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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

Words and visuals are a powerful means of bonding individuals and allowing them a chance to become a part of experiences and achievements of others. Lost in our work and responsibilities, we find rare opportunities to spend time with our colleagues and students and share our initiatives and efforts with them. With this understanding, we have compiled the second issue of ILA Newsletter which serves as an alternative means of communication with our UMT family. It will be our honor to be recognized by our readers and to receive their feedback. I truly appreciate the support, assistance, and encouragement of all departments and offices, who have given us a healthy space to organize and showcase our skills.

I hope you find this issue worth perusing through till the end.

Dr Nadia Anwar

Acting Dean, ILA

WELCOME NOTE BY EDITOR- IN-CHIEF

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the ILA newsletter!

Our dedicated readers have inspired us to bring to you another edition packed with the outstanding work of our faculty members and students. The Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA) at UMT offers a range of learning opportunities, including Compulsory English language courses, foreign language courses, and various degree programs. In this edition, we will highlight how our faculty members are investing in their professional development by presenting their work at national and international conferences, publishing papers, organizing events and webinars, creating student activities, and enhancing the quality of their classroom experience. I would like to express my gratitude to our contributors and our hardworking team members, including MS. Sarah Azam, Ms. Sadaf Ifikhar, and Mr. Muhammad Hamza Masood, for gathering the information, and Ms. Kinza Iqbal for shaping this newsletter. I would also like to thank our colleagues at OCM for their assistance in making this a valuable issue, and most importantly, the Acting Dean of ILA, Dr. Nadia Anwar for her unwavering support and guidance.

Naheed Ashfaq Qureshi (Editor in Chief, CFL)

EDITORIAL TEAM



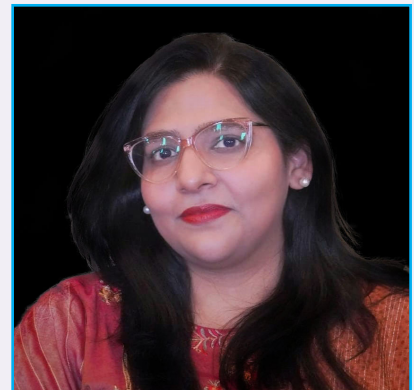
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INSTITUTE OF LIBERAL ARTS AT A GLANCE

The Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA) comprises two academic departments and one center, with over sixty-five faculty members teaching two undergraduate and four graduate programs. Students across the University study English and foreign Language courses through ILA. With the courses in Linguistics and Literature, events, seminars, student-led initiatives and international collaborations, ILA remains busy throughout the year.

DEPARTMENTS AT ILA

- Department of Linguistics and Communications (DLC)
- Department of English and Literary Studies (DELS)
- Center for Languages (CFL)

DEGREE PROGRAMS AT ILA

- BS English (Literature)
- BS (Language & Linguistics)
- MPhil English (Linguistics)
- MPhil English (Literature)
- PhD English (Linguistics)
- PhD English (Literature)

OUR MISSION!

ILA'S mission is to promote inquisitive thinking by developing and nurturing in the participants the ability to analyze and make sense of rapid global transformations through reflection, research, intellectual inquiry, and historical consciousness.

OUR VISION!

ILA's vision centers on fostering an environment that encourages intellectual exploration, critical thinking, and creativity. The multifaceted nature of ILA suggests a comprehensive approach to education, incorporating various disciplines such as literature, languages, philosophy, history, cultural studies, and theoretical sciences. This diversity aims to provide students with a well-rounded education, enabling them to develop a holistic understanding of the world and its complexities. ILA is not just focused on imparting knowledge but is dedicated to instilling a sense of inquiry and curiosity in its students. By nurturing these qualities, the institute aims to empower students to actively engage with and contribute to the resolution of societal challenges. The vision emphasizes the importance of students developing a command over a wide range of subjects, indicating a commitment to producing versatile individuals capable of addressing complex issues from different perspectives.

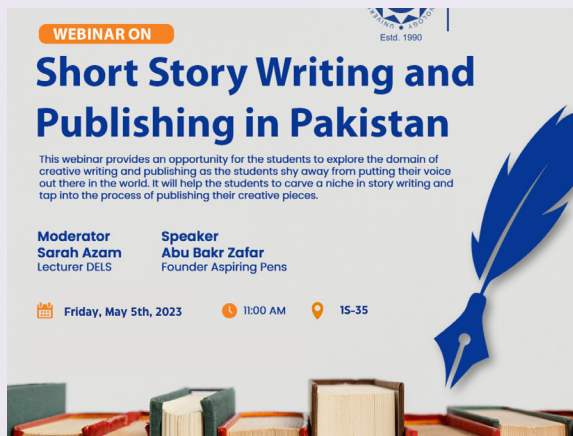
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SEMINAR AND WEBINAR SERIES

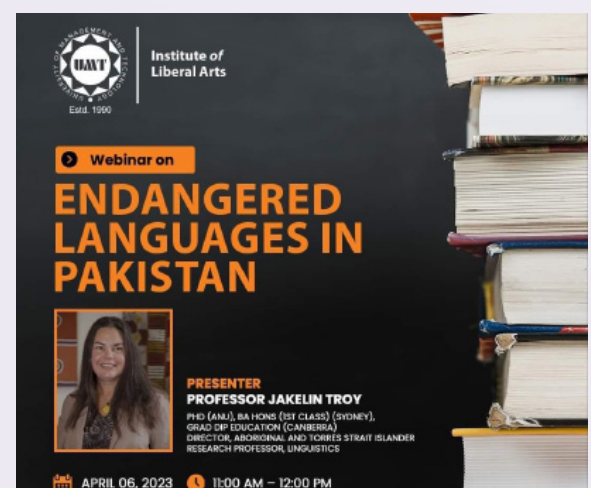
Ms. Sarah Azam from DELS arranged a webinar on 5th May 2023 that provided an opportunity to the students to explore the domain of creative writing and publishing as the students shy away from putting their voice out there in the world. The speaker, Mr. Abu Bakr Zafar, provided an insight into the art of creative writing and politics of publishing in Pakistan



On the 9th June 2023, Ms. Charisma Wafee from DELS organized a seminar on "Introduction to Cultural Anthropology" titled "Social and Cultural Perspectives of Anthropology". The guest speaker was Ms. Shandana Waheed who is a lecturer of Anthropology at the Beaconhouse National University, Lahore as well as a PhD scholar at Stanford University. The event enlightened students about the formulation of different cultures.



DLC organized a webinar on 'Endangered Languages in Pakistan' by Professor Jakelin Troy, the University of Sydney, Australia, on the 6th April 2023. Prof Troy's expertise from Australia offered valuable insights, sparking interest in linguistic preservation and research.



Webinar on 'Language Assessment Literacy: Past, Present, and Future' by Dr. Wahid Nimehchisalem, Universiti Putra, Malaysia was held on 4th May, 2023. This session proved to be highly informative, offering valuable insights into language assessment's historical background, current state, and potential future developments.



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**Webinar on
LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT
LITERACY:
Past, Present and Future**

Guest Speaker
Dr Wahid Nimehchisalem
Associate Professor
Department of English
Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication
Universiti Putra Malaysia

Thursday, May 04, 2023
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Venue: 2N-1

Join us on Google Meet
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Or dial: (US) +1 321-420-4914 PIN: 388 543 512#

Organizers
Dr Arshad Ali Khan
Atifa Binth e Zia
Zakia Mushtaq

**Department of
Linguistics and Communications, ILA**

The webinar 'Preparing and Publishing a Research Paper in a Refereed Journal' took place on 24th June 2023, and featured the distinguished guest speaker, Kazunori Nozawa, Professor Emeritus & Class Instructor at Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan.



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**PREPARING AND
PUBLISHING A
RESEARCH PAPER IN A
REFEREED JOURNAL**

Guest Speaker
Kazunori Nozawa
Professor Emeritus & Class Instructor
Ritsumeikan University

Date: June 24
Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(Time zone: Asia/Karachi)
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/cyb-tvix-jgp>
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Organizers:
Dr Arshad Ali Khan
Dr Tamsila Naeem
M Faiza Abid
Department of Linguistics and
Communications (DLC), ILA

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Ms. Sidra Haroon, (DLC) attended a capacity-building workshop titled 'Organize Your Research with EndNote' on 25th August 2023. In this comprehensive workshop, participants delved into the powerful features of EndNote, widely acclaimed reference management software.



**CERTIFICATE
OF PARTICIPATION**

This Certificate is Proudly Awarded to

Sidra Haroon

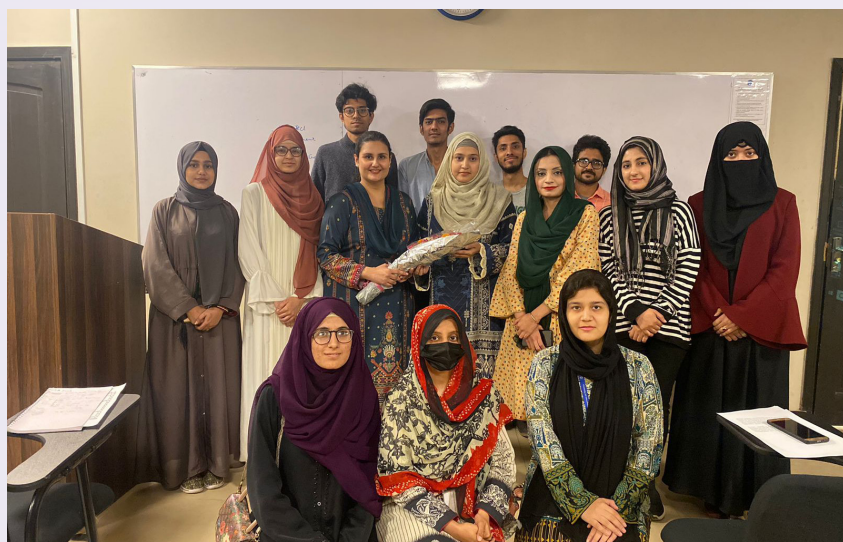
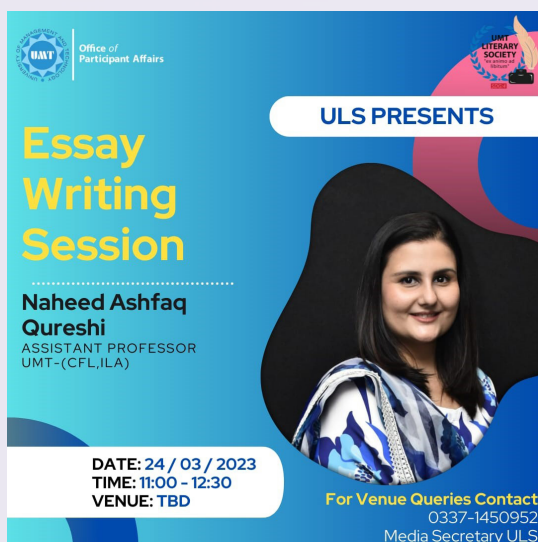
For Participating in the Workshop Entitled
Organize Your Research with ENDNOTE
Facilitated by **Dr. Rasha Ragheb Atallah** on **25 August, 2023**

Signature
Mohammad Zohrul Islam
President
Bangladeshi Students' Union Malaysia

CFL conducted an extensive and interactive training from 15-22nd March 2023 for the training of faculty members, centered on the new advanced-level course outline for English-1.



Ms. Naheed Ashfaq (CFL) conducted a training session regarding 'Essay Writing' at UMT Literary Society on 24 March 2023.



COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

The Character Building Society (CBC)-UMT, mentored by ILA, in collaboration with the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), organized an enlightening event on 24th May, 2023. The event commenced with a meeting of the Rector-UMT with NAB officials, followed by an impactful seminar and an awareness-raising walk.



The event was organized by OHCM on 21st August 2023. CFL faculty enthusiastically participated in the event. It was a wonderful opportunity for our employees to share a glimpse of their professional life with their children, and for their young ones to experience the vibrant atmosphere of the workplace



FACULTY AND DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The meeting of the ILA-OBE team with Industry experts was held on 27th July 2023 to discuss the progress of ILA on Outcome Based Education (OBE).

The Board of Faculty meeting of the Institute of Liberal Arts was held on 12th May 2023.



The Acting Dean of the Institute of Liberal Arts held one-on-one interactions with the faculty members of CFL, DLC and DELS on 21st March 2023 with the aim of understanding their challenges and to acknowledge their accomplishments.



Departmental Meeting of the Center for Languages (CFL) was held on 7th August 2023 in which the Acting Dean of the Institute of Liberal Arts welcomed the newly appointed Head CFL, Ms. Sobia Ilyas and addressed the faculty.



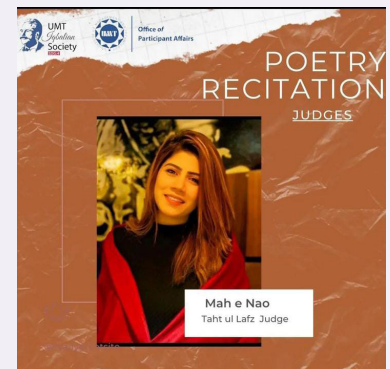
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PHEC

A three-day workshop was held from 22-24th August, 2023 at the University of the Punjab in collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission. It proved to be a transformative experience for Ms. Mah-e-Nao (DELS), Ms. Zunaira Shafique (DELS) and Ms. Faiza Abid (DLC).



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

On 17th May 2023, the UMT Iqbalian Society hosted an Intra University Competition that featured two categories, Tarannum and Tahtul-Lafz. DELS faculty member, Ms. Mah-e-Nao served as the adjudicator for the Tahtul-Lafz category, enhancing the event's significance.



Ms. Naheed Ashfaq (CFL) was awarded with the Long Service Award on the 6th February 2023. She also won the Mother's day competition held on 15 May 2023 and International Women's day competition held on 13th March 2023.



"Sham-e-Sukhan" organized on 12th June 2023, by the Civil Services Academy, featured a stunning performance by Ms. Mah-e-Nao (DELS). She captivated the audience with her incredible talent in poetry and her captivating art of reciting it!



The event organized by Radiance Event Management Services, titled "ABHI KUCH LOG BAQI HAIN," held at Alhamra on 17th July 2023 was a monumental literary gathering that left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of thousands in attendance. Ms. Mah e Nao's poetry captured the hearts of the audience.



Ms. Mah-e-Nao's participation in the book launch ceremony for the eminent poet Umair Najmi's latest collection titled "AIK" was a significant moment in the world of literature. The event was held in Faisalabad on 10th June 2023.



Dr. Nadia Anwar, the Acting Dean of ILA, was awarded the 'Best School Teacher Award' at the 24th Convocation of UMT. This award is a small but significant acknowledgment of her tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and steadfast commitment to her profession as a teacher



Ms. Huma Iqbal, Lecturer at DLC achieved one of the world's most prestigious scholarship programs, Fulbright Scholarship, for PhD in Rhetoric, Composition and English Language Teaching. She has begun her PhD journey from fall 2023 in the University of Arizona, Tucson.

RESEARCH AT ILA

Paper Publications by Faculty Members

- Amin, A., Javed, H., & Haroon, S. (2023). Functional morphology: Patterns rules sets for morphological parsing of Urdu regular verbs. PAKISTAN LANGUAGES AND HUMANITIES REVIEW, 7(II). [https://doi.org/10.47205/plhr.2023\(7-ii\)18](https://doi.org/10.47205/plhr.2023(7-ii)18)(HEC recognized Y category)
- Haroon, S., Aslam, M., & Saleem, T. (2023). Exploring the cross-linguistic functioning of the principles of WH-movements: The case of Pakistani ESL learners. Cogent Arts & Humanities, 10(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/23311983.2023.2174518>(HEC recognized W Honorable Mention category)
- Khan, A. A., Khalid, A., & Saleem, T. (2023). The evidence of embedded language islands: The case of Pashto-English codeswitching. International Journal of Multilingualism, 1-24.<https://doi.org/10.1080/14790718.2023.2212907>(HEC recognized W category)
- Naeem, W., Ahmad, S., & Haroon, S. (2023). Impact of online language games on

teaching of single and double prepositions through primary level students of Lahore. *Annals of Human and Social Sciences*, 4(II). [https://doi.org/10.35484/ahss.2023\(4-ii\)03](https://doi.org/10.35484/ahss.2023(4-ii)03)(HEC recognized Y category)

- Naeem, W., Quyyum, A., & Haroon, S. (2023). Self-representation of Private Universities in Lahore through Captioned Facebook Wall-Posts: A Multimodal Discourse Analysis. *Online Media and Society*, 4(2), 10-27. (HEC recognized Y category)
- Shafi, S., Fatima, A., Masood, M. H., & Arif, I. M. (2023). Exploring Semantic Field of Joy in TV Corpus: A Corpus -Driven Analysis of Psycho-evolutionary Theory of Basic Emotions. *Al-Qantara*, 9(2). (HEC recognized X category)
- Saeed, B., Shafi, S., & Masood, M. H. (2023). Exploring Identity and Belonging in the Context of Partition of 1947: A Social Identity Theory Analysis of 'Train to Pakistan' by Khushwant Singh. *Global Language Review*, 8(1), 204-215. (HEC recognized Y category)
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- Rafi, M, S., Moghees, A., (2023). "Writing Challenges, Causes, and Strategies to Facilitate the Doctoral Dissertation Writing Process: A Qualitative Analysis", *International Social Science Journal (Wiley Online)* March 2023) <https://doi.org/10.1111/issj.12367>

Paper Presentations by Faculty Members

- Zafar, S., (2023). Effect of English Language Learning Anxiety on learner's interactive language activities at Matriculation in Punjab. *International Conference of Linguistics and Literature*.
- Khalid, Z.,(2022).The Grand Narrative of Artificial Intelligence and Modes of Human(Art) istic Resistance. *International Conference on the Future of Meaning*, University of Lahore, Lahore.
- Khalid, Z., (2021).Indigenous Futurism: Native Slipstream as a Mode of Decolonising Pakistani Speculative Art. *Emerging Trends in Arts and Humanities*, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- Ashfaq, N., Asghar, Z., Iqbal, H. (2022). Power Display through Political Memes Portraying Current Socio-Political Scenario. *Englishers 2nd International Transdisciplinary Conference on Language, Culture and Revival*. Online
- Ashfaq, N., Abid, F., Sarfraz, R. (2022). Multimodal Discourse Analysis of Teachers and Students Memes. *1st International Conference on Linguistics and Multidisciplinary Research: Exploring Challenges and Expanding Horizons (ICLMR, 2022)*. Online
- Ashfaq, N., Iqbal, H. (2022). A Thematic Analysis of Populist Discourse on Facebook and Twitter. *ICTLL 2022*. UMT, Lahore
- Ishfaq, S., (2022). 'Teachers' perceptions and practices of translanguaging in English language classrooms. *International conference on TESOL, Linguistics and Literature (ICTLL)*, Nov 29, 2022.



EXCITING EVENTS AND DYNAMIC ACTIVITIES OF ILA STUDENTS

Character day, color week, and picnic day were held on 22nd May 2023, organized by both DLC and DELS, which helped the students to take a break from their everyday routine!



ILA STUDENTS' PERFORMANCE SKILLS DISPLAYED

Students of MPhil English (Literature) prepared different performances within the theme of "Decoding the Present by Reliving the Past" under the supervision of Dr. Nadia Anwar.



Short Plays were planned by Ms Mehak Munir (CFL) on 15th June 2023 on real-life issues to deliver noteworthy messages to the audience and participants.



Ms. Sara Anwar (DLC) organized an engaging and interactive 'Dialogue Writing and Speaking Activity' on 14th March 2023 designed to provide students with a stage to perform, bolster their confidence, and enhance their English language skills.



Ms. Naheed Ashfaq (CFL) planned a role-play activity in English 2 classes on 3rd March 2023. Active participation of the students made this activity a success.



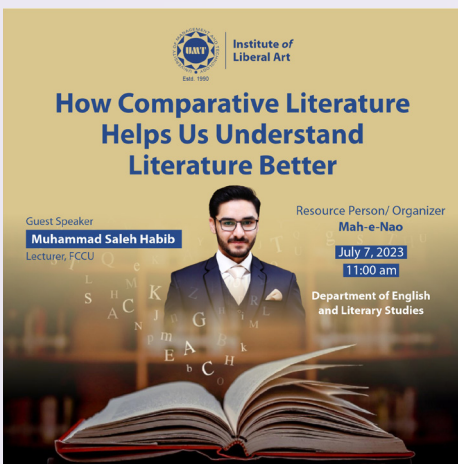
On 6th June 2023, BSEL students performed dramatizations of myths from various regions and cultures, including Greek, Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Chinese, Japanese, Arabian, and Indian, as part of the course “Thematic Study of Myth and Symbolism”.



ENGAGING CLASS ACTIVITIES FOR HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

Workshop titled “Exploring Literature through Comparative Literature,” was organized on 7th July 2023 where students had the opportunity to delve into the aspects of literature by looking at it through

the lens of Comparative Literature and its connection with Cultural Criticism. Miss Mah-e-nao led the session and students were fortunate to have Mr. Saleh Habib, from FCCU as a guest speaker.



Poster Presentations were planned by Ms. Naheed Ashfaq (CFL) for Special Needs Students on 2nd Feb 2023. Students enthusiastically participated, spoke about their life and shared their experiences through their posters.



A video/documentary presentation activity was planned by Ms. Naheed Ashfaq (CFL) on 14th March 2023. Students made videos/documentaries and raised awareness regarding issues like animal abuse, fake begging, etc.



Ms. Sobia Malik (CFL) conducted a four-day-long class activity (from 19-22nd June, 2023) at the Pharmacy Department (SHS Campus). It was a competition of well-researched argumentative essay writing and its presentations in the mode of panel discussions moderated by the group leaders of each group. At the end of the competition, certificates were awarded for the best panel discussions by the class teacher and Dr. Sara Rehman.



Ms. Naheed Ashfaq (CFL) arranged a 'share day' on 8th July 2023. Students shared their significant and exciting life experiences in the form of personal narratives.



Dr Nadia Anwar organized a 'Three-Minute Thesis Competition' on 14th of February 2023, in which the students of MPhil English Literature showcased their power of rhetoric and inspired the audience with their research presentations in just three minutes.



A MULTIFACETED JOURNEY THROUGH ART AND INNOVATION

BSEL students of the 'Visual Arts' course displayed their masterpieces, contributing to the vibrant world of art and culture on 13th June 2023



Students of BS ELL showcased their potential through their 3D models of Elizabethan era on 18th March 2023



3D Projects of Creative Writing' display competition was a vibrant showcase of imagination, where students merged writing and artistry in captivating displays. The event was organized by Ms. Shabana Zafar (DLC) on 1st June 2023



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EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Arabic Language Class (CFL) visited "Aiewan e Quaid e Azam with Dr. Hassan Shakeel Shah on 16th March 2023.



Dr. Waqas Sajjad and his students from the 'Visual Arts' course visited the Lahore Museum and Wazir Khan Masjid on 20th May 2023.



The students of English-1 combined both academic and real-world learning to work on community engagement projects on 16th May 2023. They identified a problem or challenge within their community by using higher-order thinking skills, analyzed and presented that information to the class.



Faculty and Students visited Lahore School of Economics, along with the Acting Dean Dr. Nadia Anwar, to attend a conference on 7-8th March 2023 entitled "Contemporary Perspectives and Practices in Social Sciences, Media Studies, and Art & Design. Dr Anwar also presented a paper at the conference.



STUDENT'S TRIUMPH MOMENTS

Mr. Hafiz Syed M. Yasir, the instructor of the course on 'Pragmatics' at DLC, organized a remarkable prize distribution ceremony on 2nd June 2023 to honor the outstanding performances of the students of BSELL in their course assessments.



On 9th May 2023, Mr. Anas Hussain, a student of BS English Literature at DELS, won first place as a book lover on World Book and Copyright Day!



Mr. Usman Riaz (DLC Student) won the Regional Championship. He was a member of the team UMT Volleyball (Men), who participated in “Prime Minister’s Youth Programme Provincial Volleyball League (Men) 2023”, organized by Islamia University in Bahawalpur from 14-20th June 2023.



CERTIFICATE COURSES CEREMONY BY CFL

The Certificate Courses Ceremony was organized on 25th August 2023, which marked the triumphant completion of the inaugural batch. The success of these courses was evident in the skills acquired by participants, empowering them for professional growth. The ceremony not only honored their dedication but also highlighted the impact of these courses in fostering knowledge and expertise.



EMBRACING CHANGE AND WELCOMING NEW BEGINNINGS

The staff and faculty members of the Institute of Liberal Arts came together to bid farewell to Mr. Rao Jalil and Dr. Waqas Sajjad for their valuable services on 19th July 2023.



NEW ADDITION TO OUR ACADEMIC FAMILY

Dr. Bushra Siddiqui (DELS)
joined ILA, UMT in Spring 2023.

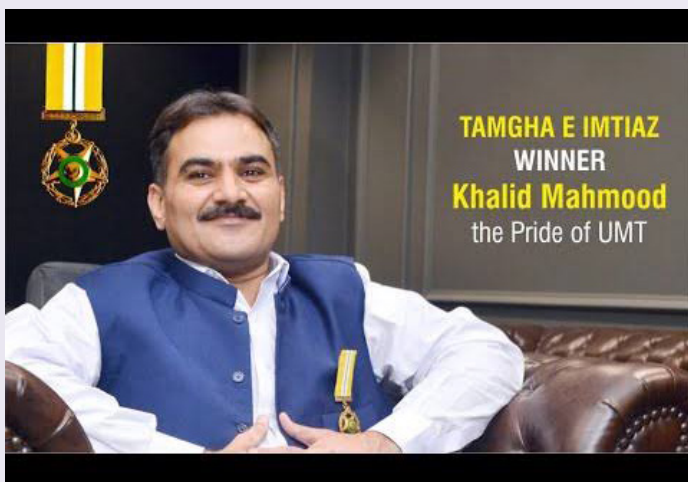


ALUMNUS ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms Esma Ramzan, an MPhil Applied Linguistics graduate of the Institute of Liberal Arts, has authored and published 'Khawab se Haqeeqat Tak', a Safar Nama of Hajj in 2023. Ms Ramzan is currently serving at Gilgit University as an Assistant Professor and has marked her presence with her inspirational potential.

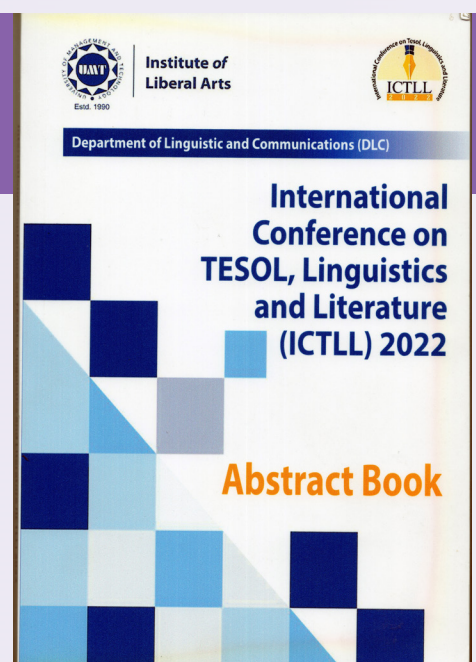


Mr. Khalid Mahmood, Inspector Rangers and PhD English (Linguistics) Scholar (Session-F2023), ILA created history after receiving the first ever highest Civil Award, Tamgha-i-Imtiaz for Pakistan Rangers (Punjab) and ILA, UMT from the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad. He received this award in recognition of his outstanding services for Rangers, academia and research achievements at national and international forums. He has also served as Vice President SSS&H, ILA- UMT Alumni Association from 2018 to 2021.



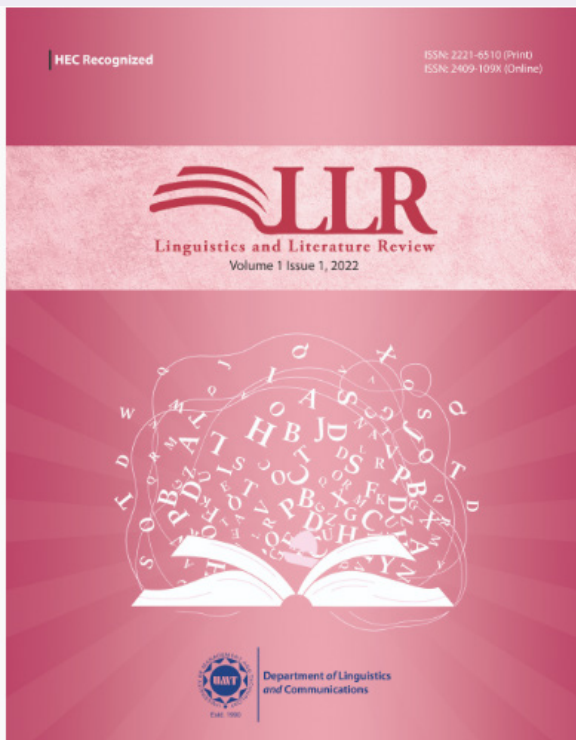
ABSTRACT BOOK

We are thrilled to announce the publication of our academic endeavor, the "Abstract Book" by the Department of Linguistics and Communications. This groundbreaking publication showcases a diverse collection of abstracts that delve into the captivating realms of Linguistics, Literature, and English Language Teaching (ELT). Inside this captivating Abstract Book, you will find a treasure trove of insights and discoveries that shed light on the fascinating world of linguistics, explore the nuances of literature, and delve into innovative approaches in ELT.



RESEARCH JOURNALS

We are thrilled to announce the release of two esteemed research journals from our department – ‘Linguistics and Literature Review’ (Vol 9 No 1) and ‘Journal of Communication and Cultural Trends’ (Vol 5 No 1). These HEC-approved publications showcase groundbreaking research, rich insights, and innovative perspectives in the fields of linguistics, literature, communication, and cultural trends. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all contributors and reviewers whose dedication has made these journals a beacon of knowledge and academic excellence.



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