Halāl Feed for Halāl Food Shari'ah Perspective" in International Conference on Halal Food: Principles, Shariah Standards & Contemporary Issues held from 24th to 25th October, 2017 at Faisal Mosque Campus, IIU, Islamabad.



- 2 **Dr Farzana Ashraf**, Assistant Professor, Humanities Department, presented a paper entitled Association of executive functions with delinquent behavior among teenagers at International Conference on Peace, Conflict and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies. Her poster titled "Link between Psychological Adjustment and Communication Competency in Hostilide and Days Scholar" won first prize in the poster competition in the said conference.



- 3 **Ms. Sadaf Fatima**, Lecturer, presented a poster titled "Use of Technology for Teaching Speaking Skills in ELT Classrooms of Pakistan" at the 3rd International conference of the Linguistic Association of Pakistan organized between 12-14 October, 2017 by Humanities Department, NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi in collaboration with HEC, Pakistan.

She also presented the following Papers:

- a. She also presented a paper "A Critical Discourse of Gender Roles portrayed by Electronic and Print Media in Pakistan" which was co-authored with Dr. Aasia Nusrat, Assistant Professor, and Shaista Shazadi, MS in English scholar, at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies organized by Humanities Department, CIIT.
- b. Ms. Sadaf Fatima presented another research Paper on "Use of Technology for Teaching Speaking Skills in ELT Classrooms of Pakistan" in 4th E-Learning and Distance Education Conference held on November 20-21. The conference was organized by the Virtual University of Pakistan.



- 4 **Ms. Umara Shaheen**, Assistant Professor, presented a paper titled World Reaction against Trump's Travel Ban: A Critical Study of the Discourse of Resistance at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies held by Humanities Department, CIIT.



- 5 **Ms. Maryam Jahangir**, Lecturer, presented a paper titled Seamus Heaney's Concept of Redressing Effect of Poetry in Ahmad Hammad's Book 'Tere Khyal ka Chand' at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies held by



- 6 Ms. Samiya Shahzad**, Lecturer, presented a research paper titled “Counterinsurgency strategy: A case study of TTP( Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan) and LTTE (Liberation tigers of Tamil Elam) at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies held by Humanities Department, CIIT.



- 7 Ms. Shazia Gulzar**, Lecturer, in Psychology, presented a paper titled “Gender Role Conflict in University Students: A Psychometric Approach” at the 23rd International Conference on Psychology and Language Research held from 11th-12th October 2017 in the UAE. Her paper received the ‘Best Paper’ award by the panel.



- 8 Ms. Saleha Fatima**, Lecturer, presented the paper “Prohibition of Pork-Eating in Islam: Scientific Causes and Wisdom” in 2-days International Conference “Halal Food-Principles, Shariah Standards & Contemporary Standards” organized by International Islamic University, Islamabad held on 24-25 October, 2017.

- 9 Ms. Sara Khan**, Lecturer, presented the following Papers:

- a. The Paper entitled ‘Words in the Mental Lexicon: Word Association Responses of L1 and L2 Urdu Speakers’ at the 3rd International Conference of Linguistic Association of Pakistan (ICLAP) 2017 held from 12-14 October 2017, in Karachi.
- b. The paper on Masculinity in Females and Femininity in Males: Emergence of Critical Reflexivity in Pakistani Fashion and Business Magazines at the 1st National Conference of English Language And Literature (NCELL). Her another paper titled Cultivating Virtual Feminist Violence in Alice-Madness Returns and Inferno: Analysis of Video Game Adaptations of Alice in Wonderland and Dante’s Inferno was presented at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies organized by Humanities Department, CIIT.



- 10 Ms. Shazia Aziz**, Assistant Professor, and **Ms. Shameem Faima**, Assistant Professor, Humanities coauthored a paper with **Dr. Rafi Amir-ud-Din**, Assistant Professor Management Sciences, presented at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict and Violence titled as “Do perceptions of violence matter? An analysis of domestic violence against women in Pakistan”.

- 11 Mr. Saleem Kakar**, Lecturer, presented a paper “Violence in Pakistan: critical analysis of Two Nation theory, co-authored by Ms. Sarah Saeed, Lecturer, at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Challenges and Resolution Strategies held by Humanities Department, CIIT.



- 12 Ms. Mariyam Akram**, Lecturer of Psychology presented a paper entitled “Religious coping, personality traits, and life satisfaction among orphans:



Direct and moderated relations”, co-authored by Dr Shameem Fatima, Assistant Professor, at “3-Days International Conference on Health and Wellbeing” held on 11th – 13th Dec. organized by Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.

**13 Ms. Shazia Aziz**, Assistant Professor, and MS English Linguistics and Literature Scholars, Rabea Saeed and Aroma Kanwal, collaborated on the following research papers presented at the International Conference on Peace, Conflict and Violence:



- a. Aroma Kanwal (MS English Linguistics and Literature scholar) and Shazia Aziz (2017) “Duplicity of Video Game Advertisers: A critical Discourse Analysis of Violent Video Game Posters”
- b. Rabea Saeed (MS English Linguistics and Literature scholar) and Ms. Shazia Aziz (2017) “Film to Society: Journey of Conflict and Violence through Language Sensitization”

**14 Dr. Shameem Fatima**, Co-authored following papers that were presented in international conferences:

- a. Do perceptions of violence matter? An analysis of domestic violence against women in Pakistan. Paper presented in 3 Day International Conference on “Towards Inclusive Governance and Efficient Institutions for Sustainable Development 24-26 October, 2017, organized by Applied Economic Research Center, University of Karachi.
- b. Perceived social support as a predictor of mental health problems among Transgender People. Paper Presented at the International conference on peace, conflict, and violence: Challenges and resolution strategies on 29th-30th November, 2017, COMSATS Lahore.
- c. Adolescent Aggression as Predicted from Socioeconomic status, Parent–Child Relationships and Executive Functions. Paper Presented at the International conference on peace, conflict, and violence: Challenges and resolution strategies on 29th-30th November, 2017, COMSATS Lahore.
- d. Inhibition, Cognitive Switching, and Criminogenic Thinking in adolescents and emerging adults. Paper Presented at the International conference on peace, conflict, and violence: Challenges and resolution strategies on 29th-30th November, 2017, COMSATS Lahore.
- e. Executive Function as predictors of violence among late adolescents and early adults. Paper Presented at the International conference on peace, conflict, and violence: Challenges and resolution strategies on 29th-30th November, 2017, COMSATS Lahore.
- f. Family Rejection as a predictor of mental health problems among Transgender People. Paper Presented at the International conference on peace, conflict, and violence: Challenges and resolution strategies on 29th-30th November, 2017, COMSATS Lahore.
- g. Socio-Demographic Correlates of Women Violence: Findings from National Demographic Health Survey. Paper Presented at the International conference on peace, conflict, and violence: Challenges and resolution strategies on 29th-30th November, 2017, COMSATS Lahore.
- h. Religious coping, personality traits, and life satisfaction among orphans: Direct and moderated relations. Paper Presented at the Three day International conference on Health and Well being, 11th-13th December, 2017, Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.

# Research Activities

- 1 Dr. Jaleel Akhtar's book "Toni Morrison and the New Black: Reading God Help the Child" 1st edition has been published by the Routledge. The book is going to be released soon. <https://www.routledge.com/Toni-Morrison-and-the-New-Black-Reading-God-Help-the-Child/Akhtar/p/book/9781138591387>
- 2 Dr. Musferah Mehfooz submitted her Proposal to HEC for NRPU Research grants 2017, entitled "Personality Traits and Coping Strategies: Moderating role of Spirituality in Cancer Patients".
- 3 Dr. Aasia Nusrat submitted two proposals to ORIC Islamabad for funding by HEC under the program NRPU. Both the titles are as follows:
  - a. Effect of gender on ESL undergrad students' attitudes about teachers' written feedback (WF) in Pakistan (Project ID: 5825)
  - b. Effect of gender and English proficiency level on writing strategy use among Pakistani primary and secondary school students in South Punjab (Project ID: 5146)

## MS English and BS Psychology Students' Research

- 1 Ms. Aroma Kanwal, MS English Linguistics and Literature scholar, presented her paper at International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities in the New Millennium: Challenges and Prospects held at Lahore College for Women University, Lahore . The title of the paper was "Multiplicity of Identities in the New Millennium"
- 2 The following research papers of students of BS Psychology were presented at the "Three-Day International Conference on Health and Wellbeing" held on 11th – 13th Dec. organized by Lahore College for Women University, Lahore. These following five papers were co-authored by Dr. Farzana Ashraf and the first two were co-authored by Ms. Mariyam Akram as well.
  - a. Tahir Mahmood, Muhammad Adnan, Farzana Ashraf., Mariyam Akram (2017). Mediating role of smoking tendencies and habits in relation between authoritative parenting and anxiety symptoms in young adults.
  - b. Maria Yousuf, Syeda Midhat Naqvi, Farzana Ashraf., Mariyam Akram (2017). Perceived Parenting and Mental Disorders' Symptoms in Adolescents: Role of Birth Order.
  - c. Sadia Jaffer, & Farzana Ashraf (2017). Relationship between Executive functions, Alexithymia and Anxiety Symptoms across adolescence.
  - d. Amina Iftikhar, Barira Awan, Farzana Ashraf, Zainab Raza (2017). Relationship of Disordered Eating Patterns, And Sleep Disturbances with Anxiety Symptoms.
  - e. Safa Waheed., & Farzana Ashraf (2017). Role of Disordered Eating Patterns and Body Esteem in Determining Emotional Distress In Pakistani Young Adults.
- 3 The following research papers authored by the students of BS Psychology and co-



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**6** The paper entitled “Hope and self-determination as predictors of life-satisfaction” was presented by Iqra Naseem, BS Psychology Graduate, co-authored by Ms. Mariyam Akram, Lecturer of Psychology, at “3-Days International Conference on Health and Wellbeing” held on 11th – 13th Dec. organized by Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.. The session chair, Dr Aneeq Ahmed announced her presentation as the best presentation of the session.