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Fostering Diversity and Inclusion



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another exciting edition of our school newsletter! As we embark on a new academic term, I am delighted to connect with you and share the remarkable progress and upcoming opportunities within our School of Governance and Society, home to our esteemed programs in Public Administration and Policy.

At the School of Governance and Society, our mission is clear: to educate and empower the next generation of leaders in public administration and policy. Our programs are designed to provide students with a deep understanding of the theoretical foundations of governance, as well as the practical skills necessary to implement effective policies.



To our new and returning students, I extend a warm welcome. You are joining a vibrant and diverse community dedicated to public service and societal improvement. Engage fully with your coursework, participate actively in discussions, and leverage the wealth of knowledge and experience of our distinguished faculty. Remember, the relationships you build and the networks you create here will support you throughout your professional journey.

Our faculty members are not only outstanding educators but also leading researchers and practitioners in their fields. Their work shapes policies and practices at local, national, and international levels. I encourage you to take advantage of their expertise, seek out mentorship opportunities, and contribute to the research endeavors that make our school a hub of innovation and impact.

This newsletter serves as a window into the dynamic activities and accomplishments of our community. I hope you find inspiration in the stories of innovation, resilience, and impact shared within these pages. I invite you to share your own experiences and successes in the future editions, as your contributions are vital to our collective growth and achievement.

As we look ahead, let us remain dedicated to our mission of fostering excellence in public administration and policy. Together, we can navigate the challenges of our time and build a future that reflects our highest ideals of justice, equity, and effective governance.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

Dr. Aisha Azhar
Director SGS

SGS Research Achievements

Funded Grant

Dr. Aisha Azhar as Co-Investigator- for “Punjab Examination Commission towards Equal Education in collaboration with UNICEF” was awarded the prestigious grant from UNICEF and Punjab Examination Commission (PEC). Grant Period (April-September 2024)

AWARDS & GRANTS

Conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) – April 16, 2024

Director SGS, Dr.Aisha Azhar attended the conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) on 11 to 16 April 2024, the most premier event of the profession, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.



SGS Research Journals

Call for Papers

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 and considered as a HEC-Y recognized journal. The third issue is on the anvil. The call for papers has been extended.



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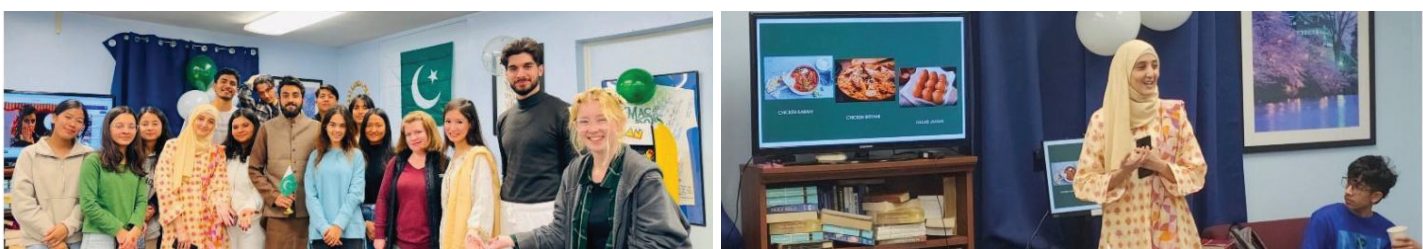
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Students Achievements

Tania Shah's Cultural Exchange Journey and Participation in Youth Climate Education Meetup during COP28 in UAE

SGS Student Spotlight: Tania Shah's Cultural Exchange Journey at Roanoke College, USA Follows along as Tania Shah, an SGS(UMT) student on the Fully Funded UGrad Global Program at Roanoke College, shares the rich tapestry of Pakistani culture during her engaging presentation in the USA.

Representing our nation and South Asian youth by taking part in a **Youth Climate Education Meetup:** during COP28 in UAE. It's a noteworthy and impressive achievement. UMT is truly proud of you, Tania.



Dean Merit Award Ceremony for Semester (F2022-S2023) – Jan 19, 2024

A Dean's Merit Award Ceremony was held by SGS Department to honor students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, leadership qualities, and contributed positively to the academic community. The ceremony acknowledges the hard work and dedication of these students, fostering a culture of academic excellence within the academic community.



Degree Programs

Programs Offered at the School of Governance and Society (SGS)

BS Public Administration

Our graduates will be equipped to address modern-day challenges by becoming a constructive part of the resolution processes and mechanisms within and outside the government.

MS Public Policy

The program aims at enabling prospective students to comprehend opportunities, challenges, resource constraints, and systemic impediments that characterize the national setting in all spheres of public policy

BS Digital Governance
Upcoming Program for Fall 2024

Seminars And Roundtables

A Roundtable Discussion was held on School of Governance & Society on the Topic of 'Challenges of Governance for the Caretaker Government in Pakistan'

A roundtable discussion was held at School of Governance & Society on the topic of 'Challenges of Governance for the Caretaker Government in Pakistan'. The renowned participants were: Lt Gen Ghulam Mustafa (Retd), Mr. Mohsin Goraya (Senior Journalist and Columnist), Mr. Mustafa Kamal Pasha (Former Director General TEVTA Punjab), Mr. Amjad Hussain Bhatti (Former secretary information), Mr. Shaukat Javed (Former IG Police), Mr. Isar Rana (Group Editor Daily Pakistan), Mr. Muzzamil Suhervardy (Anchor and analyst), Mr. Tariq Lodhi (Former DG IB) and Dr. Muhammad Hatim (Assistant Professor, SGS). Dr. Naveed Elahi (Professor of Practice, SGS) moderated the session.



Annual Career Fair 2024 on the Theme of Career Redefined

The theme of the event was **"Career Redefined"** which focused on how in the ever-evolving landscape of the professional world, the notion of a linear career path is rapidly fading. The topic of our panel discussion was **"Managing Career Design"** where we discussed the differences between Gen Z and Millennials and how one should approach learning and working no matter which generation we belong to.

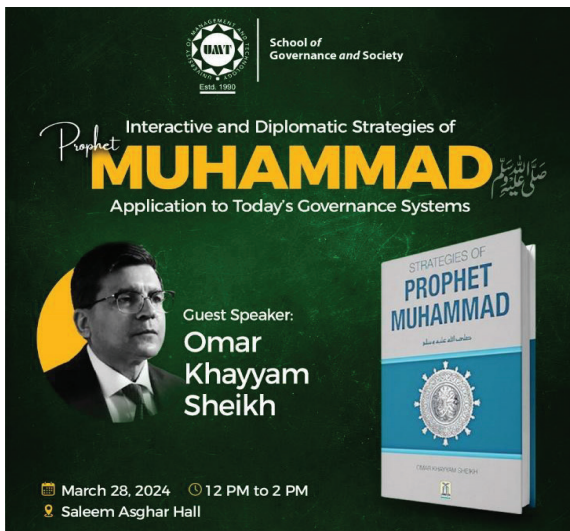


Director SGS, Dr. Aisha Azhar, featured a transformative discussion on 'Managing Career Design', in Career Fair 2024, allowing attendees to explore their future career paths in public sector.

Event Regarding “Interactive and Diplomatic Strategies of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) – Application to Today’s Governance Systems”. by Omar Khayyam Sheikh – March 23, 2024

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In this event, the main purpose of this study is to investigate the strategies of Prophet Muhammad PBUH in wars and struggles, and how they are practiced now in contemporary businesses and organizations.



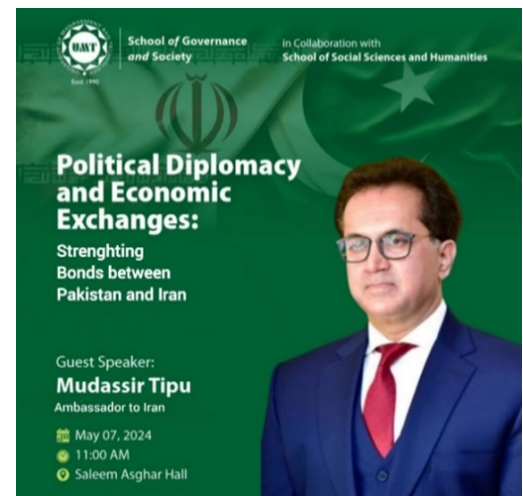
Event Regarding “Avoidable Deaths from Heatwaves in Pakistan: Challenges and Strategies” – March 20, 2024

Event titled “Avoidable Deaths from Heatwaves in Pakistan: Challenges and Strategies” focused on the impact of heatwaves on public health in Pakistan, along with the challenges faced and potential strategies to mitigate these avoidable deaths. Heatwaves can pose significant risks, particularly in the regions with high temperatures like Pakistan, where extreme heat events are becoming more frequent and severe due to climate change.



Mudassir Tipu Ambassador to Iran – Political Diplomacy and Economic Exchanges: Strengthening Bonds Between Pakistan and Iran by – May 7, 2024

A talk by Ambassador to Iran Mudassir Tipu was directed by “Political diplomacy and economic exchanges: Strengthening bonds between Pakistan and Iran.” The purpose of this event was to bring together officials, experts, and stakeholders from Pakistan and Iran to discuss and explore ways to strengthen bilateral ties through political diplomacy and economic exchanges. It aimed to foster greater understanding, cooperation, and collaboration between the two countries for mutual benefit and regional stability.



Center for Disaster Management UMT Organized a Guest Lecture on Air Pollution in Peshawar and Targeted Interventions for Improving Air Quality Management by Dawar Hameed Butt – April 15, 2024

The School of Governance and Society, and the Center for Disaster Management UMT organized a guest lecture on Air Pollution in Peshawar and Targeted Interventions for Improving Air Quality Management by Dawar Hameed Butt, Co-Director Pakistan Air Quality Initiative (PAQI). The lecture was attended by MS Public Policy students of the School of Governance and Society, who actively participated in discussion with the learned speaker. We really appreciate the dedicated efforts of PAQI to increase engagement and awareness on our air quality crisis, and look forward to scale these efforts together.



Training Session (APA format) of Research Students

Dr. Zaheer Ahmad conducted a Training session (APA format) of research students under the supervision of Dr. Hatim and Dr. Zerish Tasleem



Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)

SGS signed MOUs with Punjab Police

SGS signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Punjab Polices department of research and development.



SGS signed an MOU with Volunteers Leading Governance (VLG) – May 10, 2024

SGS signed an MOU with VLG (Volunteers Leading Governance), a non-partisan and non-profit forum with the primary objective of encouraging impactful initiatives and fostering positive change by harnessing the immense capabilities of the Pakistani youth. VLG has successfully engaged over 10,000 registered and active volunteers across the province of Punjab. These dedicated youth members are working hard to help reform governance in the region, contributing to a more citizen-centric model of administration.



Academic and Professional Representation

SANPA-SIPG WEBINAR (Building Global Public Administration Knowledge)

An event titled “Advancing Public Administration in South Asia,” was organized by SANPA-SIPG in January 2024. The theme, “Building Global Public Administration Knowledge: Perspectives from the Global South,” suggest a focus on sharing the insights and experiences of distinguished scholars from the Southern Hemisphere, particularly South Asia, in the field of public administration and our Respected Director, Dr. Aisha Azhar represented pakistan in this webinar.

SANPA-SIPG Webinar 1/2024
Building Global Public Administration Knowledge: Perspectives from the Global South
Sunday, January 28, 2024 09:15 AM [GMT+6]

Keynote Presenter
Prof James L. Perry
Indiana University

Opening Remarks
Prof Akhlaque Haque
President, SANPA

Panelist
Prof Alex B. Brillantes, Jr.
Secretary-General, EROPA

Panelist
Dr. Kim Moloney
Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Panelist
Prof Amir M Nasrullah
University of Chittagang

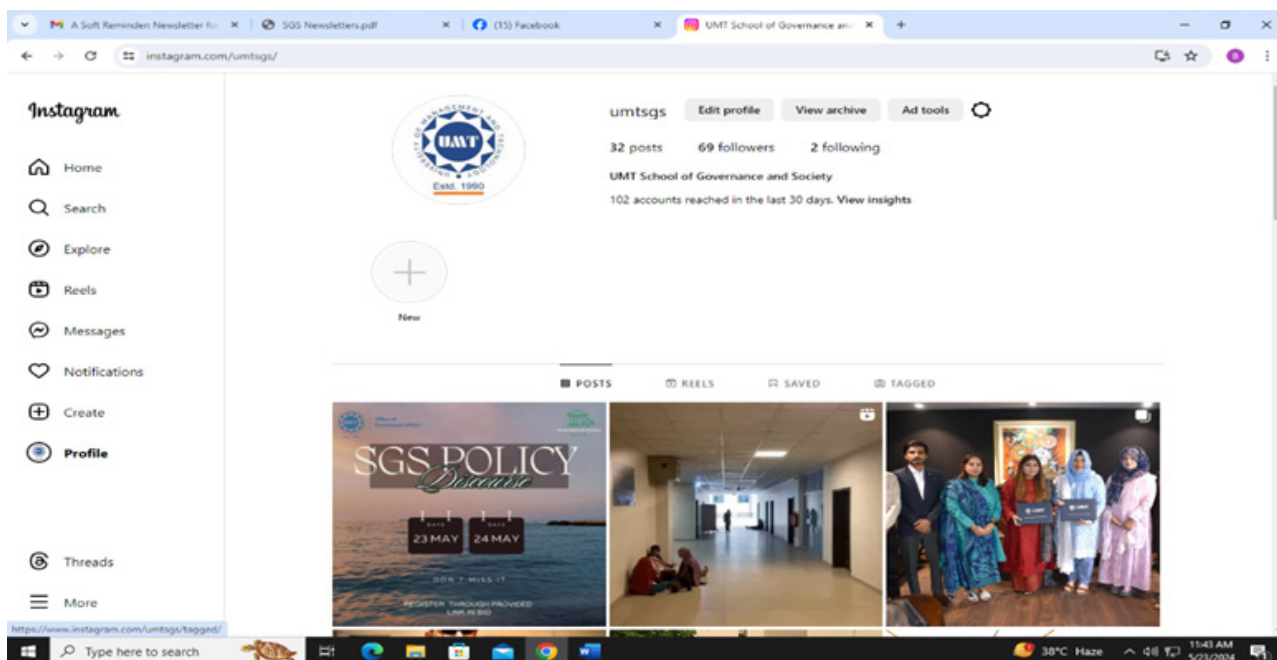
Concluding Remarks
Dr. Aisha Azhar
University of Management and Technology

South Asian Network for Public Administration (SANPA) and South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University
Zoom ID: 922 6610 2151
Passcode: 495590

Social Media Application(s) of SGS

Recently our school launched its Instagram official page in which one may get all the recent updates about school activities. Do visit and share it in your circles.

The complete link is: <https://www.instagram.com/umtsgs/>. LinkedIn link is <https://sgs.umt.edu.pk/>. Also, join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sgs.umt>.



Academic Tours and Professional Visits

Study Tour to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

Study tour of MS (Public Policy) to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, provincial office.



Field Trip for the Course Local Government: Metropolitan Corporation Lahore – May 2, 2024

The students of the local government course, BS public administration visited Metropolitan Corporation Lahore to understand the local government structure, functions, and financial systems. They interacted with the relevant officers and engaged in fruitful discussion.



Trip of SGS BS Public Administration Students to Kartarpur Corridor – July 23, 2023



Field trip of SGS students to Kartarpur Corridor was supervised by Dr. Zerish Tasleem (Assistant Professor, SGS) and Dr. Mohammad Hatim (Assistant Professor, SGS)

Visit to Army Museum and Golf, Country Club

SGS students visited Pakistan Army Museum Lahore as it serves as an invaluable educational resource. It offers a unique opportunity for visitors, especially students, to gain a deeper understanding of the nation's military history. Educational programs and guided tours help in disseminating knowledge about the role of the Pakistan Army in various conflicts and peacekeeping missions. **DG Pak Army Pakistan** delivered an insightful lecture to the students of SGS.



SGS visit to "Hasna Mana Hai" Tabish Hashmi show - GEO TV

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SGS Academic Activities

Thesis Defense of MS Public Policy

Following students of MS Public Policy, SGS successfully defended their dissertations:

1. Challenges in implementation of hmis (hospital management information system) in health sector. a case study of Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan: **Munawer Siddique**.
2. Role of Social Media in Women Empowerment in Pakistan: **Zunaira Razaqat**
3. Media coverage of child abuse cases: impediments and limitations: **Iqra Sharif**

4. Using personal growth tool to improve university students career orientation; the moderating effect of career self-management: **Humira Mirza**.
5. Willingness to change from personal vehicles to public transport: **Syed Ijlal Irfan Bukhari**
6. Exploring the conceptual complexity of terms transgender and intersex among people of Pakistan: **Sayrah Arshad**
7. Determining the factor influencing low enrollment in secondary level school education: **Talha Ali Azhar**
8. Assessing the Impacts of Academic Education and Vocational Education on Women Empowerment; A Moderating Role of Culture, Southern Punjab, Pakistan: **Marwa Ashraf**

UMT Convocation – May 8, 2024

Congratulations to the class of 2024 🎓.



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