

**Workshop on Architecture, Urban Design, and Environmental Activism in Contemporary Pakistan - Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi - May 12-13, 2023**

*Provide us a one paragraph to one-page narrative report highlighting the effects of this support on the field of Pakistani studies. Please provide this report in a separate Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx).*

The *Architecture, Urban Design and Environmental Activism in Contemporary Pakistan* workshop was held at Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi, on May 12-13, 2023. Organized by Iftikhar Dadi (Cornell), Farhan Karim (U of Kansas), and Faiza Mushtaq (IVS), the workshop brought together scholars and environmental designers based in Pakistan (architects, urban planners, landscape designers, urban researchers & design educators) who are exploring diverse models of research, practice, and pedagogy to address land rights and climate related insecurity in Pakistan. An uncertain future entangled in urban citizenship, land rights, water insecurity, and issues exacerbated by climate change has alarmingly become an everyday experience in Pakistan. The workshop explored humanistic approaches to belonging, climate crisis, and justice in urban Pakistan. The presenters delivered papers on these issues focusing on Karachi and Lahore. This Workshop contributes to Pakistan Studies by furthering analysis on these vital topics and creating a platform for further work.

*Provide 3-4 “Key Outcomes” of your research. Also, please provide 3-4 “Deliverables” from your research, including details of lectures (date, time, location, topic, # of attendees, etc.) Please provide this report in a separate Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx).*

There were 15 presentations spread over 2 days (see schedule on final page). The attendance at the workshop was about 35, which included the presenters and organizers, faculty at IVS, and other interested scholars and students (see images on next page).

The Workshop panels generated vigorous discussions and the awareness that scholars and planners working on their own projects need to be in greater dialog with one another and across the Lahore-Karachi divide.

The organizers, Iftikhar Dadi, Farhan Karim, and Faiza Mushtaq now propose to work with the presenters at the Workshop to develop their papers into essays in an edited volume or journal issue that is scholarly, yet also accessible to a wider readership. Some presentations are better suited as part of a Forum or as Photoessays or Interviews. While the work of a few practitioners (such as Arif Hasan) and sites (Orangi) have received national and international attention, on the whole, the work of diverse scholars and activists in Pakistan working on urbanism has not received national or international recognition. This volume is conceived with the intention of making these conversations more scholarly informed, as well as more accessible and open to diverse readership in South Asia as well as in international scholarly and activist circles.



Organizers and presenters at end of Day 2



Workshop attendance on Days 1 and 2

## **SCHEDULE: Workshop on Architecture, Urban Design, and Environmental Activism in Contemporary Pakistan**

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### **Day One: Friday, May 12, 2023**

2:00pm Workshop Opens

Organizers. Iftikhar Dadi, Farhan Karim, and Faiza Mushtaq

2:15-3:45pm Session 1

- Arif Hasan. 'Knowledge, Activism, and Law versus Justice'
- Qudsia Rahim. 'Decoding Urban Ecologies'
- Simi Kamal. 'Women and Water Networks: Activists in Urban Spaces'

4:00-5:30pm Session 2

- Suneela Ahmed. 'Climate Change, Local Leadership, and the Formal-Informal Nexus: Case of Machhar Colony, Karachi'
- Shahzad Qureshi. 'Forests for our Survival'
- Hala Bashir Malik. 'Negotiating Access to Housing, Infrastructure and Services'

7:30pm Dinner for Workshop Participants

### **Day Two: Saturday, May 13, 2023**

10:00-11:30am Session 3

- Kamil Khan Mumtaz. 'The Need of the Hour'
- Marvi Mazhar. 'Contested Watery Grounds'
- Noman Ahmed. 'Control and Contestation of Space and Safety Security Issues in Karachi'

11:45am-1:15pm Session 4

- Ahmad Rafay Alam. 'Lessons of Activism through Public Interest Litigation'
- Gulraiz Khan. 'Mapping a Mirage to Make it Stick'
- Farhan Anwar. 'Need for Spatial Planning: Urban Design Case Study of TOD Station Area, Municipal Garden, Karachi'

2:00-3:30pm Session 5

- Tariq Alexander Qaiser. 'A Need to Survive: A Reserve for Nature Needed'
- Raza Ali Dada. 'Converge'
- Karachi Bachao Tehreek. 'From Critique to Praxis: A Playbook for Radical Urban Activism'