

Guest Lecture Series

White Collar Crime and NAB

By Maj (R) Syed Burhan Ali, Former Director General NAB



Former Director General National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Maj (R) Syed Burhan Ali was invited by Prof Naveed Elahi to deliver lecture on "White Collar Crime and NAB" to the students of BS Public Administration. He discussed about criminal justice of Pakistan, role of investigation agencies, white collar crimes, phases of investigation and inter alia. The students were apprised that as defined by the World bank and Transparency International, 'White-collar crime is

the misuse of public office for private gain'. The types of WCC can be embezzlement, insurance frauds, money laundering, terrorism financing, hawala/hundi, etc. NAB plays a vital role in investigating and prosecuting such crimes. Sr Liaison Officer, Amna Siddique also attended the session. Students showed keen interest and participated in the Q&A session. The lecture was formally concluded by giving a token of appreciation to the guest.

Political Economy of the Power Sector in Pakistan

by Former Federal Secretary Power Division and Privatization Commission Mr Irfan Ali



Dr Seemi Waheed invited former federal secretary power division and privatization commission Mr Irfan Ali to deliver a talk on the 'Political Economy of the Power Sector in Pakistan'. He discussed the real ground realities of power structure, their anatomy and gave a thorough comparative

analysis at local, provincial, and international levels. Director SGS, Dr Aisha Azhar, and faculty members of SGS attended the session. Students showed keen interest and participated in the Q&A session. The lecture was formally concluded by giving a token of appreciation to the guest.

Challenges and Intricacies of Governance and Administration in Pakistan

Guest Lecture by Mr Habib ur Rehman Gilani, Member PPSC/Formal Federal Secretary



Mr Habib ur Rehman Gilani, former secretary to the government of Pakistan and member PPSC delivered a lecture to the students of BS Public Administration on the challenges and intricacies of governance and administration in Pakistan. He critically analyzed the concept of governance in context of public policy, role of governance in statecraft, legal framework of governance, challenges and intricacies of governance in Pakistan, perceptions and projections coupled with a constructive way forward. He suggested that solutions are available. But who will do it? We need to strengthen the institutions. They must be competent to perform their specific role. There should be non-interference in others domain. There should also be special empowerment of the Election Commission, Auditor General and Courts. We need

maximum attention to education especially to the lower segment of society to provide equal playing field and provide economic opportunities. There should be an enhanced role and better organization of civil society, social media, and pressure groups to influence government decision making. It was more of an interactive session as the enthusiastic students were encouraged to ask questions during the lecture too. The students of MS Public Policy also attended this session.

Prof Naveed Elahi thanked the guest speaker for taking the time out to share his valuable experiences with the students of SGS and hoped that more sessions would be held in the future. He presented a souvenir to the guest speaker on behalf of SGS and the students.

Law & Order and Criminal Justice System

Guest Lecture by Mr Shoab Dastgir, PSP (Former IG Punjab, Member FPSC)



In continuation of the guest lecture series of SGS, Dr Naveed Elahi invited a renowned civil servant to talk about law & order and the criminal justice system. Mr Shoab Dastgir discussed the contours of the criminal justice system and illustrated it by giving practical examples. He explained the basic connotation of law and order in Pakistan and challenges of rule of law. Also explained the 'broken window theory' given by George L Kelling and James Q Wilson in 1982. Institutions should compliance with strong judiciary, independent administration, mutual public accountability, and responsible citizenry. We need to reflect upon our social contract and particularly to revisit the relationship between the state and public. Policing system in Pakistan has the capacity to reform its policies and processes. The

civic projects by Punjab safe cities authority are making landmark progress in different capacities of service delivery. But, to sum up it is the collaborative responsibility of the general citizenry, government and all the stakeholders to reflect upon their 'values' and look forward to promoting the whole-of-society approach.

Students enthusiastically participated in the Q&A session, and we will engage the guest speaker in our upcoming events as well. Dr Seemi Waheed, SGS and Amna Siddique (Sr Liaison Officer, SGS) also attended the session. Dr Naveed Elahi thanked the guest speaker and appreciated the significant participation from the student body of SGS. He gave a souvenir to the guest and motivated him to engage the industry in upcoming sessions also.

Prisons: Vital Component of Criminal Justice System

Visit of the delegation from National Academy for Prisons Administration (NAPA)



A delegation of the National Academy for Prisons Administration comprising the instructors and trainees visited the School of Governance and Society, UMT. Director General NAPA - Mr Azhar Rasheed Khan, PSP delivered the lecture to students of BS Public Administration about 'Prisons - a vital component of criminal justice system'. The students asked interesting and relevant questions to the delegation. In the end, Prof Naveed Elahi gave concluding remarks

and thanked the DG for arranging this visit and presented souvenir to the delegation.

It is pertinent to point out that the DG NAPA was gracious enough to offer to sign a MOU between NAPA and SGS for cooperation and collaboration in research and training. The draft MOU is on the anvil and will be submitted for approval soon.

Study Trip of SGS BS Public Administration Students

Visit to Local Government Academy Lalamusa



Dr Seemi Waheed arranged the study trip for BS Public Administration class, in the Local Government Course, to the Punjab Local Government Academy (PLGA), Lalamusa. The Director PLGA – Mr Najeeb Aslam and his team welcomed and hosted the delegation. The team was briefed on the Punjab Local Government system, history of PLGA, and Punjab Local Government Act 2022, history of the academy, areas of training and way forward of this institute. Director General elaborated about the upcoming projects of PLGA, aimed to capacity enhancement under ADB funded Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project (PICIIP). The project envisions PLGA to be the intellectual powerhouse for the country's LG sector and become a self-sustaining academy. Mr Moazzam Ali Janjua, Ex Add Sec LG AD (Estate), PLGA conducted a training session on LG system and PLGA Act 2022. He delivered a detailed lecture on its background and different amendments so far. The students asked questions related to the budget allocation, local government reforms and incorporation of local subjects in the public policy mechanisms of Pakistan.

In the end, Dr Seemi Waheed appreciated the hospitality of the academy extended to SGS delegation. Senior Liaison Officer – Amna Siddique (SGS, UMT) also acknowledged the well-planned efforts of the DG PLGA and team. The delegation visited the campus, and a tree plantation ceremony was held. The students learned and experienced on-ground realities of the public organization specifically in the context of third tier of governance - local government. SGS will keep making these efforts to engage its key stakeholders. Looking forward to these collaborations!

Gilgit Baltistan – The Jewel of Pakistan

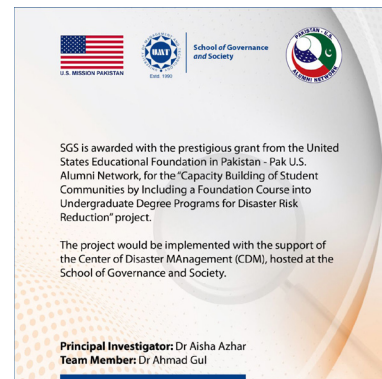
Interactive Talk of Gilgit Baltistan (GB) Students at SGS



A discussion session was held under the title, 'Gilgit Baltistan – The Jewel of Pakistan' to provide opportunity to the GB students to share their experiences at UMT and to indicate the issues and problems in GB. Dr Naveed Elahi moderated the session. The students informed that more than 200 GB students are studying in UMT. They came all the way to Lahore to have the taste of the rich culture of other parts of the country and to seek better education opportunities. They disclosed that education facilities in GB were limited as only Karakoram University was catering to the needs of higher education. The private schools were not affordable. They also highlighted the interventions of government. Students gave some suggestions to overcome their problems which included provision of better internet, judicial utilization of funds, exploration of hidden opportunities and tourism in GB. They believed that mobility and integration are also needed. In this context, it is strongly felt that initiation of an exchange program between Karakoram University and UMT can be quite beneficial for the students of both the universities. In the end, there was a consensus to continue to hold such sessions and larger number of students should participate in the discussion.

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MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN UMT (SGS) & NAPA



A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between University of Management & Technology's School of Governance and Society and National Academy for Prison Administration (NAPA) for establishment of collaborative relationship. This MoU will serve as an instrument of collaboration as both the parties are interested to cooperate in the

areas of mutual interest relating to policy dialogues, education learning and joint research and consultancy. The ceremony was attended by rector UMT, Dr. Asif Raza, Dr. Naveed Elahi Professor, SGS, Director SGS Dr. Aisha Azhar, DG NAPA Mr. Azhar Rasheed khan, Mr. Javed Iqbal Khokhar Deputy Directing Staff Research & Training, NAPA and Sr. Liaison Officer, SGS Ms. Amna Siddique.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

School of Governance and Society (SGS) is offering a 4-week short course on CSS Orientation. The CSS Preparation Bootcamp at SGS is an exposure to these orientations where aspirants would be able to spend each week with a practitioner faculty member (Former Civil Servants) and other subject experts who would guide them on different perspectives of CSS Essentials.

The Center for Disaster Management and School of Governance and Society is launching the "Certificate Course on Disaster Risk Management" in Summer 2023. The certificate program targets a wide range of audience from students to early/ junior career professionals who intend to acquire knowledge and credentials in this emerging field. The Center for Disaster Management aims to support the public sector, including the emergency services, line agencies and communities by providing:

- DRR curriculum design and development in regional context
- Capacity building and skill development
- Specialized knowledge Management
- Collaborative research in disaster management

FACULTY NEWS

Dr Seemi Waheed recently published an article titled '**The relational factors in managing rural water supply in Punjab, Pakistan' in one of the renowned impact factor journals 'water policy'.**

Seemi Waheed, Aisha Azhar, Maqbool Hussain Sial, and Muhammad Faran (2023). The Relational factors in managing rural water supply in Punjab Pakistan. Water Policy. Doi 10.2166/wp.2023.116. (W category IF 1.733)

She is also presenting a paper at the international conference: XIX Biennial ISAC Conference 'The Commons we want: Between historical legacies and future collective action' (19-24 June 2023) in Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr. Aisha Azhar recently published an article: Aslam, Z., Azhar, A., Ali, A., & Manzoor, A. (2023). Does Politicizing Affect the Public Sector Organizations: A Qualitative Study. Journal of ISOSS, 9(1), 183-198. (<http://www.joi.isoos.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/12-J-ISOSS-9-1-Galley-Proof.pdf>)

JOURNAL NEWS

The first two issues of the two research journals of SGS; Journal of Public Policy Practitioners (JPPP) and Governance & Society Review (GSR) have been published. The third issue is on the anvil. The call for papers has been extended.



STUDENT LIFE AT SGS

Momina Maryam Khan – MS Public Policy



Being a student of MS Public Policy and with a passion for understanding the intricate workings of government systems, policy making and their impact on society, I've found myself deeply immersed in my chosen field of study. Through engaging lectures, thought-provoking seminars, and lively discussions provided by the School of Governance and Society, I was able to expand my knowledge and broaden my perspectives. This course has not only equipped me with theoretical knowledge but has also encouraged me to think critically, analyze policies and explore practical solutions to societal challenges. It motivates me to understand the complexities of governance, public policy, and its effects on society.

Muhammad Zaid Akram – BS Public Administration



We are excited to feature one of our SGS students Muhammad Zaid Akram, who has demonstrated unwavering dedication and remarkable achievements in the realm of hockey. As a hockey player, Zaid has exemplified the true spirit of sportsmanship and served as an inspiration for other players. Having served as the Captain of the UMT Hockey Team, he has not only displayed exemplary leadership skills but also fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie within the team. Together with the team, Zaid has triumphed in two local tournaments, including victories at LUMS sports fest 2018 (1st position) and Lahore school sports Society LSE 2019 (1st position).

Zubair Iqbal - President of UMT Scouts Club



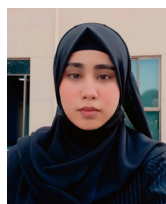
Zubair Iqbal belongs to Gilgit Baltistan, he did his matriculation and intermediate from Agha Khan High Secondary School, Gilgit. Currently, he is in the 8th semester of BS Public Administration at SGS, UMT. He is pursuing his passion by voluntarily working with many prestigious social organizations. He is serving as president of the UMT Scouts Club, Ambassador of the Al-Khidmat Foundation, Ambassador of Ehad-e-Sultan Foundation and inter alia. He is awarded with the best ambassador of the year 2022 by Al khidmat Foundation Pakistan, and also got unsung hero award and flood hero's award for his relief services to flood affected people. He is also good in his studies and achieved five Deans Merit Awards.

Ujala Qurban – BS Public Administration



My experience at UMT is truly transformative. From the moment I stepped onto campus, I was immersed in a vibrant and intellectually stimulating environment. The university's dedication to academic excellence is evident in its world-class faculty who not only possess exceptional knowledge but also have a genuine passion for teaching. One of the highlights of my time at UMT is the diverse community of students. Interacting with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds and academic disciplines enriched my perspective. Collaborative projects and lively discussions in and outside the classroom foster an inclusive learning atmosphere. Overall, my time at UMT is full of personal and intellectual growth. University provides an environment that nurtures curiosity, encourages exploration, and fosters lifelong friendships. It equips me with the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to pursue my aspirations and make a positive impact in the world beyond graduation.

Muzna Arshad – BS Public Administration



Our university is the home of education because people from different parts of the country join UMT and explore learning opportunities. It is a life-changing experience of my academic life at UMT. We learn holistically on the campus, the true blend of regular classes coupled with extracurricular life at SGS is truly incredible. I am more curious and well-aware about the policy issues both at community and global level. Our department is supportive, and teachers guide us in our discipline to channelize our abilities. Overall, my experience with SGS and UMT is quite fascinating, and I am looking forward to upcoming projects at the school.

SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION(S) OF SGS



Recently our school launched its LinkedIn official page in which you will get all the recent updates about school activities. Do visit and share it in your circles. The complete link is: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/umt-sgs-school-of-governance-and-society/>. Also, join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sgs.umd>.

MID-TERM EXAMINATION AT SGS



Exams have helped many to become better readers, learners and researchers. Exams improve learning and enable people to take on new information. If all the students consider exams as a routine test with positive benefits, they will learn the lesson of patience, discipline, and leadership. Students were quite busy in the mid-term examination and we successfully concluded the mid-terms week in May 2023 at SGS.

APPRECIATION LETTERS FOR THE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

A couple of ceremonies were held to distribute appreciation letters to the volunteers, mostly the students of BS Public Administration, SGS, to acknowledge their contribution in holding the departmental events successfully and to express our gratitude to them. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been crucial in ensuring the smooth and successful happening of special lectures. We believe it was a great learning opportunity as it inculcates confidence, professionalism, and organizational skills in them.



FEEDBACK

G & S is indebted to the readers who have appreciated the initiative to publish the newsletter. Many have liked its contents and quality. Some suggestions and recommendations have been received. We are grateful to all of them for their interest in this newsletter and their appreciation. It has given us an idea to invite the feedback and give it a place in the newsletter. All the readers are welcome to share their thoughts and views regarding this newsletter and about the activities of SGS. The same would be published in this segment. The views can be emailed to Ms Amna Siddique, Sr Liaison Officer, SGS (amna.siddique@umt.edu.pk).

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EPILOGUE

It is a matter of immense satisfaction that the 4th issue of the School of Governance and Society (SGS) newsletter, 'Governance & Society' has been published. With each edition, our newsletter continues to gain momentum, steadily improving its contents and overall presentation. One feature that has captured the attention of our readers is the inclusion of messages from esteemed role models within and beyond the university. These insightful messages have become beacon and guidelines for the students, faculty, and the readers. We are delighted to witness the growing interest of our students in 'Governance & Society' as they find it to be a reflection of their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities. In this issue, we have expanded the coverage to include their class activities and has provided the crux of one lecture pertaining to foreign policy of Pakistan. The students remained preoccupied with their mid-terms but took the time out to attend special lectures on 'White Collar Crime' by the Former DG NAB and on 'Prison: vital component of criminal justice system' by DG NAPA. The publication of the first volume of 'Journal of Public Policy Practitioners' is a feather in the cap of SGS. In this regard, the school is indebted to the unwavering support of Mr Muhammad Rafiq Awan, Director KRSS and Ms Tayyaba Noreen, Sr Officer publications KRSS. The public policy practitioners, serving and retired, are taking keen interest in the venture. The call for papers for the next issue has been extended. UMT presents a true picture of Pakistan as the students from all parts of the country are studying here. It's a great opportunity for the students to know about other areas and provinces. In line with this spirit, we recently organized a thought-provoking group discussion titled 'Gilgit-Baltistan: The Jewel of Pakistan,' where students from Gilgit Baltistan had the opportunity to share their perspectives and insights about their region.

To sum up, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the individuals, especially Ms Amna Siddique, Sr Liaison Officer, SGS, who has taken great interest in the preparation and publication of this edition. We remain committed to delivering high-quality content that informs and inspires our audience. We look forward to the next issue, where we will continue to share the activities at SGS and to explore the diverse facets of governance, society, and public policy.

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