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## PROGRAMME

**8, 9, and 10 November 2024**

Gandhara Citizens' Club, Fatima Jinnah (F-9) Park,  
Gate No. 4 & 5, Islamabad





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# 10TH Islamabad Literature Festival

Gandhara Citizens' Club, Gate No. 4 & 5, Fatima Jinnah (F-9) Park, Islamabad

## INAUGURATION

Friday 8 November 2024

4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Arrival of Guests

### TIMINGS ALLAMA IQBAL AUDITORIUM

- 4.30 p.m.** **WELCOME SPEECH BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANIZER**  
Arshad Saeed Husain  
Managing Director, Oxford University Press Pakistan
- 4.45 p.m.** **KEYNOTE SPEECH by**  
H.E. Jane Marriott CMG OBE  
British High Commissioner to Pakistan
- 5.00 p.m.** **REMARKS by**  
Natalie Baker  
Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy, Islamabad
- 5.15 p.m.** **KEYNOTE SPEECHES by**  
Zehra Nigah  
Poet and scriptwriter
- 5.30 p.m.** **Maleeha Lodhi**  
Former Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations
- 5.45 p.m.** **PERFORMANCE**

جاگ

A Celebration of Diversity

Samiya Mumtaz and Adnan Jahangir

MC Ayesha Husain

### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 6.15 p.m. – 7.15 p.m.** **Economic Stabilization and the Journey to Growth**  
Muhammad Aurangzeb in conversation with Vaqar Ahmed

### FAHMIDA RIAZ HALL

- 6.15 p.m. – 7.15 p.m.** **زندگی، شاعری، زندگی**  
Zehra Nigah in conversation with Inaam Nadeem

### SAADAT HASAN MANTO HALL

- 6.15 p.m. – 7.15 p.m.** **عصر حاضر کے پشتو ادب کا منظر نامہ**  
Wiqar Ali Shah, Shahida Shah, Iqbal Hussain Afkar  
**MODERATOR:** Afrasiab Khattak





Saturday 9 November 2024



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FAHMIDA RIAZ HALL

SAADAT HASAN MANTO HALL

11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

**یادِ رفتگان** Rahat Saeed, Aslam Ansari, Aftab Iqbal Shamim aur Tauseef Tabassum  
Iftikhar Arif, Shahid Masud, Farrukh Yar, Naheed Qamar, Hameed Shahid  
**MODERATOR:** Ravish Nadim

**Pakistan-Bangladesh Relations  
A New Perspective**  
Ikram Sehgal and Mushahid Hussain Syed  
**MODERATOR:** Salma Malik

**Unlocking Worlds  
The Magic of Translation**  
Alamgir Hashmi, Safer Awan, Yasmeen Hameed,  
Inaam Nadeem  
**MODERATOR:** Bibi Ameena

12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.

**اقبال کا پیغام۔ دور حاضر کے نام**  
Fateh Muhammad Malik, Sarwat Mohiuddin, Najeeba Arif, Walid Iqbal  
**MODERATOR:** Sultan Nasir

**BOOK LAUNCH  
Another Story of the Bad Woman**  
by Kishwar Naheed  
Kathy Gannon, Nadia Tahir, Arshad Waheed, Ilona Yusuf, Safer  
Awan, and Kishwar Naheed  
**MODERATOR:** Asma Mansoor

**The Issue of Rights  
Empowering Citizens**  
Peter Jacob, Farhatullah Babar, Pritam Das Rathi, Romana  
Bashir  
**MODERATOR:** Ahmed Bilal Mehboob

1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**تاریخ کی عظیم مہینست عورتیں (حیات، نظریے اور تحریکیں)**  
by Naeem Mirza  
Kishwar Naheed and Naeem Mirza  
**MODERATOR:** Sameena Nazir

**BOOK LAUNCH  
In the Shadows of Love**  
by Awais Khan  
Awais Khan in conversation with Shaza Khan

**BOOK LAUNCH  
What More Could She Possibly Want?**  
by Ayesha Husain  
Ayesha Husain in conversation with Sonia Irum

2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

**پنجابی مشاعرہ**  
**SADARAT:** Anwar Masood  
**NIZAMAT:** Aisha Masood  
Ehsan Akbar, Sarwat Mohiuddin, Anjum Saleemi, Rana Saeed Doshi,  
Nida Maher, Hassan Abbas Raza, Riffat Waheed

**Shaping Pakistan's Climate Future**  
Aisha Khan, Abid Suleyri, Rina Saeed Khan,  
Ali Tauqueer Sheikh  
**MODERATOR:** Maha Husain

2.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.  
**BOOK LAUNCH:**  
**سات جنم**  
by Shafqat Naghmi  
Arshad Mahmood Nashad, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Shafqat  
Naghmi  
**MODERATOR:** Hameed Shahid

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**Education Emergency  
From Access to Quality**  
Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani, Rana Sikandar Hayat, Arshad Saeed Husain, Shahid Siddiqui  
**MODERATOR:** Baela Raza Jamil

**Human Security vs National Security  
Navigating the Tensions**  
Nasim Zehra, Salma Malik  
**MODERATOR:** Vaqar Ahmed

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**مرے جن نکل گئے**  
by Hamid Ateeq Sarwar  
Sharif Awan, Hamid Ateeq Sarwar, Harris Khaliq,  
Qurat ul Ain Haider  
**MODERATOR:** Sultan Nasir

4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.

**Media Ethics in Pakistan  
Navigating Truth and Responsibility**  
Hamid Mir, Nasim Zehra, Talat Hussain, Kathy Gannon  
**MODERATOR:** Mujahid Barelvi

**Pakistan  
Search for Stability**  
Maleeha Lodhi, Zahid Hussain, Ahmed Bilal Mehboob  
**MODERATOR:** Salma Malik

**Teaching and Teacher Education in Pakistan**  
Anjum Halai, Faisal Bari  
**MODERATOR:** Shahid Siddiqui

6.00 p.m.

**FEATURE FILM SCREENING**  
**Umro Ayyar**  
A New Beginning

6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.  
**مشاعرہ**  
**SADARAT:** Zehra Nigah | **NIZAMAT:** Mehboob Zafar  
Iftikhar Arif, Kishwar Naheed, Haleem Qureshi,  
Yasmeen Hameed, Naseer Ahmad Nasir, Tariq Naeem,  
Imdad Aakash, Akhtar Usman, Harris Khaliq,  
Ahmad Hussain Mujahid, Nusrat Masood,  
Shakeel Jazib, Akhtar Raza Saleemi, Naheed Qamar,  
Fakhra Noreen, Saeed Shariq

6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**Bhadoon** by Madiha Arsalan  
Ismaa Sa'adat and Madiha Arsalan  
**MODERATOR:** Sara Ali

6.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.  
**BOOK LAUNCH**  
by Safdar Rasheed  
**کہانی ایک نظم کی** A captivating look into the story behind  
T.S. Eliot's iconic poem, *The Waste Land*  
Safdar Rasheed in conversation with Rashid Saleem

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Sunday 10 November 2024



TIMINGS

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FAHMIDA RIAZ HALL

SAADAT HASAN MANTO HALL

11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

**Social Media**  
**Free Speech vs Censorship**  
Farnood Alam, Husnain Jamal, Munizae Jahangir  
**MODERATOR:** Khayyam Mushir

**Visual Journey**  
**Documenting The National Art Gallery of Pakistan**  
by Naeem Pasha  
**MODERATOR:** Hammad Husain

11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.  
**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**Akbar in Wonderland**  
by Umber Khairi  
Umber Khairi in conversation with Aamir Ghauri

12.15 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.

**پاکستانی اُردو ادب کے خدوخال**  
Zehra Nigah, Fateh Muhammad Malik, Iftikhar Arif, Najeeba Arif, Abid Hussain Sial  
**MODERATOR:** Shakeel Jazib

**Urban Dialogues**  
**Decoding Islamabad's Dynamics**  
Naeem Pasha, Fauzia Asad Khan,  
Sikander Ajam Khan, Hammad Husain  
**MODERATOR:** Hamid M. Husain

11.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon  
**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**Urdu Fiction**  
**مظاہر و مباحث** by Najeeba Arif  
Najeeba Arif in conversation with Abid Hussain Sial

12.15 p.m. - 12.45 p.m.  
**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**ٹورنٹو، دہلی اور مانچسٹر** by Shahid Siddiqui  
Asghar Nadeem Syed and Shahid Siddiqui

1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**پانی پہ لکھی کہانی (ناول)**  
by Muhammad Asim Butt  
Muhammad Asim Butt in conversation with Qasim Yaqoob

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**My Friend Mairaj: An Intimate Biography**  
by Shamim Ahmad  
Shamim Ahmad in conversation with Safiya Aftab

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**آنکھ سے آسمان جاتا ہے**  
by Tariq Naeem  
Tariq Naeem in conversation with Mehboob Zafar

2.15 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

**Swaang Theatre Presents**  
**داستان مزاح**  
Usama Ahmed, Ramil Aftab, Adil Yousuf, Zia Khan

**Fostering a Global Mindset**  
**Co-Existence of Local and International Exam Boards**  
Ghulam Ali Mallah, Amanda Ingram, Andrew Coombe,  
Arshad Saeed Husain, Shahid Soroya  
**MODERATOR:** Faisal Bari

**Pakistani English Literature**  
**Defining a Canon**  
Muneeza Shamsie, Harris Khaliq, Ilona Yusuf  
**MODERATOR:** Aroosa Kanwal

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**حمید اختر کے سو سال**  
Iftikhar Arif, Saba Hamid, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Harris Khaliq  
**MODERATOR:** Shahzad Sharjeel

**How Pakistan can capture its share of the \$2 Trillion AI Market**  
Faisal Aftab, Owais Barlas  
**MODERATOR:** Basit Riaz Shaikh

**Who Owns the English Language**  
**Contemporary Pakistani Anglophone Fiction**  
Awais Khan, Raazia Sajid, Umber Khairi, Sonia Irum  
**MODERATOR:** Aroosa Kanwal

4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.

**We the People and our Constitution**  
Hamid Khan, Ahmer Bilal Soofi, Farhatullah Babar, Mujahid Barelvi  
**MODERATOR:** Talat Hussain

**Our Education System and the future workforce needs**  
A.H. Nayyar, Faisal Mushtaq, Shahid Siddiqui, Shoaiba Mansoor  
**MODERATOR:** Faisal Bari

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**Beyond the Hype**  
**Content Creators Crafting Stories**  
Huzaifa Nizam (Huztory by Huzaifa),  
Noman Jaffar (Islamabadwala), Maryam Raja  
**MODERATOR:** Sonia Irum

6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

**Capital Talk: Season 2**  
Hamid Mir in conversation with Asma Shirazi

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**Poetry in English from Pakistan**  
edited by Ilona Yusuf and Shafiq Naz  
Naeem Pasha, Rayan Khan, Alamgir Hashmi, Waqas Naeem,  
Haseeb Sultan, Wajahat Malik, Athar Tahir, Mehvash Amin,  
Saad Ali, Zain Ul Abidin Khan Alizai, Sophia Bano  
**MODERATOR:** Ilona Yusuf

**پنڈی افسانے کا سکول**  
Hameed Shahid, Ravish Nadim, Nilofar Iqbal  
**MODERATOR:** Khaleeq ur Rehman





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## CLOSING CEREMONY

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### TIMINGS

### ALLAMA IQBAL AUDITORIUM

7.15 p.m.

#### REMARKS BY

Muneeza Shamsie

Writer and critic

Najeeba Arif

Writer and poet

#### REMARKS BY THE SPONSOR

Mohammad Mikail Soomro

Head of Corporate Communications, Getz Pharma

#### VOTE OF THANKS BY THE FESTIVAL ORGANISER

Arshad Saeed Husain

Managing Director, Oxford University Press Pakistan

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Sonia Irum

8.15 p.m.

**Sufi Night**

by Akbar Ali Khan

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Author signings | Book fair | Food court | Media rooms

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