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Dean's message



It is a great pleasure to be rounding out this academic year graduating our largest class to date. Given what we know of the experiences of those who have gone before them, we're confident that each is well positioned not only to achieve excellence in legal practice but also along any range of alternative professional pathways.

Our greatest satisfaction is in having a sustained relationship with our graduates, whether that means welcoming you back as alumni advisors in the coming year, as instructors in the not too distant future, or simply being updated periodically as you make your way in the world. At this juncture, we congratulate you for having persevered through these years of a global pandemic and other unprecedented pressures to bring your studies to a successful completion.

This last year allowed us to come around one bend and resume in person classes. Alongside that there was a renewed focus on trying to do some additional things in common, as seminars and social events also picked up pace. These events have been organized by individual instructors but also students and members of the law and politics society who have carried on the tradition of keeping the larger body of students at LUMS informed about and engaged with a range of political and civic issues. We are also deeply gratified that a group of students have banded together to spearhead initiatives that will have a lasting impact on the collective lives of students at SAHSOL, this includes the establishment of the legal writing lab. Similarly, a group of students from across the batches have joined together to propose a LUMS legal podcast to extend the benefits of legal literacy to a larger community.

To our returning batches, know that we're following through with plans set in train over the last years to enhance your legal education. Our course offerings are continuing to grow and gain greater specialism. We'll be welcoming new faculty over the summer and with them, a still greater diversity of expertise and skills.

Please find below an encapsulation of some significant events from the last year at SAHSOL. Enjoy your summer break. We look forward to seeing you all in Fall of 2022.

Dr. Sadaf Aziz

Dean & Associate Professor of Law
SAHSOL, LUMS

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New Faculty

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Permanent Faculty

The Law School committed to increasing its faculty strength in early 2021. A larger faculty will not only enrich an already rigorous academic environment, but will also foster academic and research synergies, further develop existing programs, and enable us to offer graduate and joint programs in the coming years. With this end in mind, we attracted talented new faculty members and welcomed back outstanding alumni and past associates of SAHSOL. Altogether, our new colleagues have a wealth of scholarly and experiential expertise and employ a range of distinct perspectives and methodologies in their teaching and research.



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Major Events at SAHSOL

Annual Khalid Ishaque Memorial Lecture and Seminar

In April 2022, the annual **Khalid Ishaque Memorial lecture and seminar** was held at the Asifa Irfan Moot Court Room, to celebrate and evaluate the jurisprudence of the Honourable Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, the 26th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Mr. Justice (R.) Khosa launched the event with his lecture “*Catching the Bull by its Horns*”, through which he explored a myriad of constitutional and social issues that Pakistan has faced in the seven decades since its inception, and also provided insights and anecdotes from his prolific career.

In what is arguably the first event of its kind in Pakistan, a panel of distinguished academics, jurists and lawyers including The Honourable Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah (Puisne Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan), Mr Faisal Siddiqi (Advocate, Supreme court of Pakistan), Dr Mohammad Waseem (Professor of Political Science, MGSHTS, LUMS) and Ms Hiba Akbar (Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, SAHSOL, LUMS), delivered reflections and points of engagement with the groundbreaking contributions of Justice Khosa to the development and advancement of many domains of law in Pakistan. The speakers reflected on different aspects of Justice Khosa’s jurisprudence, the context for the delivery of his judgement and the evolution in his treatment of issues during his time on the bench at the Supreme Court.

In the final portion of the event, Justice Khosa delivered his responses to the contributors and commentators. The event was greatly appreciated for bringing to life the considerations that have informed some of the most momentous Supreme Court judgements of the last decade, including the *Mumtaz Qadri* and *Aasiya Bibi* judgements as well as the *Nawaz Sharif* disqualification case.



In February, Mr Hamid Sharif, Managing Director of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank delivered a talk on *the Emergence of Independent Accountability Mechanisms* in which he discussed the design, achievement, limitations and implications for establishing compliance review mechanisms at multilateral lending institutions.



In April, Dr. Amber Darr, lecturer at the University of Manchester, as well as a Senior Research Fellow at the UCL Centre for Law, Economics and Society spoke to SAHSOL students and delivered her talk *The Regulatory State*. She focused on the regulatory turn taken by the Pakistani state since the 1990’s and the impact on different sectors of the national economy.



Ms. Mehreen Shahid, a Forbes Ignite Fellow, and the founder of Safe Delivery Safe Mother, a nongovernmental organization combating maternal mortality in Pakistan held a talk at SAHSOL. The topic for her talk was *Social Entrepreneurship and its Legal and Policy aspects*.



Ms. Sahar Bandial, adjunct faculty member at SAHSOL, organized an open seminar with Mr. Peter Jacobs, Executive Director for Center Social Justice (CSJ), highlighting the work of CSJ in improving the education in the country, particularly minority education. The conversation focused on the incomplete implementation of article 25 A of the

Constitution, which establishes a duty to provide universal elementary education for all Pakistani children.



In October, 2021, Dr. Faiza Ismail hosted the seminar on *Crime in Finance* featuring Mr. Zohaib Ashraf (Barrister of Lincoln's Inn and an Advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan and an Associate Partner at Sheikh & Dahir).

Inauguration of second floor of the SAHSOL Building

On March 3, 2022, a celebration marked the completion of the SAHSOL building's second floor, which will house the Center for Chinese Legal Studies, as well as new classrooms, faculty offices, conference rooms, designated spaces for Research and Teaching Assistants and other collaborative learning spaces.



Memorandums of understanding

SAHSOL & Social Welfare Department, Government of Punjab

This MoU will enable the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law, LUMS and the Directorate General of Social Welfare, Punjab to share research and technical expertise. Anticipated outcomes include an analysis of data on legal aid to women victims of violence. This analysis should identify specific patterns of violence being redressed by courts and the availability of legal support to the lawyers representing survivors.



SAHSOL and Punjab Police

This MoU will enable SAHSOL and the Punjab Police to engage in joint research activities and the training of law enforcement officers in domains such as community policing, gender-based violence, and gender sensitivity.



Establishment of SAHSOL's advisement cell

SAHSOL has established an advisement cell to support our students as they make their way through a challenging five-year degree program. To ensure that they are adequately guided and advised at every stage of their academic career, we have established a holistic network of advising support, including a peer pod system, alumni mentorship networks, and a streamlined faculty advisement system. The alumni mentorship programme has been introduced to empower the student body at the Law School with the key competencies and skills required for achieving academic and professional excellence. Alumni mentors will also help students explore career avenues after graduating. Within the school, SAHSOL Academic Advisor, Ms. Saleha Parvaiz has worked to upgrade student skills by offering CV writing workshops and individual guidance to help students reflect their skills and achievements in the best possible manner. We are committed to providing a supportive environment for our students. Our advisement cell recently collaborated with the Counselling and Psychological Services Office to offer a workshop on mental health first aid. The workshop introduced faculty to resources that can help them provide constructive and compassionate support to students who are experiencing emotional distress and/or mental health issues.

Building Networks and Career Services at SAHSOL

SAHSOL partnered with the LUMS Career Services Office to host an exclusive law networking day for our law students in March 2022. More than 95 students across all batches attended the full day event and benefitted from the opportunity to gain insight into predominant areas of practice across firms as well as differences amongst them. Students also had the opportunity to engage in small group discussions with firm representatives. The firms in attendance included: Ajuris Advocates and Corporate Counsel, Axis Law Chambers, Research Society of International Law, Minto and Mirza, Mandviwalla and Zafar, Prime Legal Co, Haider Waheed Partners, Faisal Zaman Law Firm, Mohsin Tayebaly and Co and Ali Khan Law Associates.

In Conversation with

Prof. Uzair J. Kayani
Head of Department &
Assistant Professor of Law



What do you teach at SAHSOL currently and what areas of law does your research focus on?

I teach torts and law & economics. My research focuses on the incentives of groups and institutions to establish, affect, use, and/or evade legal rules and social norms.

You have been involved in interdisciplinary research and multiple related collaborations, please share your experience with us.

I find disciplinary divisions to be unhelpful in general; one can learn a great deal from other disciplines. This is easiest to see in the general application of mathematics and philosophy to all disciplines, and the application of laws and norms to all social interactions. An “interdisciplinary” approach allows me to contribute to fields ranging from Litigation to Institutional Design, and from Public-Private Partnerships to Environmental Policy. Interdisciplinary study helps one avoid the myopia of a disciplinary orthodoxy, such as black letter law. These different domains can only be understood (and contributed to) from an interdisciplinary perspective that encompasses the different dimensions and stakes involved in each context.

How does interdisciplinarity influence the visibility of your published work?

I receive input on my work and requests for collaboration from beyond the legal field - such as from academics and researchers in economics and public policy. I have also had opportunities to advise public institutions on matters ranging from Foreign Direct Investment to Law Enforcement Reform.

In your opinion, what is the usefulness of an interdisciplinary legal teaching in Pakistan? What is SAHSOL’s contribution to the legal landscape of the country?

Teaching across disciplines provides students with multiple critical perspectives on the theory and practice of law: they are able to see laws and compare legal regimes analytically rather than didactically. This is reflected in the achievements of our students, who are able to place themselves not only in leading graduate programs around the world, but also in the civil service, entrepreneurial and startup ventures, journalism, and the arts.

Which community engagement project do you believe allowed you to make the greatest impact and how?

We led a clinic on legislative drafting, and a fundamental outcome of the clinic was to prepare a handbook on legislative drafting and interpretation for lawmakers. We also drafted a policy on consular access for our embassies around the world. We placed students who participated in the clinic with leading lawyers in Punjab province, where they contributed to a range of relevant cases.

You are currently the Head of Department at SAHSOL, what do you find most challenging about this role?

There are many forms to fill, pages to proofread, and people to chase, especially near the start and end of a semester.

Teaching and Learning collaborations

The Centre for Human Rights, Birmingham City University Externship Program

Three BA.LLB students Ms Momina Khurshid, Ms Bilques Bano Vardag, and Ms Maria Shoaib Khan had the opportunity to gain experience in the area of human rights evaluation and reporting under the tutelage of faculty from BCU’s Centre for Human Rights. SAHSOL students conducted extensive research on children’s rights in Ghana. The research report is due to be submitted in June 2022 to the UN Human Rights Council’s Universal Periodic Review Mechanism.

Justice Project Pakistan, Criminal Defense and Investigation

SAHSOL offered a course on criminal litigation in collaboration with Justice Project Pakistan. The course covered best practices in the defense of capital punishment cases, based on the experiences of advocates from around the world, international human rights principles, and the jurisprudence of both national courts and international tribunals. Teaching alongside Ms. Sarah Belal (Executive Director, JPP) was a team of people with varied expertise: Dr Qadeer Alam (Assistant Inspector General, Prisons), Dr. Khurram Sohail (Medical Jurisprudence specialist), Ms Neeli Rana (Transrights Activist), Mr Sohail Yafat (Criminal Defense Investigator) and many more.

The Legal *writing lab*

The Legal Writing Lab is a student-run initiative managed by fourth and fifth-year law students including Mr Yahya Assad Rana, Ms Zainab Aejaz Khan, Ms Syeda Areeba Hussain and Ms Marha Fathma who have received extensive training on legal writing by faculty members. The lab provides tailored advice to students for strengthening their analytical, critical, and persuasive writing skills. Student members of the Lab provide one on one sessions and online consultations. In addition, the Lab plans to offer collaborative workshops with faculty members in the coming year.



LUMS Law & Politics *society*

In December 2021, our student led society held a workshop on Intellectual Property Rights in collaboration with LUMS Office of Research and Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan (IPO). It featured important topics such as patent in industry, copyright protection, trademark and its application in business and patent drafting. In March, a talk on Electronic Voting Machines and the Legality of the E-voting Process, with eminent participants such as Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary (Minister for planning, development and special initiatives), Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob (President PILDAT) and Barrister Mr. Ali Zafar examined the legality and feasibility of introducing e-voting in the electoral process.

LPS also organized a launch for Diplomatic Footprints, a recently published book by Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhary (Former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan).



Experiential *learning*

Participation in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition

Five SAHSOL students; Ms. Marha Fathma, Ms Safa Imran, Mr Talha Riaz, Mr Sameed Ali and Ms Rabbiya Ali as advised by their coach Umair Ahmed (BA/LLB 2019) participated virtually in the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. After their excellent performance in the National Rounds, the team made it into the top 10 teams in Pakistan. Ms. Rabbiya Ali ranked as the 6th best oralist in Pakistan, out of the 67 participants in the tournament.

The 5th UNHCR - LUMS International Moot Court Competition 2022

SAHSOL hosted teams from law schools across the country for this competition. Mr. Ahmer Bilal Soofi, Mr. Salman Akram Raja, Mr. Saroop Ijaz and Mr. Saad Rasool judged the finalists and awarded the trophy to SZABIST School of Law, Karachi. The Dennings Law School, Karachi received the award for runners-up.



A Legal day out:

Continuing a SAHSOL tradition, Mr. Muhammad Imran (Deputy Manager, Office of the Dean) arranged day trips for SAHSOL students to the Supreme Court in Islamabad and to the Lahore High Court. While attending a full bench proceeding, the students from SAHSOL were greeted and offered encouragement from the Honourable Chief Justice Mr Umar Ata Bandial and Mr Justice Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi. Students also attended proceedings in the court of honorable Mr. Justice Shahid Karim and also visited the LHC Museum & Research Center as well as the Punjab judicial academy.



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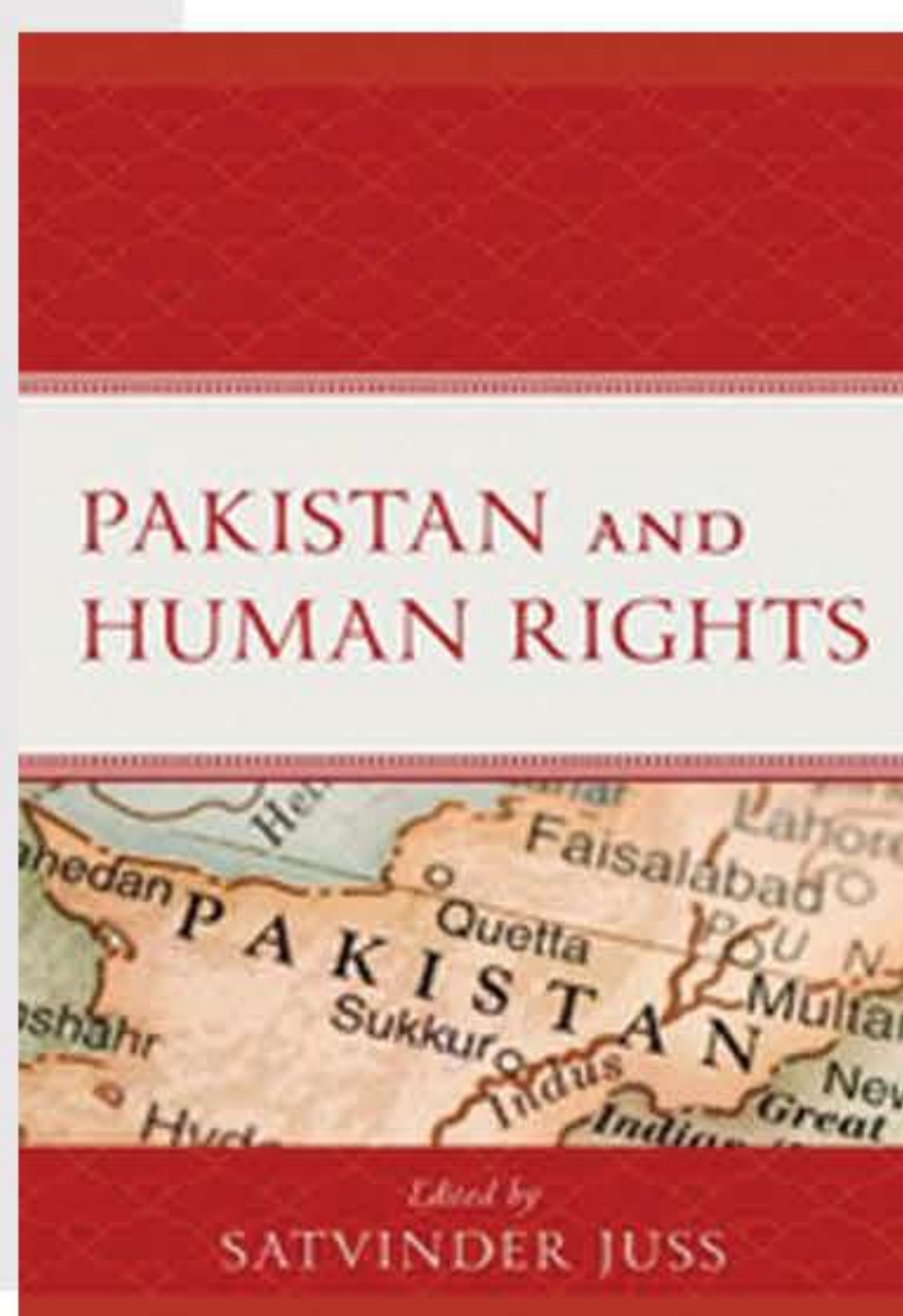
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Faculty publications

The growing significance of SAHSOL's contribution to legal scholarship in Pakistan is exemplified in the recently published volume "**Pakistan and Human Rights**", edited by Professor Satvinder Juss of Kings College, London.

Comprising more than half the chapters in the volume, the innovative contributions of members of the SAHSOL faculty and alumni enrich the volume, outlining scholarship in the area well into the future.

- The Law and Economy of Human Rights in Pakistan, Uzair J. Kayani
- Special Courts in Pakistan, Marva Khan
- Taking Children's Rights Seriously; Is Pakistan Ready, Adnan Sattar
- Poverty, Bonded labor and Unaccountable Supply Chains: The Case of Brick Kiln Workers in Pakistan, Adnan Sattar and Maleeha Sattar
- Enforced Disappearances in Pakistan, A tool of Terror, Reema Omar (BA.LLB Class of 2010)



Students' achievements

1. BA.LLB student Mr Syed Qasim Abbas (class of 2024) co-authored an article with Mr Syed Mubashar Ali Shah Rizvi on "**U.S. Freedom of Navigation Operations and Pakistan-Legality under International Law and Geopolitical Implications**" for the Research Society of International Law (RSIL), a Pakistan-based policy and research institution. Additionally, Qasim's opinion piece on Craig Jones' book "The War Lawyers: The United States, Israel, and the Juridical Warfare" also appeared in RSIL Law Review indexed on Hein online.



2. Mr. Mohammad Aafaq Lone (class of 2022) co-founded a Digital Marketing Firm named e-Syndicate Marketers with other two BA.LLB students Mr Nabeel Ahmad Chauhan (class of 2022) and Muhammad Usman (class of 2023). The firm specializes in E-Commerce Product Compliance & Advertisement, currently operating in the Amazon US and UK markets. It was formally established 4 months ago and currently has 6 employees but have been working in the industry for the last 2.5 years with the current client portfolio averaging monthly around \$15,000.



3. Ms. Fatima Khan (class of 2022) founded the Legal Aid Bureau in collaboration with Adal Aur Sehat, a Karachi based NGO to offer pro-bono services to victims of domestic violence and abuse. It provides free legal aid to women belonging from destitute communities and underprivileged socio-economic class. The Bureau has been successful in securing protection orders for three clients.



4. In December 2021, SAHSOL's Dean's Honor List ceremony was held to honor 76 of our students for high academic achievement. Families of our students, faculty members, members of the administration and of the Management Committee all joined in this occasion.



3. Mr. Saroop Ejaz (class of 2008) has been appointed Human Rights Watch's Senior Asia Counsel in addition to continuing in his role as Pakistan representative.



4. Ms Hira Jaleel (class of 2017) was recently part of an important decision for wild animals and birds in Pakistan in a case before the Lahore High Court resulting in the ban of electronic decoys and PCP guns in hunting. She is also the first Lewis & Clark Law School Animal Law LLM '20 alumna and CALS Global Ambassador to teach Pakistan's first-ever Animal Law course as an adjunct faculty member at SAHSOL LUMS this spring 2022 semester.



5. Mr Syed Umair Javed (class of 2008) was appointed as Registrar at the Competition Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad.



6. Mr Abdul Wahab Niaz (class of 2020) joined as a Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of Pakistan with the Honourable Chief Justice of Pakistan.



Alumni achievements

1. Mr Ammar Athar Saeed (Class of 2009) has been enrolled as the Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He is the first SAHSOL graduate to be accredited to appear before the Supreme Court.



2. Two of our alumni are position holders in the 2021 CSS Examination; Mr Akbar Saeed (Foreign Service of Pakistan FSP, Merit 49) and Mr Muhammad Arslan Mughal (CSS, Pakistan Customs Service, Merit 79), both from the class of 2019.



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