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Project Title: "Producing Modern Muslims: Muslim *Anjumans* in Colonial Punjab"

Abstract:

This project focuses on Muslim *anjumans*, voluntary associations that proliferated in late-colonial India, that formed around a range of religious and civic issues. My contention is that *anjumans* were means of redefining Muslims as modern subjects. These organizations were active in late nineteenth-century civil society, engaged in state and local politics (unlike *ulema*-led organizations at the time), and tried to frame both the colonial state's and Indian society's conception of Muslims and Islam. My initial focus will be on two organizations, the *Anjuman-i-Himayat-i-Islam* (AHI) (The Association for the Strength of Islam), and the *Anjuman-i-Islamia* (AI) (The Islamic Association), which were established in Lahore in 1866 and 1869, respectively. The broader aims of this project are to understand and historicize these organizations' activities, in part because they are critical to understanding how modern Islam was constituted in late-colonial South Asia.