

## Pakistan: Future Capacities



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Our shared vision of building capacity, creating opportunity, and developing infrastructure will serve as a common starting-point, and reposition debates on Pakistan.

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H.E. MR SYED IBNE ABBAS, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF PAKISTAN TO THE UK, ADDRESSING A RECEPTION FOR LSE ALUMNI AND STUDENTS FROM PAKISTAN, HOSTED BY SOUTH ASIA CENTRE, 16 FEBRUARY 2016.



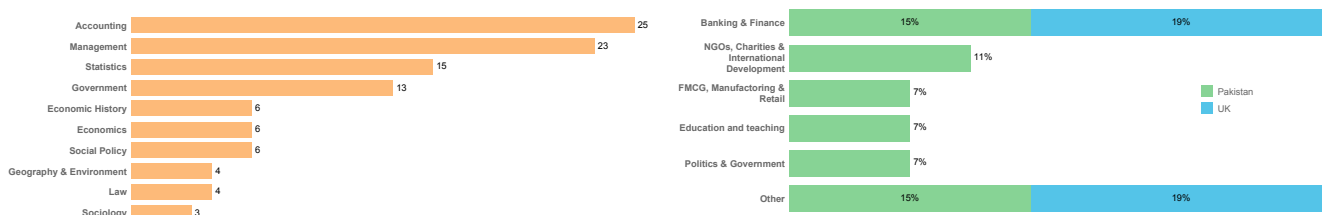
DR MUKULIKA BANERJEE (DIRECTOR, SOUTH ASIA CENTRE) ADDRESSING GUESTS AT THE SIND CLUB, KARACHI, 25 FEBRUARY 2016.

## South Asia Centre

The South Asia Centre at LSE – established in 2015 – marks a step-change in LSE's engagement with the region. LSE has more than 80 subject experts whose teaching and research interests concern South Asia: the Centre harnesses this world class inter- and multi-disciplinary expertise to underwrite the School's fundamental mission of impacting public awareness through informed knowledge. All activities of the Centre focus on public engagement and impact, capacity and skills development, and the creation of a global platform to engage with South Asia – whose particularities constantly challenge social science thinking about the region.

### Pakistan Students at LSE

In 2015–16, LSE had 127 Pakistani students across 21 departments, of which 79 were undergraduates and 48 postgraduates.



## Pakistan: Building Futures

The South Asia Centre wants to forefront Pakistan's human dividend to establish a long-term developmental graph intersecting with all sections of society through education, knowledge dissemination, and research-based policy planning.

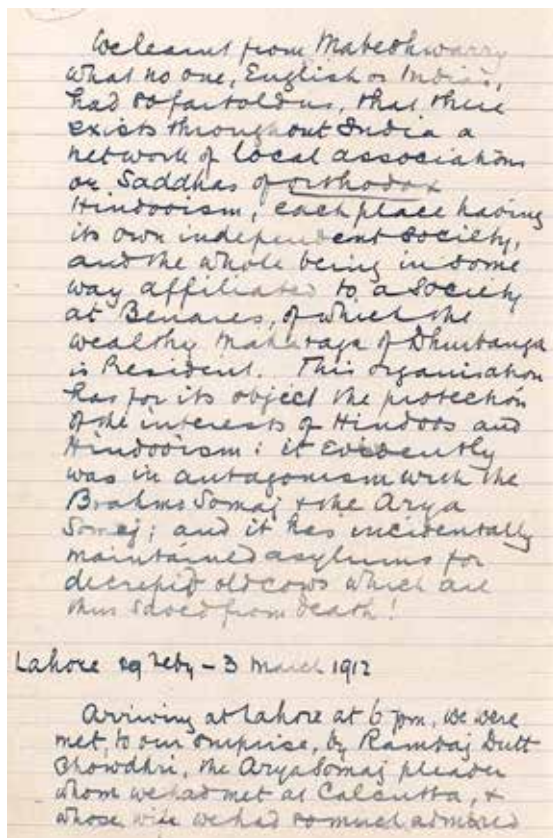
### 2015–16

- First-ever visit to Pakistan by a serving LSE Director (February 2016)
- Proposal to the Government of Pakistan to establish a Jinnah Professorial Chair that will spearhead the Pakistan Programme at the Centre
- 'Practitioners-in-Residence' proposal to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for serving officers to the Centre for a six-week residence to enable capacity-building amongst civil servants
- Meetings with business leaders of the community in Pakistan to support the Centre's agenda of research
- Visits to Higher Education institutions in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi to discuss collaborative ventures
- Events at LSE to forefront Pakistan's immediate ventures

### 2016–17

- First-ever LSE Pakistan Summit in Karachi to mark 70 years of Pakistan's independence (Apr 2017)
- Exhibition of archival documents from the LSE archives showing the build-up to the birth of Pakistan (Sep–Dec 2017)
- Events to mark 70 years of Pakistan's birth and independence in London and the UK in collaboration with the High Commission of Pakistan
- Pakistan Students Forum at LSE (Nov 2016)
- Karachi Literary Festival in London in collaboration with The Bloomsbury Pakistan Group
- Appoint the first Jinnah Chair Professor at LSE (subject to government approval of the proposal)
- Visiting Programme for Senators of the Government of Pakistan to discuss issues of good governance and grassroots democracy
- 2-week Programme for Masters students on Future Economics in Pakistan





BEATRICE WEBB'S DIARY FROM 3 MARCH 1912 RECORDING HER VISIT TO LAHORE, ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND SIDNEY.

## Future Capacities: The Pakistan Programme at LSE

Pakistan is the frontier of South Asia in the West – acting as an indispensable link between South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East. This strategic geo-political location makes Pakistan the principal hinge in the interests of several countries, and key to maintaining balance in the region.

From its first year, the South Asia Centre has focussed on developing a Pakistan Programme relevant to contemporary Pakistan because there is no such Programme currently in the world. The Centre wants to fill this gap through a long-term, relevant, sustainable and forward-looking agenda focussing on issues and topics confronting modern Pakistan, to develop a global hub for engagement with Pakistan on specific issues, bringing specialist, comparative and applied expertise to bear upon issues of interest to Pakistan.

The Centre's research agenda for Pakistan aims to prioritise new themes of research, away from the stereotypes of terrorism, strategic studies, violence and instability.

Select themes include

- Industry, Development and Natural Resources
- Philanthropy and Institution-Building
- Infrastructure and Demographic Dividends
- Water and Energy Security
- Urbanisation and the Middle Class
- Citizenship, Diaspora and Identity
- Aspirational Pakistan
- Pakistan between the Middle East and South Asia

The Pakistan Programme will comprise multiple elements of cross-cutting research and collaborative academic enterprise, including:

- Focused research themes and clusters
- Visiting Professorships, Senior Fellowships and Early Career Grants
- Academic events including seminars, conferences, public lectures and other events
- Executive Education Programmes
- Diffusion Programmes for students from Pakistan

## Outcomes

The Centre's aim is to work with all sectors of society – from the state and central governments to business houses (including NfPs like the Pakistan Business Council), higher education institutions, philanthropists and other individuals to

- **foster** future economic capacity
- **build** an educated workforce in different sectors
- **develop** capacity for leadership amongst new-age, younger generation Pakistanis
- **create** international networks of academics, business leaders, community professionals to link-up and debate Pakistan globally
- **generate** research-based outcomes on infrastructural needs and development specific to the country's needs – including urbanisation, education, transport & communication, and information technology
- **develop** policy-focused analysis and planning
- **produce** research-driven policy documents
- **curate** collaborative events with higher education institutions in Pakistan
- **create** an international platform of debate and dialogue about Pakistan
- **develop** databases and networks to connect business and entrepreneurial groups with younger-generational aspirational Pakistani youth

## Supporting the Pakistan Programme

The Centre needs to raise funds to establish and sustain the Pakistan Programme at LSE. You can support the Centre's Pakistan initiative in several ways. Supporters of the Pakistan Programme can gain naming rights for their sponsorships; and all endowments in excess of **£1 million** will automatically enter LSE's List of Benefactors.

**An endowed gift: £250,000** will enable the Centre to initiate the Pakistan Programme.

**A Senior Visiting Fellowship: £150,000 per fellowship** will let a senior academic expert or practitioner spend 3–6 months at the South Asia Centre to work on a focused topic of research.

**A research cluster: £100,000** will support a research group to begin work on a topic of contemporary relevance to Pakistan.

**An expert research theme: £50,000** will allow initial research on issues, both individually and from a multi-disciplinary perspective.

**International events: £5,000-25,000** will help us to organise international seminars, conferences, workshops, blogs, academics in the UK, and support outreach and impact of knowledge about Pakistan.

## LSE and Pakistan

LSE's connections with Pakistan go back more than a century when its Founders – Sidney and Beatrice Webb – visited Lyallpur, Peshawar and Lahore in 1911-12. Throughout this period, LSE has received some of its best students from Pakistan, and admissions continue to rise every year. We have a total of 872 Pakistani alumni on our database (with more than 150 in London alone), one of the highest in the world. Prominent alumni include Khawaja Muhammad ASIF, Makhdoom Khusró BAKHTIYAR, Ahmad KAMAL, Khan Abdul Qayyum KHAN, Makhdoom Ali KHAN, Maleeha LODHI, Shireen MAZARI, Marvi MEMON, Arif NAQVI, Fayeeza NAQVI, and Justice Dorab PATEL amongst several others.

## Faculty Members with a Research Focus on Pakistan

### International Growth Centre

Adnan Khan, Research and Policy Director

### International Development

Mahvish Shami, Assistant Professor

### Economics

Robin Burgess, Professor

Henrik Kleven, Professor

Oriana Bandiera, Professor

## Select PhD Research Projects on Pakistan

**Michael Taylor** (Anthropology) – Livelihoods, Rural Punjab

**Emrys Shoemaker** (International Development) – Social media, Mobile Phone Technology & Mobility

**Florian Weigand** (International Development) – State-building, Legitimacy, Security

**Anila Channa** (International Development) – Political Economy of Education, De-Centralisation, Social Capital



### LSE SU PAKISTAN SOCIETY

- One of the most active societies in the LSE Student's Union
- More than 500 students from different nationalities attended the Qawwali night on 17 November 2015
- Authentic Pakistani food



### PAKISTAN DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

- Debates issues of contemporary concern
- Forefronts challenges boldly
- Breaks away from stereotypes and opens up new questions



## LSE Institute of Global Affairs

The South Asia Centre is a part of the LSE Institute of Global Affairs. The Institute of Global Affairs offers a space dedicated to cutting-edge research, policy engagement and teaching across multiple disciplines to pioneer inclusive and locally-rooted responses to global challenges.

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