

6th Islamabad Literature Festival Programme

Theme: The Focus is Tomorrow: Reflecting on the Past



27, 28, and 29 September 2019, Hotel Margala, Islamabad

*Every effort will be made to adhere to this programme. However, the ILF organizers reserve the right to change the programme at any time.

Full-Day Fringe Events throughout the Festival:

- Author Signings
- Book Fair
- Art Exhibition: Preserving the Paradigm by Satrang Art Gallery
- Food Court
- Media Rooms

Inauguration	Friday, 27 September 2019		
Time	Margala Hall		
4.30 p.m.	Arrival of Guests		
5.00 p.m.	Welcome Speech by the Festival Organizer: Arshad Saeed Husain, Managing Director, Oxford University Press Pakistan Speeches by: H.E. Dr Marc Barety, Ambassador of France to Pakistan and Mark Crossey, Deputy Director, British Council, Pakistan Opening Remarks: Ikram Sehgal, Chairman, Pathfinder Group and K-Electric Members Advisory Board: Iftikhar Arif and Muneeza Shamsie		
5.30 p.m.	Keynote Speeches by Haseena Moin Navid Shahzad		
6.00 p.m.	Performances: Dance of Peace and Understanding (Anand Taandav) by Iftikhar Masih 22 Crore by Laal Hartal: A Tribute to the Revolutionary Poet Habib Jalib		
	Margala Hall	Sangam Hall	Board Room
6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Kashmir: The Valley Seized Hina Rabbani Khar, Athar Abbas, Arif Kamal Moderator: Ikram Sehgal	Documentary Screening: Indus Blues Pakistani folk artists and their struggle to keep their art form alive. Director and Producer: Jawad Sharif	Book Launch: The Begum: A Portrait of Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan by Deepa Agarwal and Tahmina Aziz Tahmina Aziz, Samia Liaquat Ali Khan, Amir Rana Moderator: Muneeza Shamsie
7.45 p.m.	Jahan-e-Sufi (A Fusion of Folk and Qawwali) by Bakhshi Brothers		

Time	Saturday, 28 September 2019			
	Margala Hall	Sangam Hall	Central Lawn	Board Room
11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon	Iftikhar Arif: His Life and Work Anna Suvorova, Harris Khalique, Vafa Yazdan Manesh Presided by: Iftikhar Arif Moderator: Hameed Shahid	Adding up the Energy Equation Kamran Kamal, Shaharyar Nashat, Saadia Qayyum Moderator: Asad Ali Shah Presented by 	Naya Asloob, Nayee Aurat Muafiya Sheikh, Safia Shahid, Absar Fatima Jafri, Munazza Gillani, Humaira Ishfaq Moderator: Farheen Khalid Presented by Young Women Writers Forum	
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	In conversation with Soniah Kamal author of <i>Unmarriageable: Pride and Prejudice in Pakistan</i> Moderator: Aliya Iqbal-Naqvi	Taraqqi Pasand Tehrik: Naye Tanazarat Aur Naye Sawalaat Iftikhar Arif, Ravish Nadeem, Imdad Aakash Moderator: Salahuddin Derwesh	Bayad-e-Dr Enver Sajjad Haseena Moin, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Kishwar Naheed, Ghazanfar Hashmi Moderator: Irfan Ahmed Urfi	Challenging the Colonial Narrative in South Asian Historical Fiction Nukhbah Langah, Muhammad Sheeraz Dasti, Safeer Awan Moderator: Asma Mansoor
1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Book Discussion: <i>Teen Saltanaton ki Daastan</i> translated by Zahoor Ahmed - An Historical Chinese Novel Zahoor Ahmed and Zhang Heqing Moderator: Sharif Awan	Book Discussion: <i>The Mercurial Mr Bhutto and Other Stories</i> by Maheen Usmani Maheen Usmani Moderator: George Fulton	Book Discussion: <i>The Melody of a Tear</i> by Haroon Khalid Akhtar Haroon Khalid Akhtar Moderator: Rashid Masood Alam	Book Launch: <i>Kaun - ('Who')</i>, a Novelette by Mudassar Bashir Mudassar Bashir Moderator: Ahmad Atta
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Book Launch: <i>Phat'tay Aamon ka Case</i> (Translation of <i>A Case of Exploding Mangoes</i>) by Mohammed Hanif Mohammed Hanif, Syed Kashif Raza, Hoori Noorani Moderator: Nazish Brohi	Striking Peace in a Nuclear Charged Environment Khalid Banuri, Naeem Salik, Pervez Hoodbhoy Moderator: Ejaz Haider	Adab Kar Is Kharabati Ka Jis Ko Josh Kehtay Hain: Josh Malihabadi Fateh Muhammad Malik, Saima Jaffery, Yasmeen Hameed Moderator: Mujahid Barelvi	Politics and the Pakistani English Language Poet Harris Khalique and Salman Tarek Kureshi Moderator: Khayyam Mushir
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Reversing the Great Game: Pakistan's Pivot Ikram Sehgal, Huma Baqai, Asif Yasin Malik Moderator: Moeed Pirzada	In conversation with H.M. Naqvi author of <i>Abdullah the Cossack</i> Moderator: George Fulton	Education in the New Millennium: Promises and Perils Rasul Bakhsh Rais, Arshad Saeed Husain, Faisal Mushtaq Moderator: Shahid Siddiqui Presented by 	Potohar Ka Adabi Manzarnama: Maazi aur Haal Akhtar Usman, Envar Fitrat, Shoaib Khaliq, Nilofar Iqbal Moderator: Ravish Nadeem

4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Book Launch: <i>Prison Interlude: The Last Eyewitness Account of the Rawalpindi Conspiracy Case</i> by Zafar Ullah Poshni Nafisa Shah, Zahid Hussain, Raza Rabbani, Moneeza Hashmi, Zafar Ullah Poshni Moderator: Owais Tohid	Book Discussion: <i>Rethinking Pakistan: A 21st Century Perspective</i> Edited by Bilal Zahoor and Raza Rumi Fasi Zaka, Bilal Zahoor, Pervez Hoodbhoy Moderator: Nida Kirmani	Digital Transformation in Education Umar Saif, Kasim Kasuri, Syed Ali Naseer Moderator: Rashid Masood Alam	Chiragh Bujhtay Chalay Ja Rahay Hain: Khalida Hussain aur Altaf Fatima ki Yaad Mein Kishwar Naheed, Yasmeen Hameed, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Hameed Shahid Moderator: Nasir Abbas Nayyar
6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.	Sneak Preview: <i>Blood on Two Shades of Green: East Pakistan 1971: History Revisited</i> by Ikram Sehgal and Bettina Robotka Ikram Sehgal and Bettina Robotka Moderator: Huma Baqai	6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Mushaira Sadarat: Iftikhar Arif Nizamat: Najeeba Arif Ahmad Atta, Akhtar Usman, Ali Zaryoun, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Ayub Khawar, Farrukh Yar, Ghazanfar Hashmi, Hamid Ateeq Sarwar, Harris Khaliq, Hasan Abbas Raza, Kishwar Naheed, Mehboob Zafar, Ravish Nadeem, Syed Kashif Raza, Yasmeen Hameed	Let's Laugh with Shafaat Ali	Book Discussion: <i>Rudad-e-Chaman</i> Compiled by Rumana Qadri Aamer Hussein, Farrukh Nadeem, Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Shahbano Alvi Moderator: Munazza Yaqoob
7.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.	Documentary Screening: <i>The Qalandar Code</i> Atiya Khan, Syed Mehdi Raza Shah Subzwari, Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro Moderator: Ali Abbas Zaidi			

Sunday, 29 September 2019

	Margala Hall	Sangam Hall	Central Lawn	Board Room
11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon	Pakistan's Foreign Policy Challenges Talat Masood, Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, Abdul Basit Moderator: Salma Malik	Urdu Main Tareekhi Fiction Nigari: Quratulain Hyder, Abdullah Hussein, Intizar Husain Hameed Shahid, Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Irfan Ahmed Urfi, Nasir Abbas Nayyar Moderator: Najeeba Arif		Contemporary Pakistani English Fiction Soniah Kamal, Haroon Khalid Akhtar, Taha Kehar, Sana Munir Moderator: Ilona Yusuf
12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Depicting Women in Literature and Drama Haseena Moin, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Shahnaz Sheikh Moderator: Maheen Usmani	Perspectives on Economic Reform Agenda for Pakistan Sania Nishtar, Hafiz A. Pasha, Jochen Hippler, Muhammad Ziauddin Moderator: Vaqar Ahmed	Publishing in Pakistan: Changing Trends Shahbano Alvi, Arshad Saeed Husain, Hoori Noorani Moderator: Bilal Zahoor	In conversation with Aamer Hussein author of <i>Hermitage</i> Moderator: Muneeza Shamsie
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1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. (HALF HOUR)	Feminist Dimensions of the novels <i>Unfettered Wings</i> and <i>Typically Tanya</i> Taha Kehar and Sana Munir	Pakistani Adab aur Taneesiat (Feminism) In conversation with Kishwar Naheed Moderator: Hameed Shahid	Book Launch: <i>Love in the Fist of Terrorism: Tale of Two Loving Souls Parted in the Name of Violence</i> by Ayub Khawar Ayub Khawar Moderator: Ghazanfar Hashmi	Book Launch: <i>Karaiz - Taveel Nazm</i> by Farrukh Yar Moderator: Harris Khalique
2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Shanul Haq Haqqee Ki Yaad Mein Anwar Maqsood, Haseena Moin, Fateh Muhammad Malik Moderator: Najeeba Arif	Book Launch: <i>Radioactive Decade: An Informal Cultural History of the 1970s</i> Edited by Amin Gulgee, Niilofur Farrukh and John McCarry Amin Gulgee, Aasim Akhtar, Nadia Batool, Salman Asif Moderator: Niilofur Farrukh	Book Launch: <i>Widows and Daughters: Gender, Kinship, and Power in South Asia</i> by Anna Suvorova Anna Suvorova, Tahmina Aziz, Kishwar Naheed, Nida Kirmani Moderator: Ilhan Niaz	The Traveller's Tales: Salman Rashid Moderator: Shaista Sirajuddin
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Pakistan: The Economy of an Elitist State Ishrat Husain, Asad Umar, Waqar Masood Khan, Melinda Good Moderator: Sakib Sherani	Book Launch: <i>The Fix</i> by Omar Shahid Hamid Omar Shahid Hamid Moderator: Nadeem Farooq Paracha	Documenting Traditional Music in Pakistan Fouzia Saeed, Sharif Awan, Muhammad Athar Masood Moderator: Tauseeq Haider Presented by 	In conversation with Julien Columeau Moderator: Nasir Abbas Nayyar
4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Pakistani Cinema: The Rise, The Fall...and the Rise again? Humayun Saeed, Usman Mukhtar, Naghma Begum, Areeba Alvi, Nadeem Baig Moderator: Raju Jamil Presented by 	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Kia Dehshat Gardi Kay Asraat Say Nikal Aya Hai? Afrasiab Khattak, Hanif Khalil, Noreen Naseer Moderator: Mujahid Barelvi	Negotiating Different Worlds: Multilingualism in Creative Expression Muneeza Shamsie, Nukhbah Langah, Julien Columeau Moderator: Muhammad Sheeraz Dasti	1919: Jallianwala Bagh and the Century that Followed Ali Usman Qasmi, Harris Khalique, Ali Raza Moderator: Aliya Iqbal-Naqvi
6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Satire in the Time of Tabdeeli Fasi Zaka, Ali Aftab Saeed, and George Fulton Moderator: Nadeem Farooq Paracha	Tax, Budget, and the Common Man Shabbar Zaidi Moderator: Ikram Sehgal	English Mushaira Athar Tahir, Aurangzaib Khan, Harris Khalique, Eissa Saeed, Mehvash Amin, Orooj-e- Zafar, Salman Tarek Kureshi Moderator: Ilona Yusuf	
7.15 p.m.	Closing Ceremony: Speech by the Festival Organizer: Arshad Saeed Husain , Managing Director, Oxford University Press Pakistan Speech by the Chief Guest: Shafqat Mahmood , Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, National History, and Literary Heritage Keynote Speeches by Ishrat Husain Anwar Maqsood			
8.05 p.m.	Ghazal Night by Ustad Hamid Ali Khan Presented by 			