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CALL FOR PAPERS

6th ANNUAL HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CONFERENCE

Global transformations and local mobility

Dates of the conference

25th, 26th and 27th of March 2011.

Venue

LUMS, Lahore, Pakistan

The lived experience within a global society though not recent is a dynamic field with constantly emerging discourses and methodologies of understanding. Our intended aim for the conference is to come to a synergistic understanding of the theories developed around the idea of globalization and the impact this phenomenon has had on communities around the world. Of particular concern are issues related to the experiences and dilemmas created within a global context. How have macro level flows of capital and production, of skills and labor, and of ideas and ideologies impacted upon the decision making capabilities of national and international level actors? How do the financial and political institutions of the state respond to changes in the processes and mechanisms of governance? What are the human consequences of such macro level changes in terms of the lived reality of individuals and civic engagement at the local level? With new areas of difference and cooperation emerging constantly it is vitally important to create

a platform for the exchange of ideas which is based on a theoretically reflexive understanding of emerging global themes and social transformations.

In light of the recent humanitarian crisis in Pakistan namely the devastation caused by the **2010 floods** coupled with the ongoing political instability in Pakistan, it has become imperative to adequately address the growing importance of the **Pakistani state and society** in the international arena as well. Against a backdrop of flood-inflicted destruction and the subsequent incapacity of state actors' effective rehabilitation, there is a real danger of **crises-related social issues** such as kidnapping, human trafficking, and terrorism. Thus owing to these recent catastrophes that have made Pakistan a *globally* relevant state, we have modified our conference agenda to *also* include and explicitly deal with issues which may emerge as unforeseen consequences of the widespread destruction caused by the floods - from terrorism and sectarian conflicts, to effects on the crippling economy and infrastructure, gender relations, and wealth distribution.

The conference brings together early career and established researchers from across the humanities and social sciences for a scholarly exchange of ideas and a platform for debate. We hope to facilitate innovative and challenging discussions from a multiplicity of perspectives at the interface of disciplines in order to push the frontiers of critical thinking in academia and develop new methodologies of understanding. Theoretical and empirical papers are welcome to interrogate contemporary economic, political and cultural debates. The annual HSS conference is both a unique and ideal arena in which to facilitate intellectual enterprise and cooperation with experts from around the world. While there is an established tradition of global exchanges at governmental and organizational levels within Pakistan we feel that academic exchanges are not as well established. We hope to bridge this gap and create new academic links that can be sustained beyond this conference.

Yours sincerely,

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Dates of submission of abstract: 31st of October 2010.

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