



# LUMS Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law

## Introduction

**Prof. Dr. Martin Lau, Dean of School of Law**



On behalf of everyone at the School of Law, I am delighted to introduce you to this first edition of our e-newsletter. We intend to make it a regular publication and to use it to keep in touch with alumni and friends of the School of Law. Since beginning my Deanship in September 2016, I

have met and talked to many of you, and have felt so very warmly welcomed into my new role by the entire School of Law family. As we begin the New Year and the Spring Semester, I am pleased to share with you some recent highlights and developments at the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law.

### **LUMS 6th National Moot Court Competition 2017**

The Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law, in collaboration with the LUMS Law and Politics Society, is proud to host the 6th LUMS National Moot Court Competition in April, 2017.

For the 6th time, the Competition will bring law students from all over Pakistan to Shaikh Ahmad Hassan's dedicated Asifa Irfan Moot Court - a modern version of the famous Court Number 1 of the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court - to engage in three days of intensive and high-level advocacy and litigation training. As in previous years, esteemed judges and senior lawyers will be invited as adjudicators. The LUMS National Moot Court Competition plays an important part in fostering the mooting culture across Pakistan's law colleges.

Organising a national moot court competition is expensive - we invite potential sponsors to contact Ms. Nimra Arshad, President of the LUMS Law and Politics Society, by e-mail at "17090011@lums.edu.pk" or Prof. Dr. Martin Lau at "martin.lau@lums.edu.pk". All sponsorships will be duly acknowledged at the Award Ceremony.

## Lectures and Talks

**Lahore High Court Chief Justice Highlights Sesquicentennial Celebration**



The Honourable Mr. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, visited the School of Law on 1

December 2016 to deliver the Khalid Ishaque Distinguished Lecture. To a packed audience, he delivered an insightful lecture examining the past 150 years of the Province's High Court, its achievements, as well as current challenges. The Chief Justice's lecture was part of the month-long calendar of events commemorating the Lahore High Court's 150th anniversary. Prof. Dr. Sohail Naqvi, Vice Chancellor of LUMS, welcomed the audience and the evening was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Parvez Hassan, Chair of the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law Advisory Board. This was followed by a reception, ably supported by Mr. Shahnawaz and Mr. Iftikhar.

### **Panel Discussion on Arbitration**



In October, the School of Law hosted a seminar entitled "Arbitration, its scope and challenges in

Pakistan". Participating in a panel discussion and Q&A with students, Mr. Khawar Qureshi QC, Justice (Retd) Tassaduq Hussain Jillani, and (now) Justice Jawad Hassan addressed the merits of arbitration as a means

of dispute resolution amongst international businesses, as well as the specific challenges of introducing arbitration into the legal system of Pakistan; and discussed some of the case-law surrounding the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in Pakistan.

### **Seminar on Judicial Independence**



The School of Law in conjunction with the Punjab Judicial Academy hosted a seminar on strengthening judicial independence and access

to justice in September. In attendance were those who had a professional interest in the issue - civil as well as additional sessions judges. The speakers, Prof. Dr. Martin Lau and Mr. Justice (Retd.) Jawwad S. Khawaja highlighted the importance of judicial independence not just as an essential ingredient of courts' rule of law commitments, but also as a cornerstone of a democratic society; and emphasised that the right to a fair trial depends on the independence of judges.

### **Focus Group Discussion on Gender Equality**



The School of Law in conjunction with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation conducted a Focus Group Discussion on "Gender

Equality and Human Rights" in September. The discussion focused on fundamental rights in the legal system of Pakistan, among other topics. Participants included Dr. Almut Besold, Dr. Martin Lau, Mr. Zia Ullah Ranjah, Dr. Zubair Abbasi, Ms. Neha Ali Gauhar, and Ms. Marva Khan, as well as a number of students, lawyers, civil judges and religious scholars.

## **Visits to the Law School**

### **Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed visits School of Law**



In October, we had the honour to welcome to the School of Law The Honourable Justice Gulzar Ahmed of the Supreme Court of Pakistan for an interactive session with

the Law Faculty. Faculty members presented their current research projects and academic interests to Justice Gulzar, who provided insights into the topics based on his vast experience in the judiciary.

### **School of Law receives Chinese Delegation**



The School of Law welcomed a delegation of Chinese officials from the Guangdong Intellectual

Property Office in October, where they met with faculty members, staff and students to discuss areas of mutual interest, and to explore avenues for possible collaboration and cooperation, in the field of Intellectual Property Law.

## **Research**

### **Faculty Research Mentoring**

The School of Law has instituted fortnightly research seminars for faculty to present papers on their current work, and to further the individual research goals of faculty members.

### **Research Methods Workshops**

Student pursuing Senior Project and Independent Study work are supported by dedicated research methods workshops, where they learn first-hand about the process of conducting scholarly research.

### **LUMS Law Journal**

We are pleased to announce that volume 3 of the LUMS Law Journal (LLJ) has been finalised. In order to increase readership and publicity, the LLJ v. 3 will be printed and distributed by the Pakistan Law House. Contributions span a number of legal themes, with topics ranging from "DNA Evidence in Pakistani Courts: An Analysis" to "Religion and State in Late Mughal India: The Official Status of the Fatawa Alamgiri". Recent judgments of Pakistan's high courts and the Supreme Court are discussed and analysed in a dedicated "Case Notes" section, and recent legislative enactments in a separate "Legislative Reviews" section.

### **Research Leave**

Three members of faculty, Professors Sikander Ahmed Shah, Sadaf Aziz and Dr. Ali Qazilbash, are currently on research leave.

# External Activities

## MoU between Aurat Foundation and the School of Law



The School of Law concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Aurat Foundation, a national NGO working to

improve the status of Pakistani women. Under the terms of the MoU, the Aurat Foundation and the School of Law will provide students with internship opportunities with the aim of facilitating knowledge transfer between the Foundation and the School of Law, and collaborate on designing research and policy grant applications, focusing particularly on areas of human rights and gender.

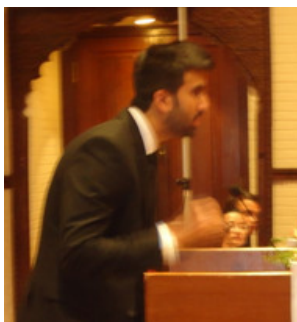
## Students join Max Planck Foundation Study Tour



Maria Khan, Ayesha Ahmed and Orubah Sattar Ahmed were among a total of six participants from Pakistan to be selected for a study tour of international courts and tribunals. The tour, organised by the Max Planck

Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, included visits to the European Court of Human Rights, the Nuremberg Court, the International Criminal Court and the Council of Europe.

## Mooting



Having won the Pakistani Rounds, Team LUMS, consisting of Ahmed Tariq, Maria Khan and Omer Imran Malik, participated in the 12th Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition (South Asia Rounds) held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in December 2016. LUMS has also qualified for the

International Rounds for the Oxford Price Media Law Moot Court Competition to be held at the University of Oxford in April 2017.

Team LUMS will also participate in the Pakistani Rounds for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition to be held in Islamabad in early February. Team LUMS was awarded the Best New Team Award at the International Rounds held in Washington, D.C. for the year 2016.

# Student Engagement

## Dean's Welcome Tea



Prof. Dr. Martin Lau hosted the Dean's Welcome Tea in September for law students

across all five years. Undergraduate students and faculty gathered outside the Dean's Office for snacks and conversation, and the informal atmosphere allowed students the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Dean as well as mingle and interact with members of the faculty.

## Academic Advisement

Faculty Advisors set aside two days for dedicated Academic Advisement sessions to meet with BA/LLB students before Spring Semester course registration. The one-on-one academic advising was accompanied by a guidance note on recommended BA courses to provide help with course selection and to explain degree requirements especially for BA law students.

# New Developments

## New Elective Courses

The School of Law has introduced six new electives for LLB Seniors and Super-Seniors: Law and Policy in Cyberspace (Ms. Mehtab Khan), Competition Law and Antitrust (Ms. Maria Irfan Khan), Law and Practice of International Commercial Arbitration (Mr. Umer Akram Chaudhry), Law and the Dangerous Man (Mr. Emad Ansari), Courts as political institutions (co-taught by Mr. Justice (Retd) Jawwad S. Khawaja, Scholar-in Residence at the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Mr. Asher Qazi) and International Law from the South: a critical perspective to decolonise (Dr. Muhammad Azeem).

## Improved Study Facilities

Students now have access to a full array of study facilities, including the now fully functional and accessible Dr. Parvez Hassan Reading Room and the UBL Computer Lab. We will also soon be providing locker space for day scholars.

## New Appointments

Ms. Farzeen Gul joined the Admin Team of the School of Law as our new Programme Coordinator in September 2016.

Dr. Faiza Ismail accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor on 1 December 2016. Dr. Ismail specialises in the Law of Islamic Finance and Islamic Jurisprudence.

## Faculty Member Leaves

Ms. Neha Ali Gauhar, Teaching Fellow in the School of Law, has left the the School of Law as a result of a relocation.

## LUMS Service Award

Mr. Muhammad Imran, Senior Officer in the School of Law, was granted a Service Award for completion of 10 years of University service.

## Looking Ahead

### *Plans for the coming semester...*

The School of Law will be conducting a comprehensive BA/LLB curriculum review over the course of the Spring Semester, developing strategies for curriculum development and academic planning, with the aim of achieving a balance between traditional doctrinal law and practical skills courses. In addition to this, we will be creating and improving teaching materials and the use of the Learning Management System (LMS). This will be done through a recently instituted School-level Learning and Teaching Committee, created to support and coordinate a culture of effective learning and teaching at the School of Law, and to facilitate the optimal and innovative use of instructional methodologies and technologies.

The School of Law is also engaged in discussions with relevant stakeholders to set up research centres. Possible themes include Chinese Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution/Arbitration Law and Practice.

The School of Law has been in contact with a number of LUMS Law alumni and we are planning to launch an "official" LUMS Law Alumni Association in the course of the Spring Semester. Support of research activities at individual as well as School level remains a high priority.

# Student Recruitment

## Open Day



The School of Law participated in the LUMS Student Recruitment Drive and the LUMS Open Day on 11 December 2016, where we welcomed more than 1000 potential students.

For admission queries, please contact the LUMS Admissions Enquiries Office at: [admissions@lums.edu.pk](mailto:admissions@lums.edu.pk).

## Sad News

### *Honouring Mr. Taimur Akhtar, Class of 2014*



The School of Law held a memorial service for Mr. Taimur Akhtar, Class of 2014, who tragically died in a car accident last year. Friends, teachers and family fondly remembered him as an exceptionally hardworking, happy, outgoing young man, who left a lasting impression on all those who knew him. May his soul rest in peace.

**Prof. Dr. Martin Lau, Dean**



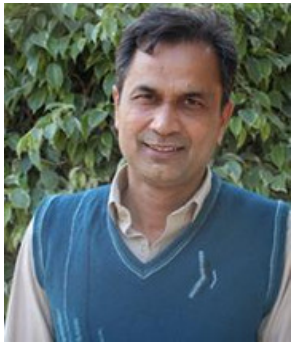
Prof. Dr. Lau addressed the 150th Anniversary Conference of the Lahore High Court in a speech on "Academia and Judiciary" on 10 December 2016 at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal.

**Dr. Zubair Abbasi, Assistant Professor**



Dr. Abbasi presented his research titled "Family Waqf under the English Legal System in British India" at the National University of Singapore in October 2016.

**Dr. Muhammad Azeem, Assistant Professor**



Dr. Azeem has been awarded a book contract with Springer. The title of the book is "Law, State and Inequality in Pakistan: Explaining the Rise of the Judiciary".

Dr Azeem presented a paper in an Exploratory Workshop on labour law and labour conditions in Pakistan in "Labour, Regulation in Global Supply Chains: Ethnography, Advocacy, Campaigning and Critical Pedagogy" at King's College, London, in November 2016.

**Ms. Marva Khan, Teaching Fellow**



Ms. Khan presented her ongoing research titled "Synthesising Judicial Review and the Basic Structure Doctrine in Pakistan" at a conference organised in Thailand by the Hanns Seidel Foundation in November 2016.

# Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) co-host the 7th Training Course on International Humanitarian Law for Law Teachers



Now in its 7th year, on 7 and 8 December 2016, the School of Law jointly with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) held a two-day training for law teachers from across the country on International Humanitarian Law. The training, delivered by leading authorities on International Humanitarian Law, including Usman Khan (Legal Advisor, ICRC), Dilawar Khan (President, Code Pakistan; previously served as Senior Legal Officer, ICRC), Dr. Ziaullah Rahmani

(Senior Programme Officer, ICRC), Brigadier General (Retd) Lloyd Gillett (ICRC's Regional Delegate to the Armed and Security Forces) and Chamaine Enerva (Protection Delegate, ICRC), delivered a series of lectures covering different aspects of the legal framework applicable to situations of armed conflict and occupation. Covered topics included: the history and general principles of International Humanitarian Law, the status of prisoners of war and combatants and criminal prosecution of International Humanitarian Law violations.

Certificates were distributed to all participants at the end of the training session. We are very grateful to the ICRC for their support in delivering this comprehensive and detailed training, which enables law teachers from across the country to include the teaching of International Humanitarian Law to the LL.B curricula at their respective colleges and universities.

## Gift



Faculty and students gratefully acknowledge and thank (now) Justice Jawad Hassan for his generous gift of a portrait of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, currently displayed at the Dean's Office in the School of Law.