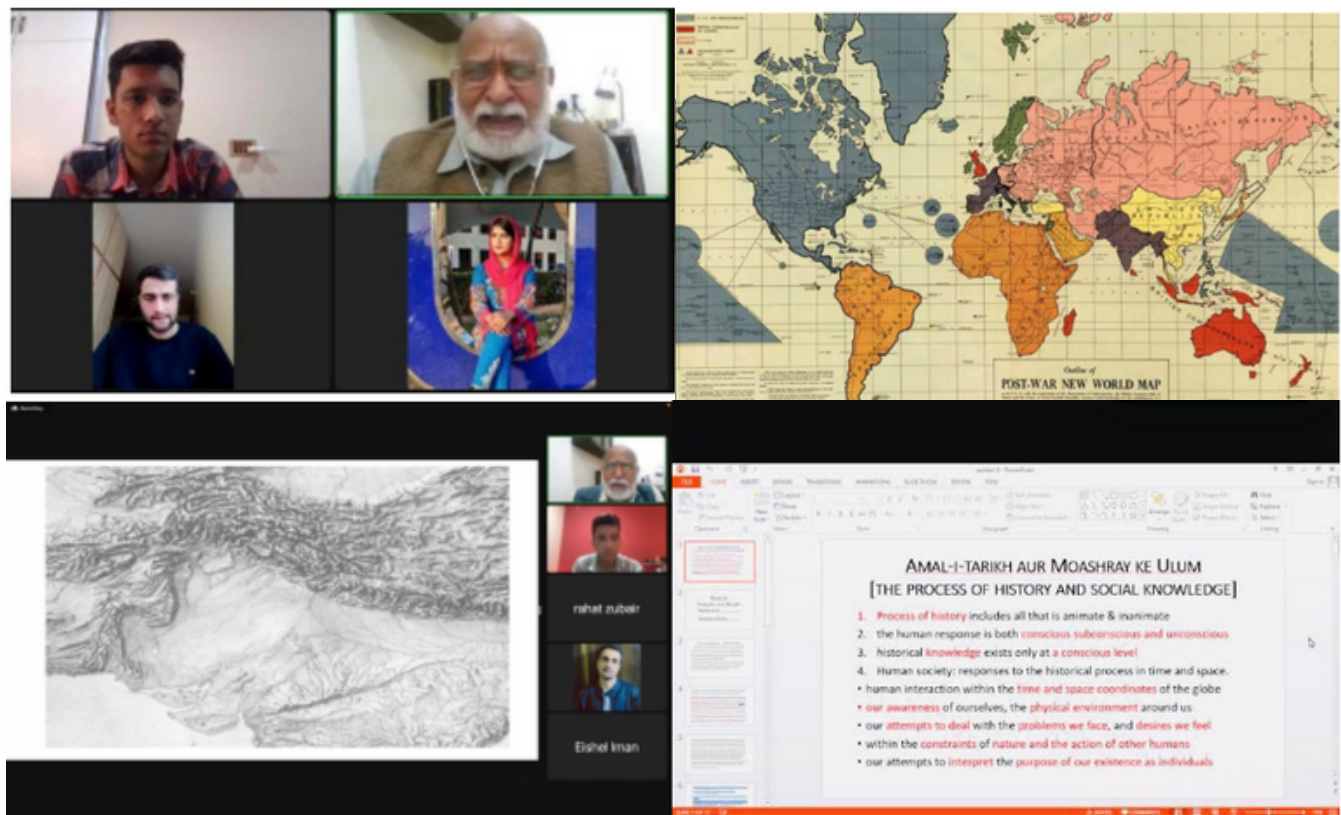


ACTIVITIES

World History Webinar Series; an Alternative Perspective - February 2022

The Center for Critical Peace Studies (CCPS) arranged a seminar series on World History, contextualizing the History of the Global South region which lasted for three months. The guest speaker for the series was Dr. Khurram Qadir, a notable historian, Ex-Director National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, and history Professor. Dr. Qadir initially outlined a brief history of the world along with challenging the current mainstream concepts of demography, time, and space. The series aimed to discover the alternate methods of thought construction and epistemological formulation of ideas/perspectives of reality through an inclusive approach. The talks in the seminar series provided a great platform for the participants in their quest for knowledge and understanding of history, using methods like utilizing those abandoned forms of epistemology and thought construction related to history while keeping the element of scientific inquiry.

Through the seminar series, Dr. Qadir also tried to introduce an alternate epistemic structure to create social knowledge in general and historical understanding in particular. It also featured the historical study of Muslim and South Asian history, within the 21st Century situation of the anglicized world of today, to provide perspective to an essentially Pakistani audience. Throughout the series, scholars/students actively participated by asking questions and sharing their perspectives, in an inclusive environment.



ACTIVITIES

Panel-Audience Talk on relocating feminism by localizing the theory and understanding of the real issues- March 22, 2022

Community of Political Science & IR UMT

OPA UMT

March 22, 2022
Tuesday
3:00 pm

VENUE: CB-704 (HSB)

Panel-Audience Talk on relocating Feminism by Localizing the Theory & understanding the Real Issues

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Panel-Audience Talk on relocating feminism by localizing the theory and understanding of the real issues on March 22, 2022. Guest speakers talked briefly about feminist theories and their relevance in Pakistani society as to the issues, challenges, and needs. Dr. Fatima Sajjad briefed interactively by taking questions and stories from the audience. The idea of women's autonomy was discussed by mentioning the life of our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and his behavior towards his daughters, wives, and in general all women.

The dominant discussion remained under the social constructs of genders, and the relevance of 'Aurat March' to the Pakistani society. It was concluded that what appears odd to the Pakistani society in the slogans of 'Aurat March' is what the society needs to think upon.

The debate ended with a note that let women be free from the social cage to determine their own will in the society

Colonialism, Terrorism, Pakistan, and other Truths- March 25, 2022

On January 13, 2022, **SEEDS FOR CHANGE** started a "Winter Series on Race, Racism, Settler Colonialism, Pedagogies of Oppression and Liberation" in partnership with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, St. Thomas University in New Brunswick, the College of Education at the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, the University of Toronto Scarborough, Center for Critical Peace Studies, University of Management and Technology, Lahore Pakistan and Massey University in New Zealand.

SEEDS FOR CHANGE invited Director CCPS, Dr. Fatima Sajjad on **24 March 2022** to deliver a lecture on colonialism and its relevance to terrorism within the context of Pakistani society. Ms. Nida Sheikh and Ms. Naima Zia also shared their views and experiences regarding educational divisions, the capitalist model, post 9/11 scenarios, and other interrelated issues.

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DR. FATIMA SAJJAD, NAIMA ZIA AND NIDA SHEIKH

COLONIALISM, TERRORISM, PAKISTAN AND OTHER TRUTHS

THU MAR 24 5:00PM EST CANADA
Collaborators: Center for Mexican American Studies and Bilingual Literacy at the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, York University and Massey University in New Zealand

ACTIVITIES

Dialogues on Epistemic Justice Session IV- April 2, 2022

Dialogues on Epistemic Justice

A Decolonial Reflection on Human Migration and Mobility under the Impact of "Colonizer-Linked Climate Crisis"

Guest Speaker:

Barış Can Sever

Middle East Technical University

Discussant:

Muhammad Qasim

University of Management and Technology Lahore



Barış Can Sever



Muhammad Qasim

Abstract:

This research aims at undertaking a decolonial effort to assess climate-related migration and mobility through the context of coloniality. In other words, it is to be comprehended as a decolonial reflection to contemplate the insight of coloniality and its implications through the exploration of current migratory processes specifically relevant to the effects of the recent climate crisis. Following this aim, the researcher problematizes coloniality from a decolonial perspective and the colonial era's impacts as the backdrop of the climate crisis and its implications. Consequently, climate-related migration and mobility are conceived as one of the implications of this phenomenon. To sense and reflect on the relationship between migration, climate crisis, colonial era, and coloniality, the research has preliminary questions: a) how did colonial era and coloniality play a major role in causing and sustaining the climate crisis? b) how does coloniality correlate with the evolution and consequences of the climate crisis? c) how can we analyze climate-related migration and mobility through the context of coloniality and decoloniality? Based on the qualitative discussion and reflection of possible answers to these questions, the researcher contends that involuntary human migration and mobility under the impact of the climate crisis mainly include the people who are marginalized, subjugated, and subordinated by the consequences of the colonial era and the effects of coloniality, and now moving both inside and outside of nation-state boundaries by trying to reach new locations. As a novelty of this endeavor and probable fresh contribution to the recent literature, the concept of "colonizer-linked climate crisis" is introduced in this study. This novel conception is likely to inspire new research questions at the nexus of climate crisis, migration, and coloniality. It may also encourage interested researchers who socially and academically position themselves with a set of decolonial perspectives.

On **April 2, 2022**, CCPS organized the **fourth session of Dialogues on Epistemic Justice**. The dialogue aimed to **"Reflect on Human Migration and Mobility Under the impact of the colonizer-linked climate crisis."** Mr. Baris Can Sever from Middle East Technical University was invited as the guest speaker, and Mr. Muhammad Qasim from the University of Management and Technology joined the session as a discussant. In other words, it is to be comprehended as a decolonial reflection to contemplate the insights of coloniality and its implications through the exploration of current migratory processes specifically relevant to the effects of the recent climate crisis.

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Director CCPS, met Higher Education Attaché of the French Embassy- May 11, 2022



On **May 11th, 2022** Director CCPS, Dr. Fatima Sajjad **met the Higher education attaché of the French embassy** to brief about the Centre's focus areas and ongoing activities. Moreover, she welcomed French scholars and researchers to collaborate for building a strong scholarly community in the field of peace studies through exchange programs.

Additionally, CCPS congratulated Dr. Asad ur Rehman, Assistant Professor at DPSIR for receiving his Ph.D. degree on May 11th, 2022, on behalf of the French embassy.

ACTIVITIES

Director CCPS visited the National Defence University, Islamabad- May 18, 2022

Director CCPS, Dr. Fatima Sajjad met President NDU, Lt Gen Nauman Mahmood, (HI) to discuss and explore the common areas for future academic and research collaborations. Lt. Gen (R) Javed Hassan, former President NDU and current advisor to the president UMT arranged the visit. Dr. Muhammad Shoaib Pervez, COD Department of Political Science and International Relations (DPSIR) briefed the President about the ongoing programs and activities at UMT. Moreover, the students of MS Security and Strategic studies from DPSIR, UMT were briefed about the ongoing degree programs, research areas, and exchange programs offered by **NDU Islamabad**.

Director CCPS visited the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS)- May 18, 2022

Director CCPS, Dr. Fatima Sajjad **visited the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) on May 18, 2022**, in Islamabad. IRS is an independent, non-profit research Centre devoted to the study of the region around Pakistan: South Asia, Southwest Asia, China, Central Asia as well as the Indian Ocean region. Since CCPS aims to serve as an advocacy forum for peace scholars from different regions of the world to guide policymaking and work on similar focused areas: human security and peace education therefore future collaboration between CCPS and IRS would assist to make a real impact on the ground.



ACTIVITIES

CCPS visit to Islamabad Policy Research Institute- 18 May 2022

Director Centre for Critical Peace Studies (CCPS), Dr. Fatima Sajjad, COD Political Science and International Relations (DPSIR), Dr. Muhammad Shoab Pervez, and Lt. Gen (R) Javed Hassan, Advisor to the President University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore along with the students of MS Security and Strategic Studies **visited IPRI on May 18, 2022** to explore common areas of research and ongoing activities for future collaborations.

To foster goodwill and intellectual discourse between North-South and South-South in the realm of culture and ideas, IPRI supports academic exchange programs with regional and international researchers and think tanks. IPRI's activities and work on policy-related agendas, and had an interactive & open discussion with the team.



CCPS visit to Pakistan Navy College Universities MOU Dinner- 19 May 2022



On **May 19, 2022**, Director CCPS, Dr. Fatima Sajjad, and COD Department of Political Science and International Relations (DPSIR), UMT Dr. Muhammad Shoab Pervez were invited to **MOU Signatory Universities Dinner at Pakistan Navy War College, Lahore.**

ACTIVITIES

CCPS visit to ISPR- 18 May 2022

On **May 18, 2022** Director Centre for Critical Peace Studies (CCPS), Dr. Fatima Sajjad, Chairperson of Department of Political Science and International Relations (DPSIR), Dr. Muhammad Shoaib Pervez, and Advisor to the President UMT and Professor of Practice DPSIR Lt Gen Rtd Javed Hassan visited **ISPR**. The faculty members and students of MS Security and Strategic Studies were warmly welcomed at ISPR and they were briefed about the role of information in contemporary warfare and the importance of civil-military interactions.



ACTIVITIES

Youth Strategic Forum YSF invited Director CCPS- May 25, 2022

On **May 25, 2022**, Youth Strategic Forum YSF organized a session on, "**The Nation States and Decolonization in South Asia**". Dr. Fatima Sajjad and Dr. Asad ur Rehman were invited as guest speakers.

Dr. Fatima elucidated how the concepts of modernity and coloniality are inseparable: two sides of the same coin in the light of Walter Dignolo's ideas and tracing back to the retrospective analysis of 75 years ago when South Asia was decolonized. She emphasized how our society, collective attitudes, thinking, lives, goals, aspirations, humor, education, politics, and view of the world is shaped by coloniality.

Other interlinked themes discussed were: how extremism precludes the possibility of difference and the aftermaths of prevailing Neo-liberalism in contemporary educational institutions.



Publication Alert: An Analysis Of The 19th Century Educational Reforms Of The Subcontinent Through The Postcolonial Lens,

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Ariba Anwaar Ul Haq, MPhil Scholar, and Dr. Fatima Sajjad, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Director Centre for Critical Peace Studies at the University of Management and Technology, Lahore, Pakistan published a research article titled "AN ANALYSIS OF THE 19TH CENTURY EDUCATIONAL REFORMS OF THE SUBCONTINENT THROUGH THE POSTCOLONIAL LENS".

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