

# Pakistan

## 21-27 February 2016

**REPORT**

PROFESSOR CRAIG CALHOUN, LSE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT, WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE LSE SOUTH ASIA CENTRE, MEETING THE HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER MIAN NAWAZ SHARIF IN ISLAMABAD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2016.

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Pakistan Vision 2025 reflects the dreams of our growing numbers of educated and assertive young people. They are agents of change and their passion is the best guarantee we have of achieving the objectives of the Vision.

**Mian Nawaz Sharif**, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Pakistan

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It is very important that the global community develop a new understanding of Pakistan as a country enjoying economic growth and opportunity, participating more widely in international trade, and developing creative responses to social issues.

**Professor Craig Calhoun**, LSE Director and President



THE BADSHAHI MOSQUE, LAHORE, PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG



DR MUKULIKA BANERJEE, PROFESSOR CRAIG CALHOUN AND DR KAMAL AHMED MUNIR, LAHORE UNIVERSITY FOR MANAGEMENT STUDIES (LUMS), LAHORE, 23 FEBRUARY

## Introduction

A delegation from the South Asia Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science visited Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi from 21-27 February 2016. The delegation was led by Professor Craig Calhoun (Director and President, LSE), and included Dr Mukulika Banerjee (Director, South Asia Centre), Dr Nilanjan Sarkar (Deputy Director, South Asia Centre), and Dr Adnan Khan (Research and Policy Director, International Growth Centre). They were accompanied in Pakistan by alumni Ms Fayeza Naqvi (Co-founder and Chair, Aman Foundation) and Mr Ali Jameel (CEO, TPL Trakkers Pvt Ltd).

The trip was made possible by the wholehearted encouragement of the High Commission of Pakistan in London, the personal interest of HE Mr Syed Ibne Abbas, Hon'ble High Commissioner of Pakistan to the United Kingdom, and the support of Dr Israr Hussain (Deputy High Commissioner) and Mr S Mustafa Rabbani (First Secretary, Political).

The trip, which was the first ever trip to Pakistan by a serving LSE Director, was extremely successful, being covered by the media – both print and electronic. The trip met with widespread enthusiasm and support from all quarters.



PRESS CONFERENCE, KARACHI, 27 FEBRUARY

## The purpose of the trip was

- to announce the launch and establishment of the South Asia Centre at LSE in June 2015;
- to meet stakeholders in the government, in higher education, and in the business community;
- to explain the desire to create a world-class hub for Pakistan-related academic debates at the global level;
- to underline the need for a Pakistan-focused academic research program (including research projects, events, internships, and other collaborative initiatives between stakeholders in Pakistan and the Centre);
- to discuss the possibility of establishing a Chair in honour of Quaid-i Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah with the Hon'ble Prime Minister;
- to propose an LSE Pakistan Summit 2017 in Karachi to celebrate 70 years of Pakistan's independence;
- to meet alumni and renew contacts with them;
- to listen to and learn from colleagues in Pakistan about issues and concerns of importance in contemporary Pakistan.



MEMBERS OF THE LSE PAKISTAN SOCIETY



## 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.



MEMBERS OF THE LSE SU PAKISTAN DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

## Background

Although LSE's relations with Pakistan go back a century when its founders Beatrice and Sidney Webb visited Lyallpur (modern Faisalabad), Lahore and Peshawar in 1911-12, no serving Director of LSE has ever visited Pakistan since then. This has been very unfortunate, not least because student applications and admissions from Pakistan have shown a consistent rise in LSE every year. This academic year alone (2015-16) LSE received 127 students from Pakistan (undergraduates & postgraduates). LSE also has two student societies led by Pakistani students – the LSE SU Pakistan Society, and the Pakistan Development Society – both immensely successful. The alumni database for Pakistani students is one of the largest in LSE, with more than 800 active members spread across the world.

However, there has been no sustained or systematic engagement between LSE and Pakistan – its government, academics, higher education institutions, business community and thinkers. The South Asia Centre therefore prioritised a visit to Pakistan by the Director and President of LSE, and this trip was the outcome of that initiative, being achieved within the first year of the launch of the South Asia Centre.

FAISAL MOSQUE AT SUNSET, PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG



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# Meetings with the Government

## Hon'ble Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif

The delegation was honoured to meet the Hon'ble Prime Minister in Islamabad on 22 February. The meeting also included the Hon'ble Prime Minister's son and LSE alumnus Mr Hussain S Sharif; his daughter Ms Maryam Sharif; Minister of State for Federal Education Engineer Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman; and Chairman of the Pakistan Education Council Professor Mukhtar Ahmed.

Professor Craig Calhoun introduced the South Asia Centre to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and assembled members at the meeting, and explained the purpose of the trip – namely, to highlight the launch of the South Asia Centre at LSE in June 2015, its foremost mission to establish a Pakistan-focused program, to make the Centre the hub for Pakistan-related academic debates in the world, and to listen and learn from colleagues in Pakistan about issues of contemporary relevance in Pakistan today.



PROFESSOR CRAIG CALHOUN, LSE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT, MEETING THE HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER MIAN NAWAZ SHARIF IN ISLAMABAD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2016.

Professor Calhoun congratulated the Hon'ble Prime Minister on his successful governance which had led to a clear improvement in security and stability in Pakistan, and which therefore seemed the perfect time for LSE to actively engage with Pakistan on the ground to be able to tell the several narratives about Pakistan today, not one that is mired in stereotypes of extremism and instability. Professor Calhoun apologised for the fact that it had taken so long for LSE to make an official trip to Pakistan but reiterated LSE's commitment to working with the government in the current positive atmosphere.

Most importantly, Professor Calhoun discussed the desire of LSE to establish a professorial Chair in honour of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah at LSE to celebrate 70 years of Pakistan's independence in 2017, when the South Asia Centre wants to organise an international Summit focusing on contemporary Pakistan in Karachi. The Hon'ble Prime Minister wholeheartedly supported both ideas – of the Chair as well as the first-ever LSE Pakistan Summit in 2017, and wished it all success.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister spent time talking to all members of the delegation individually. The meeting ended with Professor Calhoun presenting the Hon'ble Prime Minister with souvenirs and gifts from LSE.



THE PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, ISLAMABAD. PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG

## Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab Mr Shehbaz Sharif

The delegation was honoured to meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the Punjab in Lahore on 24 February. The meeting also included the Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of Punjab Dr Ijaz Nabi (also an LSE alumni); Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan (Minister, School & Higher Education, Punjab); Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhary (Director, PERI), amongst others.

Professor Craig Calhoun introduced the South Asia Centre, and explained the purpose of the trip to the Hon'ble Chief Minister – namely, to highlight the launch of the South Asia Centre at LSE in June 2015, and its foremost mission to establish a Pakistan-focused program, to make the Centre the hub for Pakistan-related academic debates in the world, and to listen and learn from colleagues in Pakistan about issues of contemporary relevance in Pakistan today. He stressed the important place that Lahore had in LSE's engagement with Pakistan, especially due to its reputable academic pedigree. The Hon'ble Chief Minister gave his full support and offered his government's help as required. The meeting also included discussions on other possible ways through which the South Asia Centre may be able to engage with the Government of Punjab (including student and staff exchanges), and the delegation's visits to Higher Education institutions like Lahore University for Management Studies (LUMS).

Professor Calhoun apologised for the fact that it had taken so long for LSE to make an official trip to Pakistan, but underlined the opportune moment of this trip when the country and Punjab were in a positive mode. The meeting ended with Professor Calhoun presenting the Hon'ble Chief Minister with souvenirs and gifts from LSE.



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## Lunch With Hon'ble Members of the Senate

An extended meeting with the Hon'ble Adviser for Foreign Affairs Mr Sartaj Aziz and some miscommunication with the office of the Hon'ble Chairman Senate Mr Raza Rabbani meant that by the time we arrived at the Senate, the Hon'ble Chairman – with whom there was a lunch meeting scheduled at 1pm on 22 February – had left for another meeting. The LSE delegation was, however, welcomed warmly by Senators Sitara Ayaz, Amjed Pervez Malik, and Nasreen Jalil. Also present were officers of MoFA including M Arshad Jan Pathan (Joint Secretary, Inter-Parliamentary Relations, Senate of Pakistan).

Professor Craig Calhoun began with apologising for the delay in the arrival of the LSE delegation, and how unfortunate it was that the delegation had missed the opportunity to meet the Hon'ble Chairman Senate. The lunch was an enjoyable, informal meeting in which several things were discussed. Professor Calhoun introduced the South Asia Centre and the members of the delegation, and explained the purpose of the trip to the hosts – namely, to convey to the government the establishment of the South Asia Centre, its foremost ambition to establish a Pakistan-focused program, to make the Centre the hub for Pakistan-related academic debates in the world, and to listen and learn from colleagues in Pakistan about issues of contemporary relevance in Pakistan today. Professor Calhoun also discussed the South Asia Centre's desire to organise the first-ever LSE Pakistan Summit focusing on contemporary Pakistan in Karachi in 2017 to celebrate 70 years of Pakistan's independence, which was met with enthusiastic support. There was a lively discussion between members of the LSE Delegation and the Senators on matters where the Senators felt that LSE may be able to be involved in capacity-building initiatives. Most interestingly for the Delegation, the assembled Hon'ble Members explained the new Senate Internship Programme that had been initiated by the Senate to attract young Pakistanis; the Delegation was later introduced to the successful candidates who were working in an office in the Senate building.

### Hon'ble Adviser for Foreign Affairs Mr Sartaj Aziz

The delegation led by Professor Calhoun met the Hon'ble Adviser for Foreign Affairs Mr Sartaj Aziz in Islamabad on 22 February. The meeting also included Mr Tahir Hussain Andrabi (Director, Foreign Minister's Office) and Mr Waqar Ahmad (Deputy Director, Europe).

Professor Calhoun introduced the South Asia Centre and the members of the delegation, and Dr Banerjee explained the purpose of the trip to the Hon'ble Adviser – namely, to convey to the government the establishment of the South Asia Centre at LSE, its foremost ambition to establish a Pakistan-focused program, make the Centre the hub for Pakistan-related academic debates in the world, and to listen and learn from colleagues in Pakistan about issues of contemporary relevance in Pakistan today. Professor Calhoun apologised for the fact that it had taken so long for LSE to make an official trip to Pakistan; he also discussed the South Asia Centre's desire to organise the first-ever LSE Pakistan Summit focusing on contemporary Pakistan in Karachi in 2017 to celebrate 70 years of Pakistan's independence. The Hon'ble Adviser gave his full support to the conference, and offered his help as required.

The meeting also included discussions about the Practitioners-in-Residence Scheme that the South Asia Centre had proposed for serving Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) officers. Professor Calhoun complimented the Hon'ble Adviser and his government for the work that they have undertaken to improve conditions in Pakistan, and the positive atmosphere that is visible in Pakistan today, and the Hon'ble Adviser spoke about the challenges facing Pakistan and the steps that the government were constantly developing to counter challenges at all levels, from domestic and cross-border terrorism to poverty, growth and development.

The meeting ended with Professor Calhoun presenting the Hon'ble Adviser with souvenirs and gifts from LSE.



PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD, PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG

## Meetings with Business Leaders

The principal purpose of meeting business leaders in Pakistan was to introduce the South Asia Centre, its desire to establish a Pakistan program, and create an academic hub for Pakistan-related academic debates at LSE. An attendant purpose was to raise funds for the program, and answer queries that prominent business leaders of the community may have with regards to the Centre's proposals. Equally important was to understand ground realities and to discuss and explore how LSE – as an academic institution known for its world-class expertise in economics, business and finance – can work with the business sector in Pakistan towards capacity-building through research initiatives, internships, and public academic events both in Pakistan and in the UK.

The LSE Delegation met the following business leaders:

1. **Mohammad Abdullah**  
(Chairman) & **Nadeem Abdullah**  
(Director), Sapphire Group
2. **Sultan Ali Allana**  
(Chairman, Habib Bank Ltd)
3. **Atif Aslam Bajwa**  
(President & CEO, Bank Alfalah)
4. **Ava Cowasjee**  
(Chairperson, The Cowasjee Foundation)
5. **Sabrina Dawood**  
(CEO, The Dawood Foundation)
6. **Ali S Habib**  
(Chairman, House of Habib)
7. **Sadruddin Hashwani**  
(Chairman) & **Murtaza Hashwani**  
(Deputy Chairman), Hashoo Group
8. **Ehsan A Malik**  
(CEO, Pakistan Business Council)
9. **Mian Muhammad Mansha**  
(Chairman, MCB Bank Ltd)
10. **Fawad Ahmed Mukhtar**  
(CEO, Fatima Group)
11. **Capt Haleem Siddiqui**  
(Chairman, Marine Group of Companies)
12. **Muhammad Ali Tabba**  
(CEO, Lucky Cement)



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## Meetings at Higher Education Institutions

The LSE Delegation was privileged to be able to visit several top-ranking Higher Education institutions and meet academics and students, to listen and learn from them, and to explore ways in which the South Asia Centre could collaborate and work with colleagues in Pakistan to create a global platform for debate and discussion on topics of interest in contemporary Pakistan.



ALI JAMEEL, PROFESSOR CALHOUN AND DR BANERJEE, LOK VIRSA, ISLAMABAD, 21 FEBRUARY

### Lok Virsa, Islamabad

The LSE Delegation was warmly welcomed on 21 February by Dr Fouzia Saeed, Director of Lok Virsa who took the Delegation on a detailed tour of Lok Virsa and its exhibits. This was followed by an amazing lunch of local cuisine, after which there was a presentation by Dr Saeed and staff of Lok Virsa on their projects, past events and future plans. Professor Calhoun and Dr Banerjee spoke about the South Asia Centre and its plans for engaging with Pakistan (including the LSE Pakistan Summit in 2017 to celebrate 70 years of Pakistan's independence), and especially for the interest of Lok Virsa, the idea being developed by the South Asia Centre to form a South Asian Culture Fund. Dr Saeed mentioned that she would be very keen to know how the idea of the Fund progresses, and offered her help in any way possible for the success of the South Asia Centre's Pakistan program.

### Quaid-i Azam University, Islamabad

The LSE Delegation led by Professor Calhoun was invited by the Department of Economics to visit the department, and speak to staff and students on 22 February. Professor Calhoun and the Delegation were welcomed by the Vice Chancellor Professor Javed Ashraf, Head of Department Dr Aliya Khan, other members of staff, and students. The Vice Chancellor and Head of Department both spoke of various initiatives in the social sciences at the University, and the research and teaching work being carried out by various members of staff. Professor Calhoun introduced the South Asia Centre and its objectives in setting up a Pakistan-focused program, and gave a lecture on UK Higher Education and studying at the LSE, which was followed by a Q&A session where both staff and students asked questions about the UK system in comparison to systems in Pakistan, studying opportunities at LSE for Pakistani students, exchange and long-distance programmes, etc. This was followed by a more informal interaction over tea and refreshments.



LSE DELEGATION AT QAUID-I AZAM UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD, 22 FEBRUARY

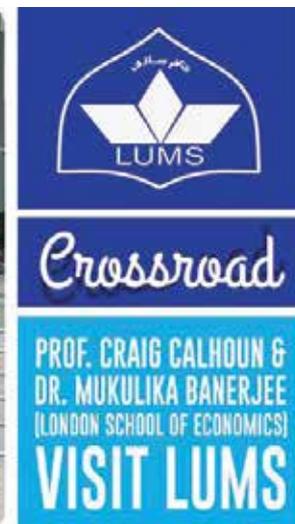
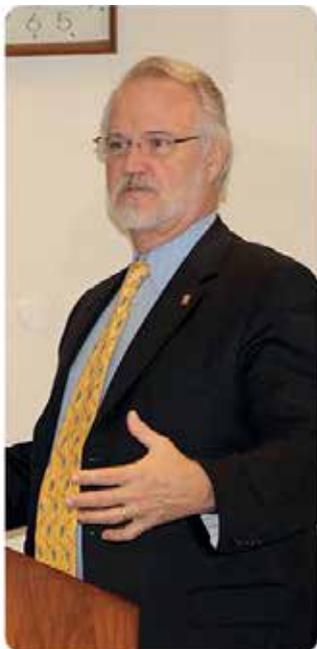
## Pakistan Education Council, Islamabad

The Delegation met the Chairman of the Pakistan Education Council Professor Mukhtar Ahmed on 22 February (who was also present at the meeting with the Hon'ble Prime Minister later the same day), along with Mr Fida Hussain (Director-General, Academics) and Mr M. Latif (Adviser, Research & Development). Professor Calhoun and Dr Banerjee spoke about the South Asia Centre's plans for a Pakistan research program, the Centre's desire to create a hub for Pakistan-related academic debates at the Centre at LSE and, most importantly, the LSE Pakistan Summit in Karachi in 2017 to celebrate 70 years of Pakistan's independence. The Council expressed its keenness to work with the Centre to help make contact with relevant academics, made enquiries about possible staff and research exchanges, and offered their wholehearted support for the LSE Pakistan initiative.

## Lahore University for Management Studies (LUMS), Lahore

The LSE Delegation visited LUMS on 23 February, where it was welcomed by the Dean of Social Sciences Professor Kamal Munir, members of the Governing Body, and several staff members. Professor Munir spoke at length about the several initiatives of the different departments in the social sciences at LUMS, its current research projects and events, collaborations with other universities, and projects and achievements of individual faculty members. Professor Calhoun and Dr Banerjee spoke about LSE and the South Asia Centre respectively, and the Centre's desire to establish a Pakistan-focused program and create a hub for Pakistan-related academic debates at the international level. Later, Professor Calhoun delivered a lecture on 'The Future of Capitalism' and Dr Banerjee on 'The Indian Voter's Imagination' to students, which was followed by an extremely animated Q&A session between the speakers and the students. The visit to LUMS ended with a lunch with staff and students, and exchange of souvenirs.

LAHORE UNIVERSITY FOR MANAGEMENT STUDIES (LUMS), LAHORE, 23 FEBRUARY



## Habib University, Karachi

The LSE Delegation visited Habib University on 25 February, where they were welcomed by its founder Mr Ali Habib, Professor Wasif Rizvi (President, Habib University), Mr Sibtain Naqvi (Head of University Relations), and several faculty members. Professor Rizvi gave a presentation on Habib University's HOISIN vision, its several highly-innovative courses and teaching practices, its staff and student profile, and their achievements. There were several questions from staff members about possible collaboration between Habib University and LSE. Professor Calhoun and Dr Banerjee spoke about the South Asia Centre, its vision and its proposed Pakistan research program, and also about the desire of the Centre to make themselves the hub for Pakistan-related academic debates at the international level. This was followed by a tour of the building and its facilities, along with information on its architectural innovativeness. The meeting ended with exchange of souvenirs.

QUAID-I AZAM UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD, PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG



PROFESSOR CALHOUN AT THE INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (IBA), KARACHI, 26 FEBRUARY

## Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi

The LSE Delegation visited IBA in Karachi on 26 February, where it was welcomed by the Director Dr Ishrat Husain who discussed the several improvements at IBA under his leadership over the last eight years. Professor Calhoun and Dr Banerjee explained the purpose of the LSE Delegation's visit to Pakistan, about the idea of setting up a Pakistan-focused program at the South Asia Centre, and creating a hub for Pakistan-related academic debates internationally at the LSE. Later, Professor Calhoun inaugurated their newest multi-purpose auditorium in Aman Tower (built though the generous endowment of the Aman Foundation), and delivered a lecture on Higher Education in the United Kingdom in the presence of LSE alumni Ms Fayeeza Naqvi, Co-founder and Chair, Aman Foundation. The formal meeting ended with exchange of gifts and souvenirs. This was followed by an enjoyable Q&A session with students, and a more informal meeting over tea and snacks.

## Oxford University Press, Karachi

The LSE Delegation made a brief visit to the offices of Oxford University Press in Karachi on 26 February, which has been restored in traditional art by its Managing Director Dr Ameena Saiyid. Dr Saiyid showed the Delegation around the amazingly artistically-restored office, spoke about their publications in the social sciences, and their plans for the future, and most importantly, offered to reprint Dr Banerjee's long out-of-print book on the Khudai Khidmadgars, *The Pathan Unarmed* (first published in 2001).



OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, KARACHI



PROFESSOR CALHOUN ADDRESSES GUESTS AT THE SIND CLUB, KARACHI, 25 FEBRUARY



ALUMNI RECEPTION, DBHC, KARACHI, 25 FEBRUARY

## Alumni

LSE's long and historical relationship with Pakistan rests on a long tradition of receiving students from there. LSE has a strong and impressive alumni community in Pakistan, with three alumni chapters. In Islamabad (21 February), Lahore (23 February) and Karachi (25 February) we were able to meet and renew our association with alumni of several generations – from those who graduated from LSE as early as 1961 to those in 2015! LSE alumni are invaluable for us, and their goodwill is the bedrock on which the South Asia Centre hopes to lean to build its brand and profile in Pakistan. The alumni meetings were occasions for Professor Calhoun to talk about recent developments at LSE and to introduce the South Asia Centre, and for Dr Banerjee to speak about the vision of the Centre, its plans for Pakistan and most especially the LSE Pakistan Summit in 2017 where the Centre hopes to harness the energies of the alumni to make it a success.

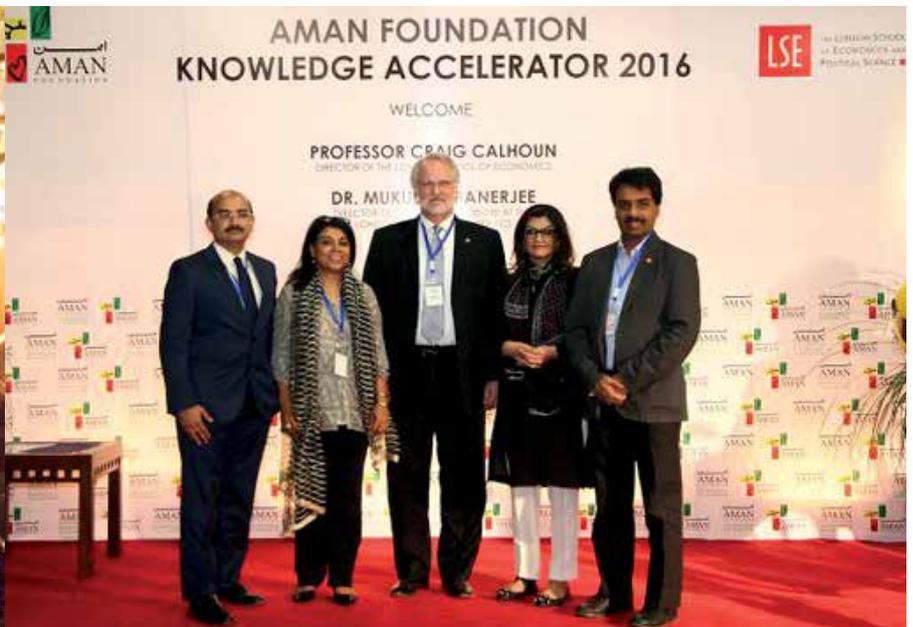


PROFESSOR CALHOUN ADDRESSES GUESTS AT ALUMNI EVENT, ISLAMABAD, 21 FEBRUARY

As part of alumni engagement, we also attended an event at the Aman Foundation campus in Karachi where the winners of the Aman Foundation Knowledge Accelerator 2016 initiative were announced. The event also included a display of all the work the Foundation has been doing especially in the health sector in rural Pakistan. Advertising for applications for this path-breaking initiative was supported by the South Asia Centre earlier in the year.



ALUMNI RECEPTION, LAHORE, 23 FEBRUARY



AMAN FOUNDATION EVENT, KARACHI, 27 FEBRUARY



OLD CITY, LAHORE, 23 FEBRUARY



BADSHAHI MASJID, LAHORE. PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG

## Sightseeing

Although the LSE Delegation had a very tight schedule, we were able to do a limited amount of sightseeing, which added immensely to the success of the trip. The Delegation visited the National Art Gallery and drove by the Faisal Mosque, and ate at the Monal Restaurant on Margalla Hills in Islamabad; the Badshahi Masjid, Wazir Khan's Mosque and an old Haveli (which has been home of the resident family for nine generations) in Lahore; and the Horticultural Show, Mohatta Palace Museum, and the restored Karachi Cantt Station in Karachi.

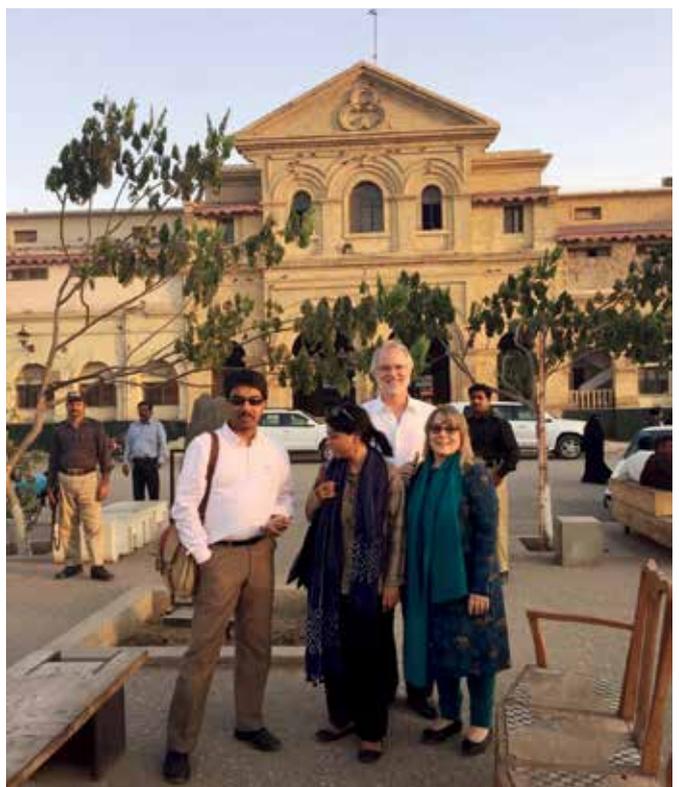
The Pakistan tour of the LSE Delegation ended with a Press Conference on 28 February 2016 in Karachi.



MOHATTA PALACE, KARACHI. PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA.ORG



PRESS CONFERENCE, KARACHI, 27 FEBRUARY



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