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Democracy, the Political and Social Movements in Europe and South Asia: An Intercontextual Dialogue

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<p>Monday, 5.10.15</p>	<p>09.00-09.30 Registration of Participants, Central Library Conference Room, 1st Floor, Quaid-i-Azam University</p> <p>09.30-10.00 Inauguration Session with Welcome Remarks from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HE Peter Felten, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Pakistan - Prof. Dr. Javed Ashraf, Vice Chancellor, Quaid-i-Azam University - Mr. Lars Bergmeyer, Director, DAAD Information Centre, Pakistan Office - Prof. Dr. Ina Kerner, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt- Universität zu Berlin, Germany / HEC Visiting Professor, Centre of Excellence in Gender Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University - Dr. Sanaa Alimia, Freie Universität / Centre of Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin, Germany / Visiting Faculty, University of Peshawar <p>10.00-11.30 Keynote 1 “The End of the Third Wave of Democratisation: Reasons and Consequences for Political Theory” Prof. Dr. Ursula Birsl, Philipps-Universität Marburg Moderator: Sanaa Alimia</p> <p><i>11.30-12.00 Tea break</i></p> <p>12.00-13.30 Keynote 2 “Democracy and the Political - Current Positions and Debates” Prof. Dr. Ina Kerner, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / QAU Moderator: Andrea Fleschenberg</p> <p><i>13.30-14.45 Lunch Break</i></p> <p>15.00-16.30 Museum Walk - Student Poster Presentations with Group Discussions & Poster Competition Moderator: Andrea Fleschenberg</p>
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<p>Tuesday, 6.10.15</p>	<p>09.30-11.00 Keynote 3 “Traversing the postmodern terrain: becoming democratic in a Deleuzian sense” Awais Mehmood, MAO College, Lahore Moderator: Abdul Rehman</p> <p><i>11.00-11.30 Tea break</i></p> <p>11.30-13.00 Keynote 4 “Under Western Eyes - Theorizing Social Movements and Activisms in Postcolonial Pakistan” Prof. Dr. Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, NIPS, Quaid-i-Azam University Moderator: Andrea Fleschenberg</p> <p><i>13.00-14.00 Lunch break</i></p> <p>14.00-16.00 MovieLog <i>Invisible Islamabad</i> with Ashraf Kakar (filmmaker) and Amna Mawaz, All Pakistan Alliance for Kachi Abadis, Arslan Waheed, Quaid-i-Azam University Moderator: Sanaa Alimia</p> <p>19.00 DAAD Dinner Reception DAAD Information Centre, House 23, Street 55, F7/4, Islamabad Welcome Remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HE Ina Lepel, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Pakistan - Mr. Lars Bergmeyer, Director, DAAD Info Centre, Islamabad - PD Dr. Andrea Fleschenberg dos Ramos Pinéu, DAAD Long Term Guest Professor, Quaid-i-Azam University
<p>Wednesday, 7.10.15</p>	<p>09.30-11.00 Keynote 5 “Of Games, Chaos and rocknRolla - Pulp Fiction of Gullu Butt” Dr. Hasnain Bokhari, University of Erfurt Moderator: Abdul Rehman</p> <p><i>11.00-11.30 Tea break</i></p> <p>11.30-13.00 Keynote 6 “Universality of Human Rights and Democracy - A Feminist Intervention” Prof. Dr. Farzana Bari, CEGS, Quaid-i-Azam University Moderator: Andrea Fleschenberg</p> <p><i>13.00-14.00 Lunch break</i></p> <p>14.00-16.30 Working Groups/Intercontextual Discussion Rounds <i>Revisiting Theoretical Debates on the Political</i> Input & Facilitator: Ina Kerner</p> <p>18.00-21.00 Cultural Evening (please see separate announcement)</p>

**Thursday,
8.10.15**

09.30-11.00 Keynote 7

“Ranciere’s Political Philosophy and Implications for Theorising Democracy and the Political”

Prof. Dr. Martin Saar, Leipzig University

Moderator: Andrea Fleschenberg

11.00-11.30 Tea break

11.30-13.00 Keynote 8

“Transformations of Civil Disobedience: Democratisation, Globalisation, Digitalisation”

Dr. Robin Celikates, University of Amsterdam

Moderator: Sanaa Alimia

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.00 Fishbowl Student/ECR Discussion

“Linking Theory & Reality - Possibilities & Limits of Theories Studied”

Moderators: Abdul Rehman / Arslan Waheed

17.00-20.00 Public Panel Discussion

“Democracy and the Political - Theoretical Thinking in Times of Global Crises and Conflicts”

Discussants: Nasreen Azhar, Ayub Malik, Dr. Syed Sami Raza Zaidi, Representative of CDA Trade Union, Islamabad

Moderators: Andrea Fleschenberg / Sanaa Alimia

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transport from/to campus will be organised - see for details separate announcement or contact the conference organisation team

<p>Friday, 9.10.15</p>	<p>10.00-12.30 Working Groups/Intercontextual Discussion Rounds <i>Revisiting Theoretical Debates on Democracy</i> Input & Facilitator: Ina Kerner</p> <p><i>12.30-14.00 Friday prayers & lunch break</i></p> <p>14.00-16.00 Political Talkshow “Gramsci is Dead, Long Live Gramsci?! - Reflections For New Social Movements, Critical Thinking and Activism”</p> <p>Discussants: Prof. Dr. Sami Raza, University of Peshawar, Dr. Robin Celikates, University of Amsterdam, Prof. Dr. Martin Saar, University of Leipzig, two ECR participants (Pakistan & Germany)</p> <p>Moderators: Andrea Fleschenberg / Sanaa Alimia</p> <p>16.00-16.15 Concluding Session & Evaluation Facilitators: Ina Kerner, Sanaa Alimia, Andrea Fleschenberg</p> <p><i>End of official Summer School Program</i></p> <p><i>Departure of (inter-)national participants as per travel itinerary</i></p>
<p>Weekend, 10.10.-11.10.15</p>	<p>A Glimpse of Pakistan - Cultural Program</p> <p><i>for international speakers and HU student delegation; limited seats available for national participants with <u>prior registration needed with conference organisation team</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday: Visit to Lok Virsa Heritage Museum and Faisal Mosque (10.00-13.00), followed by time for shopping in local markets (15.00 onwards) - Sunday: Option 1 - Murree and Pipe walk Ayubia National Park, Option 2 - Taxila and Khanpur Dam/Lake <p><i>Departure of (inter-)national participants as per travel itinerary</i></p>

Speakers' Profiles *(in chronological order)*

Birsl, Ursula, PhD, is a social scientist and Professor for Political Science with focus on Democracy Studies at the Department for Political Science, Philipps-University Marburg in Germany. Her main research interests are comparative studies of political rules, democracy in European and North American migration societies, right-wing extremism/terrorism and gender in Germany. Selected publication: Birsl Ursula/Salzborn, Samuel. Unwritten Constitutions of Political Rules: Conceptual Approaches to Comparative Area Studies of Asia, the Middle East & North Africa, and Europe. In Claudia Derichs/Ursula Birsl/Samuel Salzborn/Claudia Wiesner (eds.), *Strange Red Fellows? – Area Studies and Disciplines*, ASIEN. The German Journal on Contemporary Asia, Special Issue, Nr. 132, July 2014, pp. 12-25.

Kerner, Ina, PhD, is Assistant Professor for Diversity Politics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, and currently serves as HEC Foreign Professor at the Center of Excellence in Gender Studies at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad. Her research interests include contemporary political and social theory (particularly feminist and postcolonial theories) and questions of diversity and intersectionality. Selected Publications: Scales of Justice and the Challenges of Global Governmentality. In *Public Reason*. 2(2)2010, pp. 39-49; Countering the Legacies of Colonial Racism: Decolonial and Postcolonial Approaches. In Sabine Broeck, Junker, Carsten (eds.), *Postcoloniality – Decoloniality – Black Critique: Joints and Fissures*. Frankfurt/M. – New York 2014: Campus, pp. 145-158; Differences of Inequality: Tracing the Socioeconomic, the Cultural and the Political in Latin American Postcolonial Theory. *desiguALdades.net* Working Paper No. 60, Berlin 2013.

Mehmood, Awais is Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Philosophy at Government MAO College and National College of Arts Lahore. He received his MA in Post-Colonial Resistance from GC University Lahore. His research areas and specialisation are Wittgenstein's philosophy of Language and the works of Homi Bhabha and Gayatri Spivak.

Akhtar, Aasim Sajjad, PhD, is Assistant Professor for Political Economy and Sociology at the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. In 2008 he completed his PhD in Political Sociology at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, United Kingdom, and taught as Teaching Fellow at the Department of Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences. His current research interests include identity formation, social movements and informal economy. Among his publications are: *Failed State or Fragmented Hegemony: The Political Economy of Chance in Contemporary Pakistan*. York University, Asia Colloquia Series 2014; *The Making of a Divided Polity: Class, Ethnicity and Devolution of Power*. In: M. Axxman (ed.), *Federalism in Pakistan after the Eighteenth Amendment*. Karachi 2014: Oxford University Press.

Kakar, Ashraf is active in the All-Pakistan Alliance for Katchi Abadis and has more than ten years of experience in research, communication, media productions and management of public campaigns. He holds an academic background in anthropology, sociology, and media production and worked with public sector institutions, including the National College of Arts, Quaid-i-Azam University and Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV), as well as NGOs, Institute of Development Studies & Practices (IDSP) in Quetta and Society for Alternative Media & Research (SAMAR). Further, Ashraf has worked for different donor agencies, including the UN Fund for Children (UNICEF), Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE), Danish Embassy, OXFAM NOVIB and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Pakistan,

Afghanistan and the USA.

Mawaz, Amna is a political activist of the Awami Workers Party and associated with the All-Pakistan Alliance for Katchi Abadis. Moreover, she is a Bharat Natyam Dancer. She has been involved in classic dance for 13 years. As a feminist she uses her dance to highlight the plight of women, especially working class women in Pakistan. Amna did her Masters from the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University.

Waheed, Arslan is a MPhil student at the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, where he submitted his thesis on development discourses and the urban poor, case study of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and Slums of Islamabad (2015). His areas of interest are participatory democracy, urban development and gender questions, knowledge-based economy and education decentralisation, poverty reduction and sustainable development. Currently, Arslan Waheed is a Hanns Seidel Foundation Scholar for the research project *Resources and Nation-Building: Key Issues, Ideas and Challenges* and works on a thesis-related research paper.

Bokhari, Hasnain holds a PhD from Erfurt University, Germany, where he is a lecturer for Public Policy at Willy Brandt School of Public Policy. His research interests include government, social media in conflict situations and political communication. In the past he has worked on an intercultural exchange project at the Chair of Muslim Culture & Religious History at Erfurt University. The project focused on social media in Muslim Countries under the backdrop of civil unrest in Arab countries. Hasnain Bokhari also holds a MA in Public Policy from Erfurt University and is associated with the Centre for Development Informatics in Manchester University, UK.

Bari, Farzana, PhD, is the Founding Director of the Center of Excellence for Gender Studies at Quaid-i-Azam University, where she has established women's studies as an academic institution in Pakistan. She chairs the National Committee on Gender Studies set up by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and holds a PhD in Sociology from University of Sussex, UK. Her doctoral thesis focused on women's employment and empowerment. She also is active in policy advocacy and advice on women's social, political and economic empowerment to government, civil society and international community. Currently, she is working on her forthcoming book, *Women's Substantive Representation in Pakistani Politics*.

Saar, Martin, PhD, is Professor of Political Theory at the Department of Political Science at Leipzig University. Before taking up the position in Leipzig, he was a visiting professor teaching political theory and social philosophy in Bremen, Hamburg, Berlin and Frankfurt. His areas of specialisation and teaching are contemporary political theory, political and social philosophy and the history of early modern and modern political thought (with focus on Spinoza, Nietzsche, Marx, Foucault, Critical Theory, Poststructuralism, and interdisciplinary research on collective memory, affect, ideology, political aesthetics, and power). Amongst others he published the following monographs: *Genealogie als Kritik. Geschichte und Theorie des Subjekts nach Nietzsche und Foucault* [Genealogy as Critique: History and Theory of the Subject after Nietzsche and Foucault]. Campus: 2007; *Die Immanenz der Macht. Politische Theorie nach Spinoza* [The Immanence of Power: Political Theory after Spinoza]. Suhrkamp: 2013.

Celikates, Robin, PhD, is Associate Professor of Political and Social Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam, where he also directs the research project *Transformations of Civil Disobedience*. He is the author of *Kritik als soziale Praxis* [Criticism as social practice.

Frankfurt am Main: Campus 2009; co-author of *Politische Philosophie* [Political Philosophy], Stuttgart: Reclam 2013. Most recently he co-edited *Transformations of Democracy: Crisis, Protest, and Legitimation and The Irregularization of Migration in Contemporary Europe: Detention, Deportation, Drowning*, both London: Rowman & Littlefield 2015.

Raza, Sami, PhD, is Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science at the University of Peshawar. His research interests are comparative politics and international relations with special focus in critical international relations, critical legal and security studies, comparative constitutional law, genre and aesthetics. Raza is currently working on a monograph with the working title *Law and Security: The Development of Legal Regime Of Security in Pakistan*. Other publications are: *A Preliminary Note on the Genealogy of the concept of Enemy Alien in Pakistan*. In *Pakistan Journal of Criminology*, Volume 7, No. 2, 2015; *The North West Frontier of Pakistan: Preoccupation with Unveiling the Battlefield and Continuing Violent Cartographies*. In Samson Opondo and Shapiro, Michael J. (eds.), *The New Violent Cartography: Geo-Analysis after the Aesthetic Turn*, New York: Routledge 2012.

Moderators' Profiles (in chronological order)

Fleschenberg dos Ramos Pinéu, Andrea, PhD, is DAAD Long Term Guest Professor at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and Visiting Faculty at the University of Peshawar, Pakistan. Amongst others, she previously worked as research fellow and lecturer at Philipps University Marburg, Germany (Chair of Comparative Politics and International Development Studies). Her research areas include: comparative politics, democratisation studies, peace and conflict studies with a particular focus on South and Southeast Asia, gender and politics, state- and institution- building and transitional justice. Selected publications are: *Chapters on Aung San Suu Kyi and Benazir Bhutto*. In Claudia Derichs, Thomposon, Mark R. (eds.), *Dynasties and Female Political Leaders in Asia. Gender, Power and Pedigree*. Muenster et al 2013: LITVerlag; *Afghanistan's Parliament in the Making. Gendered Understandings and Practices of Politics in a Transitional Country*. 2nd Edition. Berlin 2011.

Alimia, Sanaa, PhD, is a postdoctoral research fellow currently based in Berlin where she is working on her manuscript 'Refugee Pakistan'. Since 2010 she has been collecting oral histories of Afghan refugees, undocumented migrants, and Pakistan's urban poor in Karachi and Peshawar as well as Turkey and Europe. She holds a PhD from the Department of Politics and International Studies, SOAS, London, UK, where she also used to teach.

Rehman, Abdul graduated from Government College University Lahore and received in 2015 his MPhil from National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, with a thesis on *Gender Representations in Urdu short stories: Reviewing Post-colonial Notions of Body Politics*. His areas of interest are contemporary subaltern historiography and South Asian literature. He is engaged with decolonizing methodologies and indiginising practices with reference to governance of water as well. Currently, he is working as Research Assistant and Tutor on Social Movements in Pakistan with DAAD Long Term Guest Professor at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.