

### **Report Highlighting the Significance of our Panel at the AAS Conference**

The panel that I organized and served as a discussant on entitled, 'Neoliberalism and Processes of Marginalisation in Pakistan's Cities,' was an important intervention in the discussion on processes of urbanisation in Pakistan. It was the only panel of its kind at the AAS conference, and therefore filled a key gap in the overall programme. The three papers each addressed a different aspect of urbanisation, with Amen Jaffer's paper looking at the experience of Afghan refugees, Shermeen Bano exploring the issues of the transgender community, and Danish Khan looking at macro-level processes of urbanisation in Sheikhpura district in particular. The papers were rich in content, and the discussion that followed was lively and engaging. Overall, this was a fulfilling and enlightening experience for myself, the presenters and the audience.