



# LUMS

A Not-for-Profit University



# قانون

## QANOON

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
SHAIKH AHMAD HASSAN SCHOOL OF LAW  
(SAHSOL)

SPRING AND SUMMER EDITION 2023

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

## Dean's Message

02

*Dr. Sadaf Aziz*

## In Memoriam: The Honorable Justice (R) Fazal Karim

03-04

*Presenting the illustrious career highlights  
of Justice Fazal Karim.*

## Events at SAHSOL

05 - 08

*Conference on The Constitution of Pakistan at 50  
Pedagogical Training for Legal Academics  
Talks, Roundtables, Screening and Workshops*



## Faculty News

09

*Promotion, Publications, Outreach,  
Community Work*

## In Conversation With

10

*Dr. Sikander Ahmed Shah  
Associate Professor, SAHSOL  
Director, Centre for Chinese Legal Studies*

## Teaching, Learning and Research Collaborations

11.

*Expanding our Programmes  
Clinical Education  
LUMS Law Clinic  
Human Rights Clinic*

## Student Support at SAHSOL

12

*Pod Pal System  
Advising Helpdesk  
Faculty Advising Workshops  
The Legal Writing Lab*

## SAHSOL Career and Mentoring Services

12

*Alumni Mentoring Programme  
Annual Law Firms Networking Session  
A Survey of Legal Firms*

## SAHSOL Alumni Accomplishments and Publications

13

*Professional and Academic Growth  
Contributions to the Legal Field*

## SAHSOL Student Accomplishments

14

*Student achievements beyond academia  
Student & Faculty Partnerships  
Convocation 2023*

## Law and Politics Society

15

*Society Events, Impact and Outreach*

## Digital Privacy in Pakistan: Ending the Era of Self-Regulation

16

*LUMS Law Journal  
Volume 10*

## Farewell & Graduate Diaries

17-18

*SAHSOL bids Farewell to Class of 2023  
Student Success Stories and Testimonials*

## SAHSOL Staff Achievements, Learning and Growth

20

*Vice Chancellor's Service Excellence Award  
Resource Expansion  
Trainings and Workshops*

# DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear All,

As we get ready to embark on a fresh academic year, we cannot help but reflect on the great challenges and difficulties of the last year. The catastrophic floods, political turbulence and skyrocketing inflation have impacted us all to varying degrees. While there is certainly an unequal distribution of risk and advantage between us, we can at least learn from this diversity while we are situated here in this University. Over these last years, it has been an honour and a revelation to be able to witness the engagements of students and graduates from SAHSOL in addressing these and other urgent issues. As members of faculty and SAHSOL administration, we are looking forward to supporting and facilitating greater opportunities for learning and growth for our students in the coming year and hope that the classrooms, seminars and other events that draw on the knowledge and experience of those who work in diverse areas will enhance our students ability to face the many challenges that are upon us.

This newsletter catches us all up on the events that unfolded in the Spring Semester of our last academic year. We hope that you will enjoy reliving some of the events of which you were a part and also be inspired to keep an eye out for the many lectures, panels, film showings and other events that are being scheduled for the coming academic year.

I have the pleasure of announcing the addition of new faculty and administrative staff. On the faculty front, we are immensely excited to welcome onboard Dr. Summaiya Zaidi and Mr. Umar Ali. Dr. Zaidi is an alumnus of SAHSOL from where she went on to study for an LL.M at SOAS and then completed her Ph.D at Osgoode Hall School of Law at York University in Toronto.

Mr. Ali gained his LL.B from SOAS and LL.M at Fordham Law School. Both of them further strengthen the bridge to other disciplinary traditions that is a hallmark of teaching at the School, with deep immersions in history and political science, between them.

Our staff hires include Ms. Rida Awais as Communications Specialist. Ms. Awais should be everyone's go-to person for publicising events and achievements as she is handling our social media presence as well as other communication channels with the community. Mr. Muhammad Azam is a familiar face from his time at the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies and is now working at SAHSOL. Mr. Azam has completed an LL.B and is currently pursuing an M.Phil in Management Sciences. He will be situated in the front office working on a range of operations matters.

As most of you already know, we sadly lost a beloved teacher of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Justice Fazal Karim some weeks ago. Justice Sahib lived a rich and fulfilled life and amongst his many legacies are the students of this school who benefitted immeasurably from his teaching in the years 2008 – 2019. Those who did not have the pleasure of his instruction will nonetheless benefit from his knowledge and erudition contained in volumes such as "Judicial Review of Public Actions (Second Edition)."

## DR. SADAF AZIZ

Dean and Associate Professor of Law  
SAHSOL, LUMS

# IN MEMORIAM: THE HONORABLE JUSTICE (R) FAZAL KARIM



The SAHSOL family is deeply saddened to learn about the passing of our mentor, friend, senior colleague, and tireless torchbearer, the Honourable Mr. Justice (R) Fazal Karim. Justice Karim was a key influence and inspiration to generations of our faculty and students. His magisterial *Judicial Review of Public Action* is a model of Pakistani and comparative scholarship that features prominently in a range of publications and courses emanating from SAHSOL and beyond. Justice sb gave selflessly of his time and wisdom over a long association with the Law School during its formative years. Everyone associated with the School owes a great debt or gratitude to him.

Justice Karim had a wide-ranging career of great distinction in the judiciary and in legal academia. He served on the Supreme Court from 1994 to 1996, and on the Lahore High Court from 1987 to 1993. In March 2023, he was awarded the Hilal-e-Imtiaz by the President of Pakistan for excellence in his field, along with 135 local citizens and foreign nationals. Justice sb was a rare luminary who ascended to the highest court of the land after making his mark as a civil judge in the lower courts.

Notably, he crafted the comprehensive *Bench Book for the District Judiciary*, an authoritative guide catering to the intricate demands of daily judicial and administrative tasks. No other academic could speak with the authority of Justice sb on our district courts. His work "*Access to Justice*": *A Handbook for Civil and Criminal Litigation*, proved to be an invaluable resource for legal practitioners and enthusiasts alike.

## Presenting the illustrious career highlights of Justice Fazal Karim:

- Appointed as a Civil Judge in 1960
- First Parliamentary Secretary to the Ugandan Government between 1974 and 1976
- Served as Judge at the Lahore High Court from 1987 to 1993
- Elevated to Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 1994
- Retired from the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 1996

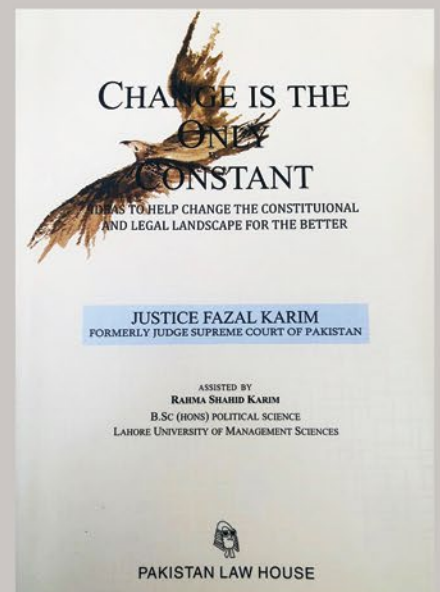
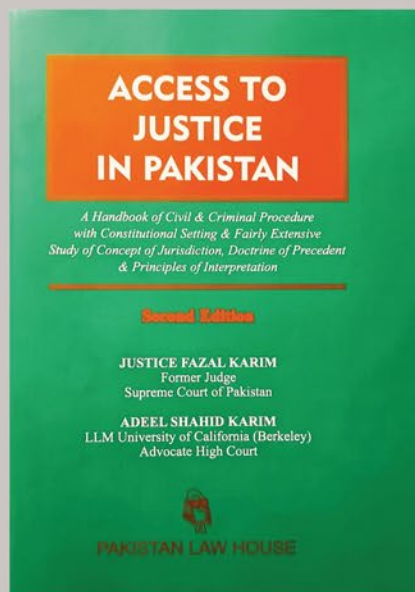
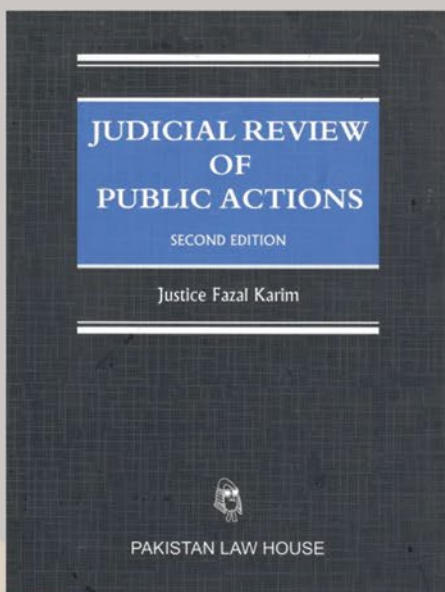
Since its establishment as a department within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Justice Karim has been linked with SAHSOL. In this capacity, he has guided numerous cohorts of LUMS graduates and even dedicated the initial edition of his book, "The Law of Criminal Procedure," to SAHSOL's inaugural graduating class.

His legacy encompasses a dynamic career that spanned the judiciary, education, and international legal engagement. As SAHSOL proudly reflects on its association with this distinguished academic and former Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, we recognise the privilege of being linked to such an exemplary individual. His legacy enriches our academic community and will continue to inspire the next generation of legal professionals.



*“For those who knew him and had the pleasure of being taught by him or working alongside him, he will be remembered fondly for his honesty, profound understanding of the law, and steadfast dedication to maintaining fairness”.*

From the Faculty, Staff, Alumni  
and Students at SAHSOL



# EVENTS AT SAHSOL

## Conference on *The Constitution of Pakistan at 50: Reading the Past and Charting the Future*

SAHSOL hosted 'The Constitution of Pakistan at 50: Reading the Past and Charting the Future', an interdisciplinary endeavour to critically reflect upon the text and life of the 1973 Constitution of Pakistan. An opening statement for the two-day event was delivered by Dr. Parvez Hassan who highlighted the challenges we face in realising a more stable constitutionalism in the country. The Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Moeen Cheema, Associate Professor, Australian National University, who had been Assistant Professor at SAHSOL from 2004-2009. In this talk, he focused on comparative constitutional design by reference to the instruments and institutions capable of ameliorating conflict in deeply divided societies within the Global South. A plenary session focused on Dr. Rohit De's book, *The People's Constitution* was held. The book provides a detailed account of the strategies, struggles and the social context of constitutional cases fought in the early years after independence.

The conference comprised of three panel discussions. The first panel on Federalism, Resources & Minorities in Pakistan, moderated by Dr. Sadaf Aziz included Mr. Rafay Alam (VP-Punjab, Pakistan Environmental Law Association), Dr. Rafiullah Kakar (Member- Social Sector & Devolution, Planning Commission of Pakistan) and Dr. Sikander Shah (Associate Professor, SAHSOL & Director CCLS). The second panel on perspectives regarding the expanse of rights conferred in the constitution, moderated by Dr. Adnan Sattar had



A panel discussion on Federalism, Resources & Minorities in Pakistan.



Keynote Address by Dr. Moeen Cheema, on comparative constitutional design and process in a divided society.

participation from Dr Ghazal Asif (Assistant Professor, LUMS), Ms. Reerna Omar (Lawyer and Human Rights Professional) and Mr. Salman Akram Raja (Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan). Ms. Hiba Akbar moderated the last session on 'Feminist Re-imagining of the Constitution'. Ms. Marva Khan, Ms. Sara Malkani (Advocate, High Court) and Dr. Sarah Humayun were the panelists for the session.

In addition to these panels and sessions, Hamid Khan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan, delivered a set of illuminating closing remarks that encapsulated some of the major continuing problems of restoring civilian supremacy and constitutional guidance in the country.



A panel discussion on perspectives regarding the expanse of rights conferred in the constitution.

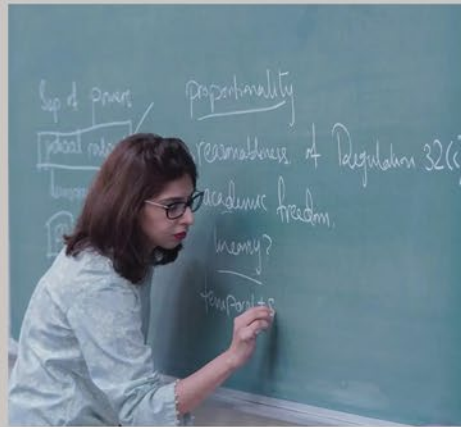


## Designing and Teaching Effective Law Courses: Pedagogical Training for Legal Academics



A group photo of the participants with esteemed guests at the closing ceremony held at the Asifa Irfan Moot Court, SAHSOL. Notable guests included Mr. Usama Malik (Director, Directorate of Legal Education, PBC), Dr. Parvez Hassan (Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan), Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarrar (Law and Justice Minister), Justice Ali Baqir Najafi, Justice Asim Hafeez, Justice Jawad Hassan, Mr. Ahsan Bhoon (former President Supreme Court Bar Association) and Mr. Hassan Raza Pasha (Chairman Executive Committee, PBC).

SAHSOL organised a unique workshop with LUMS Learning Institute and Pakistan Bar Council's Directorate of Legal Education in June. More than 21 Deans, HODs, and law instructors from public legal education institutes nationwide participated. The training covered course design for law students, including teaching skills and a lesson demo for feedback, to enhance practical application of new knowledge.



## Consultation Workshop on Punjab Protection of Women against Violence Act 2016 for Legal Experts in Pakistan

SAHSOL, Social Welfare Department Govt. of Punjab, Punjab Women Protection Authority (PWPA), and Dastak Charitable Trust collaborated for a discussion on implementing the Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence Act 2016. Experts debated whether the law should be criminal or civil and if enough resources were allocated for enforcement. Suggestions included databases, training, special courts, and swift relief for victims. Mr. Mudassar Riaz Malik from SWD attended, and Mr. Arshad Waheed (DG, PWPA) thanked participants, with appreciation tokens given at the closing ceremony.





The UNHCR partnered with Dr. Sikander Shah and Professor Uzair Kayani to lead a workshop promoting refugee law courses in the BA-LL.B curricula of legal educational institutions across the country. The event brought together legal academics from leading institutions across the country and the Honourable Justice Jawaad Hassan delivered a concluding statement.

*Law, Justice, and Academia: Bridging the Gap between Legal Theory and Legal Practice* with Ms. Jazeela Aslam (District and Sessions Judge Sialkot), Barrister Taimur Malik, and Mr. Faisal Siddiqi in March. This event commemorated the completion of 10 years of the LUMS Law Journal, Pakistan's first peer-reviewed law journal.



A documentary screening by Voicepk on *Fighting Back from the Digital Fringes* depicting women's responses to online harassment. The panel was moderated by Munizae Jehangir (Pakistani Journalist) and Usama Khilji (Activist and Columnist).

At a launch event for the Human Rights Watch Report, Pakistan's Health Care Crisis in Prisons, where Ms. Haya Zahid (CEO, Legal Aid Society), Ms. Sarah Belal (Executive Director, Justice Project Pakistan), Mr. Saroop Ijaz (Lawyer, Country Representative, Human Rights Watch) and Ms. Angbeen Atif Mirza (Assistant Professor, SAHSOL) discussed the report.



Barrister Usama Malik, Director (Directorate Legal Education of the Pakistan Bar Council and Deputy Advisor to the Ministry of Law and Justice) speaks to students about emerging areas of practice in the legal field.



*Mental Health and Criminal Laws* by Dr. Tariq M. Hassan (Mental Health Expert, Head of Forensic Psychiatry & Associate Professor, Queen's University Canada) in collaboration with Justice Project Pakistan, hosted by Ms. Hiba Akbar.





SAHSOL hosted lawmakers, government officers, and parliamentarians from Sindh, expressing shared commitment to collaborate and seek faculty input on legislation and policy analysis.



A talk on 'Aspects of Commercial Law in the UK' by Mr. Sufiyaan Rana (Barrister, Deputy District Judge (civil) Northern Circuit, Tribunal Judge in Mental Health Chamber) hosted by Dr. Sheharyar Hamid.

Shahid Ahmad Hassan School of Law

Join us for a lecture on

### Development of Environmental Jurisprudence in Pakistan

Event Details:  
Date / Time: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 (3:00PM-4:30PM)  
Venue: Asifa Irfan Moot Court, Law Building



Guest Speaker  
**Dr Parvez Hasan**  
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan  
Senior Partner, Hassan & Hassan (Advocates)  
PhD, Harvard University, USA

Shahid Ahmad Hassan School of Law

Join us for a talk on

### 'Who Watches the Watchmen? Institutional Design for Better Outcomes and Accountability'

by Mr. Omar Shahid Hamid  
(Deputy Director General of the Intelligence Bureau)




SAHSOL Dean's Office organised an iftar for its community to mark the end of spring semester.



SAHSOL students gathered in the open-air central courtyard at an evening to enjoy the movie screening 'Legally Blonde' with their friends.



SAHSOL faculty held their inaugural retreat at Pearl Continental, Lahore. They enjoyed recreational activities and discussed the impact of curricular and programmatic changes on students.



# FACULTY NEWS

Uzair Jamil Kayani has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. He joined as a Visiting Assistant Professor in 2012. He has taught Torts, Contracts, Law and Regulation, and Law and Economics to law students and has provided instruction in Business Law at the Suleman Dawood School of Business. Notable articles and chapters by Mr. Kayani include 'Law Done Backwards: The Tightening of Civil and Loosening of Criminal Protections', 'The Law and Economics of Human Rights in Pakistan', and other works that employ novel methods for investigating aspects of Pakistan's law and legal structure. Professor Kayani is currently Head of Department at SAHSOL.



## Faculty Appearances and Engagements:

1. Angbeen Atif Mirza, spoke at the Digital Rights Foundation's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Data Privacy Conference. She presented at the GAJE-IJCLE-SAULCA Worldwide Conference on Justice Education and participated in the ICON•S winter/summer school at the University of New South Wales.
2. Dr. Sikandar Ahmed Shah spoke at a roundtable conference at the National Defence University. He is selected as a fellow for the Commonwealth Futures Climate Research Cohort 2023-2024.
3. Aisha Ahmad successfully defended her thesis, 'Accumulation by Juridical Dispossession: A Socio-Legal Study of Law and Capital in Lahore Pakistan, at the Department of International Development, Oxford University, UK.
4. Dr. Sheharyar Hamid invited by SECP to be a part of the round table discussion on the use of ADR in corporate disputes. He attained certification of Entrepreneurial Coaching by Saarland University & Athens University at LUMS.
5. Marva Khan presented a forthcoming publication in the International Workshop Series titled "Re-Imagining Federalism I in Pakistan: Issues of Devolution and Reform", by HEC-LUMS & Campus France.
6. Hiba Akbar participated in public discussions on 'Women Rising: Equality and Empowerment' for HRCP's podcast 'Haq Baat' and 'Citizenship Rights in Pakistan' at Forman Christian College.
7. Dr. Faiza Ismail, Ms. Marva Khan & Ms. Hiba Akbar have completed the faculty certification in teaching and learning in higher education through the LUMS Learning Institute (LLI)

# IN CONVERSATION WITH

## Dr. Sikander Ahmed Shah

Associate Professor, SAHSOL  
Director, Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS)

Professor Sikander Ahmed Shah, a distinguished founding member of Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL) at LUMS, currently serves as the Director of the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies (CCLS) at SAHSOL. He has vast international experience in Public International Law, Human Rights, Corporate Governance, and more. As an author, he has written on "International Law and Drone Strikes in Pakistan." Additionally, Professor Shah has provided legal advice to Pakistan's Foreign Minister and actively contributes to projects related to human rights and criminal justice reform.



### 1. What subjects do you teach at SAHSOL, and what are your main areas of legal research?

I teach a variety of courses at SAHSOL, some of which include Public International Law, Refugee Rights, Environmental Law, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Comparative Constitutionalism, and Constitutional Theory. These are also the areas in which I conduct most of my academic research.

### 2. Can you describe your journey to becoming a legal academic? Was it a career path you intended to pursue?

From the beginning, I intended to focus on Law and Public Policy. However, in law school, I decided that I would move into academia, specifically in Pakistan. I wanted to work at the grassroots level and engage with societal issues. In this vein, I pursued and completed a PhD in the Social Sciences subsequently.

### 3. Could you provide some information about the specific activities and contributions of the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies, which you have been leading at SAHSOL?

Through CCLS, we have conducted cutting edge research and teaching on the CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) and the BRI (Belt and Road Initiative) in Pakistan. We have also engaged with key stakeholders both within and outside of Pakistan. We have built linkages with the Chinese Government and Universities and will be collaborating with them in the near future. Our main focus has been on economic and social empowerment in Pakistan using China as an example.

*"As academics, our responsibility is to bring Pakistan's diverse challenges to the forefront, sparking serious societal debates for democratic reform and holding those in power accountable."*

### 4. Congratulations on your PhD! Can you give us an overview of your dissertation's key areas of focus and course of study?

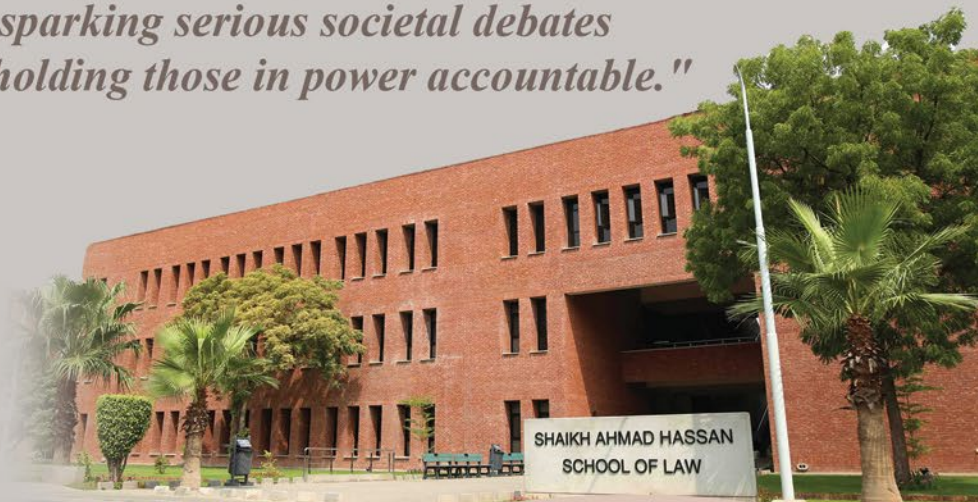
My PhD centered on political theory and democracy, specifically examining how communal rights for minority protection and strengthening local government through federalism can bring political stability to Pakistan.

### 5. Have you come across any recent readings that have influenced or inspired your work?

Most of the recent literature on the developing world's engagement with international law is quite critical and interesting.

### 6. In your view, what are Pakistan's most pressing problems that you believe you can contribute to addressing?

Pakistan is currently confronting a multitude of challenges, some originating domestically and others influenced by global developments. These issues encompass economic, social, cultural, and political complexities that pose considerable difficulties in finding swift solutions. As academics, our responsibility is to bring these issues to the fore and promote a serious debate in society so that these issues can be resolved through democratic reform. The objective should be to hold those in power accountable.



## Teaching, Learning and Research Collaborations



Dr. Sikander Ahmed Shah is currently leading and implementing the project on “Protecting and Promoting Children’s Rights in Pakistan” in collaboration with the American Bar Association. They have prepared and implemented trainings to paralegals and community workers in Lahore and Islamabad on issues relating to Children in Domestic Labour and Child Sexual Abuse.



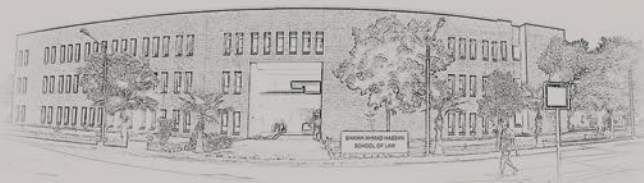
The Street Law Programme led by Angbeen Atif Mirza embarked on a journey to teach and learn from secondary school students in Chungi Amer Sadhu. Students engaged in skits, debates, and problem-solving activities related to scenario-based learning topics. Ms. Mirza also collaborated with the Legal Aid Society for a session on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to Paralegals.



In an effort to enhance student interest in developing scholarship in the area of Company Law, SAHSOL and Mohsin Tayebaly & Co ran an Essay Competition for junior year law students. Top students from the commercial law classes competed for a chance to intern at Mohsin Tayebaly & Co.



The Chinese Consulate General in Lahore, Mr. Zhao Shiren, visited CCLS and SAHSOL and commemorated the 72nd anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China. The Chinese delegation also included Mr. Chen Bo (Secretary, Chinese Consulate), Ms. Hui Qi (Instructor Chinese language), Mr. He Wei, (Chief Representative, Harbin Electric International) and Mr. Wei He (Country Representative, China Machinery Engineering Corporation).



## Expanding our Programmes and Clinical Education

### BA-LL.B Programme

As a continuing part of offering new advanced law elective courses, following were the offerings in the spring semester: International Corporate Finance and Insolvency Law, International Comparative Corporate Governance, Law of International Transport, Political Meritocracy, and the limits of Democracy, Marxists Theories of Law.



### Human Rights Clinic

The Second cohort of students enrolled in the collaborative Birmingham City University & SAHSOL Externship Program. Run through the Human Rights Clinic of BCU, the programme affords these students the chance to work towards developing stakeholder reports for the UN's Universal Periodic Report and to look at protections against domestic abuse in Chad, Mexico, and Afghanistan.



# STUDENT SUPPORT AT SAHSOL



## Pod Pals System

Advising services at SAHSOL have continued to oversee the Pod Pals system to provide peer mentoring and guidance.



## Faculty Advising Workshops

Dr. Shehryar Sikander Hamid & Ms. Angbeen Atif Mirza collaborated with the Central Advising Office to discuss student behaviors, academically struggling students and understanding faculty's role in mental health.



## The Legal Writing Lab

The lab partnered with Legal Writing instructors to train students in using search engines like Hein Online, LexisNexis, and Indian Qanoon for their projects. Student tutors Marha Fathma and Talha Riaz launched the 'Argumentation and Logical Reasoning Lab' as a pilot project with LUMS' Office of Academic Advising, Student Success, and the National Outreach Programme (NOP) Center.

# SAHSOL CAREER & MENTORING SERVICES

## Alumni Mentoring Programme

In collaboration with LUMS Law Alumni Association (LLAA), an online session on Future in Academia and Practice Abroad was hosted. Topics covered: global job markets, bar exams, LL.M admissions (US/UK), shifting from practice to academia, US law school scholarships, college choices, internships, and US job applications.

## SAHSOL Annual Law Firms Networking Session

SAHSOL and LUMS CSO organised a Law Networking Session in which partners and senior associates of 16 renowned Law Firms and NGOs joined SAHSOL faculty and students in May.



## A Survey of Legal Firms

A database for students seeking concise information about prospective employers is launched. We have also broadened our scope to include firms in Karachi.



# ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS



Ms. Summaiya Zaidi (2009) has successfully defended her PhD. “The Practitioner King: Legal Education and Practice in Pakistan” at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto.



Mr. Muhammad Faisal Sattar (2018) has been awarded the prestigious McCall MacBain Scholarship to pursue an LL.M at McGill University, Canada.



Ms. Maria Farooq (2008) joined a #womenin-law panel with partners from law firms across Pakistan to discuss women in litigation.



Ms. Hira Jaleel (2017) shared insights on animal agriculture in Pakistan at a seminar at Harvard Law School with Professor Kristen Stilt.



Mr. Raas Nabeel (2021) presented on the High Seas Treaty in Qingdao, China, emphasising capacity-building and technology transfer for the Global South. He connected with esteemed international experts at the conference, representing Pakistan.



Ms. Mehvish Muneera (2008) was listed in the 2023 'Women Leaders for Boards Directory'. She recently participated in a Ladies Fund event with His Excellency Tomas Smetanka, Czech Ambassador to Pakistan, and Madam Irena in Islamabad.



Mr. Usama Khawar (2015) and Mr. Muhammad Adil Chattha (2017) appeared in the show “The Debate” on PTV to discuss current legal issues and abolition of the colonial sedition laws.

Our alumni are effectively reaching a diverse audience through their print publications and articles and are extending their impact far and wide. The details of this are listed below:



1. Mr. Usama Khawar Ghumman, (2015) ‘Who makes Pakistan's budget and how they can do better’, “A Bill of Contention”, ‘Parliament vs the CJP: What is the hullabaloo over the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Bill, 2023?’ and ‘One man show: Is Parliament's move to curtail the CJP's powers justified?’
2. Mr. Basil Nabi, (2008) on ‘Constitutional Courts: a good idea?’, “Not a Numbers Game”
3. Muhammad Subhan Yaqub (2023) on ‘Managing the Green Climate Fund’
4. Mr. Mirza Moiz Baig (2017) ‘Supremely Fractured’
5. Ms. Summaiya Zaidi (2009) and Ammar Athar Saeed (2009) ‘Not Personal Assets’
6. Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Masood (2022) on ‘Juggling Judicature’
7. Professor Dr. Sikander Ahmad Shah ‘Associate Professor’ and Mr. Abid Rizvi (2009) on ‘Enforced disappearances’
8. Mr. Muhammad Subhan Yaqub (2023) on ‘Managing the Green Climate Fund - Business’
9. Mr. Mirza Moiz Baig (2017) on ‘Judicial Reconciliation’
10. Mr. Saroop Ijaz (2008) on ‘Balancing Act’
11. Ms. Reema Omer (2009) on ‘Patefamilias’
12. Mr. Omer Imran Malik (2017) on ‘Privacy and Government Surveillance of Communications’



1. Mr. Usama Khawar (2013) on ‘Budget-Making Process’, ‘Regulating Judicial Powers’



1. Mr. Salaar Khan (2016) ‘Everything Everywhere All at Once’, ‘Obviating the Obvious’.
2. Mr. Jahanzeb Sukhera (2019) on ‘What are the Judicial Reforms about?’



1. Mr. Malik Ahmed Hassan (2026) ‘Government of Law or Men?’
2. Ms. Amna Umar Khan (2018) ‘Banking for Women’

# SAHSOL STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Mr. Raja Orner (2027), Mr. Danish Adnan Murtaza (2027), Ms. Sakina Zulfiqar Ali (2025), Mr. Talha Qureshi (2025) and Ms. Fatima Iqbal (2025) won the 'Best Delegation Award' at the Istanbul International Model United Nations (IIMUN).



Ms. Umaimah Sajid (2025) and Ms. Laiba Abid (2027) won Best Small Delegation Award at the Harvard National Model United Nations, Boston, Massachusetts as part of the LUMUN team.

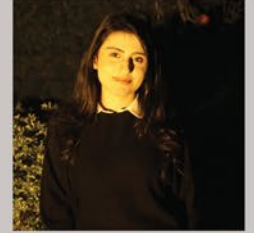


Mr. Muhammad Ali Kumail and Ms. Dua Zahra (2026) directed the play, Dastoor, at the Lahore Fort.



Student publications include: Muhammad Ibrahim Abro 'The Recruitment of Children for Armed Conflicts' and 'The Refugee Convention and Armed Conflict' (2023) published in RSIL.

Ms. Zara Zahid Khan (2027) awarded 'Top in the World' for Cambridge A-Level Law in November 2022.



Ms. Kainat Khan Niazi (2027) selected as a Team Leader and Head Delegate for outgoing global exchange in AIESEC.

Ms. Raheen Sajjad (2026) participated in the L'Oreal Brandstorm's National Final Round.

## Convocation 2023

The largest batch of SAHSOL students, graduated in the ceremony celebrating their accomplishments, with their families and loved ones in attendance to share in the joyous occasion.



Students gathered at the LUMS Convocation Ceremony '23 to celebrate graduation.



(Right to Left) Dr. Tariq Jadoon 'Provost', Dr. Parvez Hassan 'Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan', Ms. Saima Khawaja 'MC Member', Dr. Sadaf Aziz 'Dean', Prof. Uzair Kayani 'HOD, Associate Professor', and Dr. Faiza Ismail 'Assistant Professor' at the ceremony.

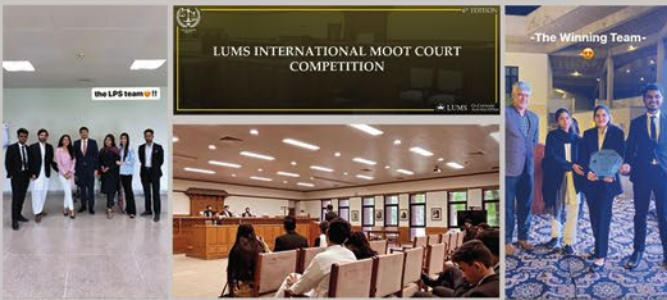
## Student and Faculty Partnerships



In Fall, Mr. Musa Saeed (2024) was awarded two grants: Co-Researchers Grant administered through the LUMS Learning Institute (LLI), along with Mr. Qasim Baig and Ms. Amna under the supervision of Ms. Angbeen Mirza to research Vagrancy Laws in Pakistan: the Sadia Waheed Gender Grant, to study the intersection of gender and the operation of Vagrancy Laws.

In Spring 2023, Ms. Minahil Tariq (2023) partnered with Ms. Hiba Akbar to design the course 'Crime, Justice and Society' and Ms. Aqsa Manzoor (2024) partnered with Dr. Sheharyar Hamid to design the course 'Commercial Law' under (LLI) Pedagogical Partnership Programme.

## THE LAW AND POLITICS SOCIETY



The sixth edition of its flagship event, the LUMS International Moot Court Competition (LIMCC) was held with teams from all over Pakistan participating in the event.



In collaboration with PEPSICO and City Traffic Police Lahore, an event was held to provide female students an exclusive access to gaining driver's learning license.



*Resurgence of Terrorism and the way forward* by Mr. Zulfiqar Hameed (Additional Inspector General, Special Branch, Pakistan Police service) and Mr. Tariq Khosa (Ex DG FIA/IGP).



The Social Responsibility Program (SRP) and the Cyte Foundation teamed up for a workshop at Tahira English Grammar School in Mehrpura Awan Town. The aim of the institute is to enhance local education.



# DIGITAL PRIVACY IN PAKISTAN: ENDING THE ERA OF SELF-REGULATION

**Muhammad Hammad Amin**

BA-LL.B Class of 2022

“Digital Privacy in Pakistan: Ending the Era of Self-Regulation”, written by Hammad Amin and Maira Hassan Khan, analyses the current data protection framework in Pakistan alongside the future steps that Pakistan aims to take in this regard. This article identifies the dire need to enhance data and privacy protection legal mechanisms as a response to the rise of tech giants and data hoarding companies. The vulnerability of developing countries such as Pakistan is highlighted as they lack the legal mechanisms to protect consumers from data exploitation.

This research paper initially discusses and expands on the concept of privacy in the constitutional framework of Pakistan, as well as in other laws. Subsequently, the paper discusses how tech giants conduct their activities in a manner which shows negligible regard for the data protection and privacy of their users. Issues of user consent and user profiling are highlighted as the practices of big tech companies such as Facebook and Google are discussed. The paper then goes on to juxtapose the US and the EU data protection frameworks in order to highlight the different approaches that both jurisdictions have taken to tackle a common problem.

The California Consumer Privacy Act (“CCPA”) is mostly discussed for insight into the US response, and the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) analysed for insight into the EU response. This comparative analysis highlights the different approaches which can be taken to protect consumers from data exploitation at the hands of big tech companies.

Even though Pakistan does not have any specific legislation for data protection, this paper analyses other legislations which partly and indirectly constitute the data protection framework in Pakistan. These legislations include the Contract Act, Consumer Act, and Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act. Furthermore, in order to analyse the steps that Pakistan’s legislature intends to take, the paper goes into a deep analysis of the Personal Data Protection Bill of 2021. By conducting a critical analysis of the bill, this paper is able to highlight the protective mechanisms and critique the existing lacunas within the legislation. Through this critical analysis, the paper concludes that Pakistan is in the right direction regarding data protection; however, further work needs to be done to ensure that consumer data and privacy is sufficiently protected.



## LUMS Law Journal

**Volume 10, 2023**

— Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law —  
LUMS



# FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2023 AND GRADUATE DIARIES

On June 23, the Office of the Dean at SAHSOL hosted a farewell dinner for the BA-LL.B class of 2023. Students, faculty and staff came together to reminisce and celebrate the graduating class at Avari.



## STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

### *Nameer Saeed Patel*



Nameer excelled in law, management consulting, and entrepreneurship, thanks to SAHSOL's transformative learning. He co-founded 'Tajarba,' empowering 200+ students with part-time jobs. Recently, the startup was sold. He's the first SAHSOL student to secure an associate consultant job in the Middle East at Bain & Company in Riyadh. Additionally, he founded Pakistan's first Entrepreneurial Support Network, leading 100+ students in nationwide entrepreneurship promotion.

### *Minahil Tariq*



Minahil's transformative journey at SAHSOL led her to exceptional scholarly achievements. As a Teaching Fellow for Teach for Pakistan's 2023 cohort, she ranked in the top 2%. Her published essay, "Trusting the Process: The Power of a Student Faculty Partnership," gained international recognition. Minahil made history as part of Pakistan's first team for the International Journal for Students as Partners (IJSaP) under Dr. Tayaba Tamim. Collaborating with Ms. Hiba Akbar, she co-designed a captivating post-colonial criminology course for South Asia.

### *Sameen Ahmed*



At SAHSOL, Sameen thrived with excellent instructors like Dr. Adnan Sattar and supportive batch-mates. She co-authored a published Bench Book on Muslim Family Laws for lower courts in Pakistan and helped develop a training manual for public prosecutors and legal aid lawyers. As a former NOP scholar, she mentored and instructed 60 students during a summer coaching session at the NOP Center, with some joining LUMS in fall 2024.

### *Amar Lal*



Amar's SAHSOL experience was thrilling and kind, with unwavering faculty and admin support. He founded Mask Banao, recognised by the US Library of Congress and UNICEF. He also received the Ernst Mach Grant for an Austria exchange programme and a job offer from Kearney's Middle East office as the first law student.

***Muhammad Sameed***



Sameed received valuable faculty guidance and formed enduring friendships at SAHSOL. He earned the Top Intern Award at Shell Summer Internship (2022), Outstanding Diplomacy honors at Harvard World Model UN conferences, and was elected Senior Batch Representative at LUMS Student Council. As Harassment Committee Chairperson, he set up the Anti-Harassment Helpline on campus.

***Muhammad Usman***



SAHSOL nurtured Usman's skills in analytics, risk assessment, communication, and legal acumen. He co-founded e-Syndicate Marketers Pvt. Ltd., a certified Amazon Advertising Verified Partner managing a USD 1.5 million portfolio for foreign brands. Additionally, Usman founded Edu-Catalyst, guiding over 1,500 students to secure 22 prestigious admissions, including one on a 120% NOP scholarship.

***Marha Fatima***



Marha is grateful for SAHSOL's enriching educational environment, which nurtured critical thinking and prepared her for a successful legal career with confidence. She co-founded two peer-run student support initiatives: Argumentation and Logical Reasoning Lab and Legal Writing Lab. Marha received two research grants from the LUMS Office of Research and LUMS Saida Waheed Gender Initiative, focusing on gendered issues like the inaccessibility of NADRA and Union Council's processes and documents for gender minorities.

***Haanya Cheema***



Haanya's LUMS experience surpassed expectations, providing transformative opportunities and a supportive environment for personal growth. She takes pride in being acknowledged in Ex Chief Justice Jawwad S. Khwaja's book, "Slaughtered Without a Knife: 16 Years a Judge." Founding the LUMS Historical Society and participating in research projects like the Pakistani Feminist Judgments Project and the United Nations' Universal Periodic Review have been significant accomplishments.

***Muhammad Rafeh***



Rafeh's SAHSOL experience was a journey filled with excitement, challenges, and moments of both exhilaration and exhaustion. He achieved notable accomplishments, co-authoring and publishing a paper on Disability Laws in Pakistan, contributing to the creation of the highly-rated course 'Gender Media and Education,' and publishing a blog post as an International Humanitarian Law Fellow.

***Muhammad Usman Khalid***



SAHSOL provided Usman with a wholesome academic experience, equipping him with exceptional skills essential for practical problem-solving. He held the position of Super Senior Batch Representative, served on the Academic Disciplinary Committee and Career Services Office Committee. Additionally, Usman taught law to underprivileged children through the "Street Law" course and organized National and International Moot Court competitions with LUMS Law and Politics Society.

***Syed Muhammad Aun Abbas***



Aun's journey felt like a roller coaster ride, witnessing both exhaustion and resilience among his peers from the last seat. He achieved the milestone of being published in the South Asian Law Review Journal and gained valuable experience drafting rules and policies during his RAship with Lewis and Clark Law School under Ms. Hira Jaleel. Remarkably, he graduated at the age of 20, managing to maintain his sanity throughout this challenging journey.

***Muhammad Talha Riaz***



Talha bids farewell to SAHSOL, leaving behind a journey filled with growth, cherished friendships, and impressive achievements. Proud recipient of the NMF gold medal, he served as Vice President for the Law and Politics Society. Talha's dedication extended beyond academics as he initiated the Argumentation and Logical Reasoning Lab for NOP students and tutored at the Legal Writing Lab. His published articles on the prestigious ICRC platform and consistent top-ranking position showcase his commitment to excellence.



*“Our evolving B.A-LL.B program reflects our commitment to specialization and expansion, empowering students with advanced legal training”.*

# STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LEARNING AND GROWTH

## Vice Chancellor's Award for Service Excellence 2023 and Promotion

This was awarded to Mr. Khalid Mehmood Siddiqui, Manager, Office of the Dean, LUMS. Mr. Siddiqui, an invaluable asset to LUMS' Law Department since 2007, provides unwavering administrative support to faculty, students, and alumni. He excels in overseeing diverse administrative tasks such as budgeting, faculty grants, and external grant collaboration. His commitment embodies LUMS' core values of excellence and integrity. Due to his invaluable support, he has been promoted to the position of Manager, Budget and Administration.

[mkhalid@lums.edu.pk](mailto:mkhalid@lums.edu.pk)



Ms. Nimra Parvez has been promoted to the position of Programme Coordination Lead. Her contributions have been instrumental in the establishment of the coordination department. She attended a workshop on 'Managing Workplace Dynamics' at SOE, LUMS.

[nimra.parvez@lums.edu.pk](mailto:nimra.parvez@lums.edu.pk)



Ms. Saleha Parvaiz has been promoted to the position of Academic Advising Lead. She has meticulously built the advising unit at SAHSOL. She also led a retreat for advising staff from all schools.

[saleha.parvaiz@lums.edu.pk](mailto:saleha.parvaiz@lums.edu.pk)

## Resource Expansion

We have expanded our staff at the Dean's office in the domains of communication and advisement to meet the increasing needs of the school and demands of the students.



SAHSOL welcomes Ms. Rida Awais as 'Communications Specialist' in the Office of the Dean. She previously worked as a Branding Specialist at the Office of Advancement and holds an MBA with majors in Marketing from Lahore School of Economics. Before joining LUMS, she gained valuable experience at renowned agencies like Bramerz and 3sCrowd. Rida, is responsible for managing the school's representation on all marketing channels including social media.

[rida.awais@lums.edu.pk](mailto:rida.awais@lums.edu.pk)



SAHSOL welcomes Mr. Muhammad Azam as an 'Advising and Coordination Specialist' at the Office of the Dean. His previous roles include Administration Specialist at the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies and IST, LUMS. Currently pursuing an MPhil at the University of Lahore, he brings a diverse background in Law & Commerce. After joining SAHSOL, Azam has played a key role in offering personalized guidance and assistance.

[muhammad.azam@lums.edu.pk](mailto:muhammad.azam@lums.edu.pk)

## Learning and Growth

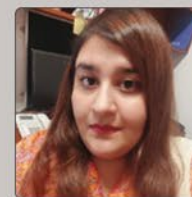
Our staff actively engages in diverse research-oriented and community initiatives as an integral aspect of their development and learning.



Mr. Muhammad Imran, Placements lead at the Office of the Dean, attended the SOE workshop "Communicating to Persuade and Influence" and a training on teaching and course design. He also published two articles on "The Role of Election Commission in Pakistan's Democracy Development" and "Article 140A of the

Constitution: Guarantor of Grassroot Democracy and Good Governance."

[mimran@lums.edu.pk](mailto:mimran@lums.edu.pk)



Ms. Sana Ayub Khan, Communications and Operations Lead, completed a course on Digital PR and Communication' with CES LUMS. She was selected by the International Office to partake in 'Effective Business Partnerships' training with B-International Consortium following a course certification on 'Building Internationalization in Pakistani Universities' with EU Erasmus & Cardiff Metropolitan University. Ms. Khan was invited by LUMS LCSS and Government of Punjab as a guest speaker to deliver a lecture to 1100 school children on 'Emotional Intelligence & Empathy' at Alhamra.

[sana.khan@lums.edu.pk](mailto:sana.khan@lums.edu.pk)



# LUMS

A Not-for-Profit University



DHA, Lahore Cantt 54792  
Lahore, Pakistan

Phone: +92-42-35608000 Ext: 8063, 8068 Fax: +92-42-3572-5048  
Email: [deansoffice.sahsol@lums.edu.pk](mailto:deansoffice.sahsol@lums.edu.pk)